

Nyack Parks Commission

Minutes

April 27, 2011

Meeting Minutes taken by Marcy Denker

Park Commissioners present:

Bert Hughes, co-chair

Jim Willcox, co-chair

Marcy Denker

Marianne Olive

Bruce Kenney

Meeting held at 6:30 pm to allow time for members to attend the special Village Board meeting scheduled for 7:30.

Reading of previous minutes tabled

Marina Bruce reported.

Only one bid was submitted and at the Village Board meeting on April 14th it was decided to reissue the RFP. According to Trustee Steve Knowlton, the other potential bidders indicated that they didn't submit bids because the FEMA guidelines for construction and materials were outdated, and that the work could be done better and cheaper utilizing other technology / methodology.

Again, according to Steve Knowlton, a new proposal for the work is being drafted, so a new RFP can be issued. Rick Gilbert and Eve Mancuso are collaborating on new spec drawings which will form the basis of a new bid proposal. They will go out to bid and simultaneously seek FEMA approval on the new specs. The intention is to be able to open the marina for transients sometime during the 2011 season. This plan may further hurt relations with the former seasonal boaters, as this will now be the second year that they must seek other accommodations.

Parks Planters Bert reported that the planned annual flower planting event with Head Start kids was delayed because of many planters had been knocked over and needed to have soil replaced.

Park Furniture Bert suggested and it was agreed that we request that the park benches and tables be returned to their original arrangement. Park users have moved them.

Concept Plan Alternative Marcy presented an alternative to the Quennell Rothchild concept plan. After looking closely at the proposed children's garden location because of the current plans to install the garden this year, she noted that aspects of the plan were

poorly understood by members of the public and parks commission itself. After reviewing a drawing that included alternatives and maintained many aspects of the QR plan, it was agreed that the commission would tour the park to become more familiar with all proposals. Bruce and Marcy will meet at 10 am on April 28, and Jim, Bert, Marianne and Marcy will meet on April 29. Absent members will be notified.

Because planning is currently underway for the installation of the basketball court and children's garden we agreed to notify the VB that the commission would like to conduct a close study of the proposed plan and some alternatives right away and ask that any plans to make changes to the park following the outlines of the QR plan be put on hold until the commission and the VB meets to review the plan and the alternatives. We agreed that this proposal would be included in a general report to the VB at its meeting on April 28.

Parks Commission Reporting to the VB

Mayor Kavesh has asked that a member of the commission report at the beginning of each regular VB meeting. We agreed that as often as possible, and when there is something of substance to report, a member would attend the meeting and read from a report approved at the previous meeting or by distribution via email.

Earth Day Marianne reported on Earth Day planning progress. Approximately 30 workshops and vendors are expected. Vendors permits and operations that require insurance certification are submitting the required documents to the Mary White. The Parks Commission table that was discussed in the last meeting and in emails since was abandoned since a presentation of material about park and marina plans at this stage seemed premature and counterproductive. No one on the commission would be available to man the table to discuss plans or reports.

Colin Heasman presented a request to install a temporary labyrinth at the Earth Day event, which was granted after brief discussion.

7:30 Meeting adjourned.