

Parks Commission Meeting Minutes January 27, 2016

Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Attendees

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
Steve Guarascio
Rodger Stevens
Carolyn Cairns

Playground Fence: Still need to get final specifications from the Village so that fence can be ordered and built. Requirements include lengths of the four perimeters (north, south, east, and west), and locations of the gates. Once we receive this, possible as a CAD file, Bert will deliver to the builder.

Comprehensive Master Plan meeting. Village Board is considering proposed development of the parcels on Gedney Street, also known as the TZ Vista project. Carolyn Cairns reported that the Village, after rejecting the zoning changes proposed by the developers (to allow a six-story building), is considering its own zoning changes that would allow buildings higher than the current four-story limitation. It appears that the Village believes that by permitting higher construction than the present code allows, it will achieve better amenities and considerations, including underground parking and more waterfront recreational area. Carolyn said the Village voted to separate parking from the FAR (floor area ratio) considerations, which could potentially give it greater input into developing a connection between Main Street and the waterfront.

The Parks Commission hasn't rendered an opinion on the development, but request that the Village trustees consult the Commission in regards to whatever open space is developed.

Burd Street: It was reported that the Nyack Seaport has blocked off Burd Street, possibly in violation of Village regulations. The Commission will do a bit of research to see how this came to be, whether it is permissible, and what the Village has to say about the situation.

Marina update: It was reported that the Village has applied for a grant to construct a pedestrian bridge over the inlet between Memorial Park and the Nyack Marina. The Parks Commission is concerned about parking in Memorial Park, especially with the recent completion of the skate plaza and increased traffic in the area, and is asking the Village for an update on its proposal as part of the current Comprehensive master Plan to remove most of the parking from memorial Park and relocate it to the marina. There is some concern that the

marina will not be able to accommodate both Memorial Park parking and parking for use of the marina itself.

River Club Update: The Commission is asking for an update on the status of the River Club and its lease, especially as it relates to attracting third-party marina operators to run the marina going forward.

Hillside landscaping? Carolyn Cairns brought up a previously mentioned issue with the condition of the upper slope of the Children's Playground near where the slide is located. Right now it is in poor condition, with little grass. Would like to find out more about the cost of engineered grass, a rubberized cover, or any other alternatives that would provide fall protection and a more attractive look.

Water feature. There was a question about plans for the water feature in Memorial Park. Last summer it was vandalized repeatedly. Jim W said that it appears that the Nyack Park Conservancy is willing to fundraise to build a new water feature. When the Parks Commission last spoke to the firm that built it, it was told that it would likely last another two to three years before it needed to be completely replaced, and this summer will mark the third year. Jim will reach out to the Conservancy to discuss its plans, but it is unlikely the money would be raised in time for a replacement in 2016. Jim will also speak to the Village about fixing it for use this summer, remedying the flooding that occurred last year, making sure the drains the cleaned this spring, etc.

LED lighting in the park. There was a question about the status of replacing the lights in Memorial Park with more energy-efficient LED lighting. Jim mentioned that lighting has been discussed within the Village's Environmental Committee, and that he will reach out to March Denker to see if there's an update.

Meeting ended 8:12 p.m.