

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from Nov 20, 2014**

Attendees:

Committee Members: Althea Barton, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard and City Councilor Gail Matson, Lauren Fielder, Chiara Dolcino, Mary Miller, Marilyn Anne Fraser,

Staff Members: Parks and Recreation Director David Gill,

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Mary Miller.

Approved the minutes from the September meeting – motion by Mary Miller, 2nd by Lauren.

New Business:

1. Little League Request for improvements at Memorial Field. David Gill brought the committee up to speed on the little leagues request to improve the little league complex at Memorial Field. New fences, concession building and infield were part of the discussion. The group agreed this field is in need of an upgrade. David indicated once the league has more formal plans he will invite them to come discuss their project. Everyone agreed that would make sense and it sounds like a good project that would benefit everyone.

2. Green Street Community Center new floor. David indicated General Services Department is handling the project and is scheduled to go out as an RFP in January. If the RFP's come back and the project is approved, the work will be scheduled to start in late March and be finished by late May. The details will be worked out and communicated with users once we have a vendor selected. Everyone expressed their gratitude that the project is moving forward.

3. Parks CIP: At the September meeting members received a CIP packet that highlighting all currently scheduled CIP's for the parks. The group reviewed each map and asked staff to continue to look at safety issues as that is the priority for CIP funding. Chiara made a motion to move up the bleacher replacement at the main football field at Memorial Field to FY16 due to age, seconded by Lauren. Discussion took place around other needs of Memorial Field. The committee recommends not changing the current layout of the facilities but to improve the current structures and park features. There was also agreement to fund a small concession stand in FY17 that can be used by the booster clubs to raise money. The motion by Chiara to move up the bleacher replacement to FY16 was unanimously approved by the committee. There was also a decision about pool CIP needs and the possibility of holding several pool public forums over the summer to discuss CIP needs at each of the seven neighborhood pools.

4. Scholarship Form update. David brought up an issue regarding many of the kids receiving scholarships are not showing up for youth sports teams and that is beginning to affect teams being able to field enough players for games and practices. David asked the committee for ideas on how we can help educate participants (parents) they need to be active in programs and when they are unable to make a day they should communicate with their coaches or main office. The committee agreed to continue discussing this request at a future meeting.

5. Skate Park. David highlighted a public meeting that was held to look at possible skate park improvements. David recommends that information be gathered on new features and to schedule several public forums in the spring on a possible new skate house. Althea mentioned we should reach out to the schools to try to help increase youth attendance at the meetings. Committee approved the plan.

Unfinished Business:

Skate House – HL Turner Group is currently designing a potential skate house at the current location at White Park. Plans should be ready by the end of January 2015. David indicated once plans are ready he will hold another public meeting before sending final report to City Council.

New Community Center: Final design planning continues. David indicated the current plan options are to be presented to City Council by spring of 2015. Staff is working with the vendors on several options to choose from. Marilyn is thankful that City Council is considering adding a small library to the building. The committee also indicated they are very excited this project is moving ahead as it is greatly needed in the community.

July 4 Planning: David indicated the City will be sending out a RFP for July 4 fireworks in January. Current plans will continue to hold the event at Memorial Field for the 2015.

Respectably submitted by:

David Gill
Parks and Recreation Director