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Parks Commission October 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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Present Commission Members: Beth Rabbitt, Donna Gartland, Elizabeth Pagan, John Clark, Marie Gray, Robert Foster, William Elting.

Not Present: Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Ashley Burdick, Griffin Bourassa, Helen Coyne, Jaime Parker, Victoria Pelletier (City Councilor).

Staff: Jen DeRice (Assistant Parks Director), Jessica Teesdale

Call to Order

B. Rabbitt called this meeting to order at 5:06 pm

General Citizen Comment Period-

B. Rabbitt opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Ken Capron (District 5), Jon Kachmar (Portland Trails), Sean Randall, Matthew Howe, Ovid Gatlin (parkside), Joseph Sargent (Maine Skateboard Association), Hannah Quasnic (sp? 1 Cove St)

Emailed comments

Email comments were addressed during public comment period

Agenda Items

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: September 5, 2024

Motion to accept meeting minutes: Motion made by M. Gray, seconded by W. Elting passed: 5-0 E.Pagan, and J. Clark abstain

New Business

FY 2025 goals

Chair vote: Motion to appoint B. Rabbitt as chair made by Donna Gartland, seconded by Marie Gray. Passage 6-0 B.Rabbitt abstained

Vice Chair vote: Motion to appoint W. Elting as vice chair made by B.Rabbitt, seconded by R. Foster. Passage 6-0 W. Elting abstained.

Old Business

Parks Commission CIP recommendations 10.3.2024

Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio: 1. Stone St. Playground, 2. DO Pond Wall, 3. Eastern Prom Water Treatment Guard Rail

Beth Rabbitt: 1. Stroudwater Bridge, 2. Dougherty Field Enhancements, 3. Stone St. Playground
Donna Gartland: 1. DO Pond Wall, 2. Eastern Prom Water Treatment Guard Rail, 3. Stroudwater Bridge

Elizabeth Pagan: 1. DO Pond Wall, 2. Stroudwater Bridge, 3. Munjoy Park Playground

John Clark: 1. DO Pond Wall, 2. Western Prom/Valley St. Wall, 3. Stroudwater Bridge

Marie Gray: 1. DO Pond Wall, 2. Stroudwater Bridge, 3. Baxter BLVD. Safety enhancements

Robert Foster: 1. DO Pond Wall, 2. Stroudwater Bridge, 3. Dougherty Field Enhancements

William Elting: 1. DO Pond Wall, 2. Stone St. Playground, 3. Stroudwater Bridge

Commission Committee review

- Tasks for November strategy meeting

B. Rabbitt directed commissioners to review committee assignments from the September 2024 meeting minutes. The primary objective is for each committee to clarify what they are working on and provide an update at the December meeting.

Communications and Updates

Parks Division Report- Commissioners are invited to the Riverton Trolley Park Volunteer Fall Planting Day 10.9.2024

Land Bank Commission Report-

The meeting location move to 212 Canco Rd. conference room

Commissioner Requests for Agenda Items

- Skate Park Update
- Archeological digs
- No mow/low mow list update

Jon Kachmar provides an update on the Presumpscot Trail Alert

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Beth Rabbitt