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Subject: RE: March meeting, waterfront TIF, Parks Dept.

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Subject: March meeting, waterfront TIF, Parks Dept.

Scott and Will,

I met last week with Nick Warner and Nate Wildfire (new CEDO Asst. Dir.) to talk about the waterfront TIF district as it relates to the UR/North 40, and met today with Jesse Bridges, Parks Dir. to discuss the same, plus the concept of using the conservation fund as leveraged funding for open space and rec path-related projects that involve scoping for new acquisitions and resource protection/stormwater on the bike path and city park land. Jesse will be coming to the March meeting to discuss further. In general, I stressed the need for a nexus with new conservation acquisitions or stewardship of existing UR lands for this to be feasible, but encouraged him to pursue this because I see a need for more strategic acquisitions and recreational planning for the city in general (more trails & protected open space!), and I think the CB would agree.

We also discussed the TIF/waterfront. The parks dept. will be submitting a concept proposal to the city for various improvement projects to the bikepath, harbor and park land along the waterfront, and we discussed combining this with the Diocese Trail management/acquisition and UR/N 40 recreational improvements. I advised him that the CB could co-apply or endorse a Parks project that involved the trail and UR/N 40 if we had a clear understanding of the location and type of improvements being proposed north of the Moran plant on the UR. Parks is envisioning harbormaster/marina improvements at the Moran site, sailing center improvements and possibly extending uses into the deep water access just to the north.

Without knowing the specifics at this point, I think that this is a worthy conversation to have with the board and a good opportunity for the CB to be proactively involved and contribute to the conservation and development of recreational resources on the waterfront outside of the permitting process, so I encouraged Jesse to get on the agenda for the next two meetings. I see this as an avenue to make recreational improvements to the UR and perhaps establish some lines in the sand as to future more intensive development. The TIF concept proposals are due April 5, giving us two meetings to see if we can align and contribute to the Parks proposal. I think we can work the UVM planning/project into this concept proposal.

Scott, please put "Parks Dept., conservation fund and waterfront TIF" on the agenda for next meeting. Will- what are your thoughts?

Thanks,
Matt