

MINUTES

Park, Arts and Culture Committee Meeting

Monday, October 22, 2012

5:45-7:00 p.m. Room 12, City Hall

Participants

Committee Members: Councilor Karen Paul, Chair, Ward 6 (KP)
Councilor Bryan Aubin, Ward 4 (BA)
Councilor Vince Brennan, Ward 3 (VB)

Staff: Jen Francis, Parks Planner, Parks & Recreation (JF)
Jesse Bridges, Director, Parks & Recreation (JB)
Kirsten Merriman Shapiro, Special Projects, CEDO (KMS)
Peter Owens, Director, CEDO (PO)

Others: Jim Lockridge (JL)
Ron Redmond (RR)
Rick Sharp, Historical Segway Tours (RS)
Ruth Masters, Historical Segway Tours (RM)
John Bossange, P&R Commissioner (JB)
Greg Roy (GR)
Andy, UVM student
Beth, UVM student

1) Approval of agenda & 9/18/12 draft minutes

- Meeting came to order at 5:50 (Paul)
- Agenda approved with addition of 7.5: Italian Club Resolution (Aubin second)

2) Public Forum

- JL: self-introduction to new P&R Director; expressed concern with focus on teen programming

3) Introduction of Parks & Recreation Director Jesse Bridges (Paul)

- Welcome!

4) Segway Presentation, PRC Findings and Recommendations, and PACC Questions (Sharp, Bossange)

- RS: presented proposal to conduct historical Segway tours in Burlington
 - Tours limited to six per group
 - User/etiquette instruction
 - Helmets required

- Safe for rider & for public; Segway tours in over 200 cities today
- Insurance policy for \$2 million in coverage with City as co-insured proposed
- Invitation extended to PACC to participate in demo Segway ride
- Opportunity to embrace Segway technology
- JB: the P&R Commission will investigate this issue covering tours, understanding definitions (Segways, electric bikes, etc.), amending ordinance language to include disabilities, and defining types of use. There is the potential for implementing special use provision. Segways will be a topic at the November PRC meeting.
- RR: voiced support for the addition of Segway tours downtown
- VB: concern with insurance policy; what are the guarantees in place for the City?
- BA: question on limits/naming of co-insured
- RS: a single particular insurance carrier provides 80% of the nation's Segway policy coverage; tour set up to avoid congested areas: bike path is the safest path for riders. The value of the proposal is a quarter million dollar investment – proposing a three-year trial pilot program.
- KP: John & Nancy will progress on this next month, working with Jen; will report back to PACC in a few months with a draft of language (December?)
- BA: confirms that safety studies were independently completed.

5) Bulletin Board Memo (Paul)

- Update from the PACC to the CC for the next meeting's consent agenda
- Doreen Kraft is organizing a meeting to work on this topic collaboratively as an interdepartmental initiative in policy development
- KP will ensure it is on next CC consent agenda meeting

6) FY13 PFP Implementation Plan Update (Francis)

- JS: Five projects completed/expenditures to date: \$104,706
 - Leddy softball field update: perimeter drainage work slated to begin in fall with field playable for early spring; additional field improvements anticipated in post-season to fully establish grass
 - Boathouse update: work anticipated to take place over winter and completed for spring opening
- VB: State went out to bid for job order contracting system; looking at approach for municipalities to utilize system
- KS: "on-call list" is also an option

7) Waterfront North Redevelopment Project Update (Shapiro, Owens)

- KS: Act 250 resolved and signed by judge on September 17, 2012, project going to bid; anticipating contract award in April with a projected 2-year construction time
- PO: 1 - immediate work with Waterfront North; 2 - if bond passes there will be funding available for further detailed design; 3 - potential future initiative in Urban Reserve

7.5) Vermont Italian Club Resolution (Shapiro)

- KS: Signage donation resolution for gifting 4 signs to the City of Burlington
 - Request that item appears on the deliberative agenda rather than the consent agenda
- VB: consideration of possible bus terminal?
- KS: yes, much work involved in finding places in ROW to locate signs; panels are removable
- MOA drafted to accompany resolution
- **Motion to approve resolution (Paul), second (Brennan)**

8) Moran Project Update (Owens)

- PO: Something great is coming...
 - Launch/outreach underway; 9,000+ email addresses
 - RFQ/RFP development is underway
 - Status of future & current permits
 - Synopsis of public trust & land issues
 - ArtSpace has started interesting conversations on the future of Moran: locally grown energy supporting positive way forward
- VB: Concerns on selling waterfront property outright, this is pretty firm (not preference)
- KP: Language in resolution does not say “must” be publically owned
- PO: Long-term ground leases are very typical in these situations
- KP: What is the time frame for RFQ?
- PO: After Thanksgiving, 60-day reply period anticipated
- VB: Looking for hard schedule definition of end of January to sooner define direction, before Town Meeting ballot
- KP: Plan to have a meeting on November 13 prior to CC meeting

9) Community Sailing Center Lease Renewal (Shapiro)

- Approval of lease renewals and sponsors on resolution

10) Confirmation of next meeting date

- ~~November 13 prior to CC meeting; Room 12 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.~~
- Changed to Wednesday, November 28, 5:45 – 7:00 p.m.

11) Other items

- None

12) Adjournment

- Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.