

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Public Hearing
Veterans Memorial Community Center
Minutes of Wednesday, October 9th, 2019**

Members Present, Robert Enos, Cathy Nagorski, David Oliver, Heather Rogers, Kristin Hatch, and Brandon Quesnell

Members Absent: Tim Downey

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Assistant Recreation Director Caroline Thompson

Call to order: 5:30 pm

Roll Call

- A) Board Member Statements**: David Oliver- Introduces himself as Chair of the Recreation Committee. States the process of the Public Hearing and what it is about. He talks about the importance of having the public's input on this park and what they would like to see during the Interim Use Only.

Brandon Q.- States he is here to listen to the public and what they have to say. As a resident of the East End, he believes it is a positive opportunity and will benefit the town.

Robert Enos- Seconds Brandon Q's. statement. He also emphasizes how excited he is for this opportunity and hopes to get more input on what the public would like to see and what their concerns are.

Cathy- Discusses her role in the working group, which is planning the final design of the park. She mentions who is involved in the working group, and she mentions that she is looking forward to see what everyone has to say and what the park will become.

Heather- States she is very interested in what the public has to say and any suggestions she may have.

Kristin- Emphasizes the importance of protecting the intentional purpose of the park and wants to hear the concerns and statements of what the public has to share.

- B)** Brandon Motta presents a power point including more information on 387 Commercial St. See attached slides for the exact PowerPoint that was presented.

C) Public Statements:

Resident of 385 Commercial St.- Wants to enforce no smoking

Elise Cozzei- States she is concerned about impromptu situations occurring at the park and how they would be handled.

Tim Famulare- Mentions that in the deed hours of the park are 12am-6am the park is closed. It has been this way for the past 10 years.

Susan Avellar- The park was acquired from the Open Space Committee and was not a result of Tax-Payers money. As part of the Historic Committee, she would like to see some sort of historic representation commemorated such as it previously being the land of a cannery in town, or a representation of the losses faced during the storm of 1998, where a lot of wharfs in town were destroyed. Susan also mentions the Provincetown Landscape Committee and how there has been an increase in money to be put towards the park. Overall Susan is very pleased with what the commission has done.

Paul of 389 Commercial St. - Grateful for the thoughtfulness that the Rec commission has for the community. Worried about damage to the abutter's property, who would be responsible. Thrilled it is a park but mentions maybe considering the park to be rented for only so much time and setting limitations. Also wants the committee to take a second look at the time frame. Believes that 8 am is too early, should be 9 or 10 am. Paul also wants a designated Porter Potty area not close to the property lines as they can be smelly. Believes that the commission will run into trouble by saying no vehicles on property however, catering and tents almost always need the use of a vehicle. Paul was also curious and concerned

about the responsibility of the trash disposal. Paul would also like to see an abutter as a part of the Working Group Progress.

Jeff Peters- Owner of *East End Books*, Jeff believes that Rec commission has done a great job and presented a thoughtful proposal. He thinks that having the property now as a park is phenomenal and allow for great opportunities for businesses. However, his concerns are what the cost would be for a small business such as his if he would like to use the park for readings. He hopes that the committee will consider the business and event that would like to use the park before charging them an outstanding fee. Jeff also mentions that the committee should have an appeal process, how the committee would handle last minute requests and to define the term commentary. Overall Jeff shares that the commission has done a remarkable job.

John Krajovic - Strongly encourages allocating fees to a park fund for maintenance of the park. Also believes that the Interim use of the park will help impact how the final design of the park comes along. As an abutter he mentions that everyone goes to that park for the water and their needs to be access. He also hopes to see Interim Signage, police detail and a way to show renters what their designated area is so they do not overflow.

Deborah- Resident at Wharf View Condominiums voices her opinions on the toilets, the capacity and hoe there needs to be access to the beach.

Dennis Minsky- Reiterated to the audience that it was Interim Use only and that this would be a great way to learn what the town wants in the final design and usage. Dennis also shares his thoughts of having a capacity limit.

D) Final Board Member Statements

David Oliver- Wraps up the public comment portion of the meeting, thanks everyone for coming and sharing their comments and concerns.

Brandon Q.- Thanks everyone again for their points and question. Appreciation of the landscaping committee and the Interim vs. design process.

Robert Enos- Thanks everyone for their time, and reiterates the importance of trying to preserve the area and all the comments will be taken into consideration.

Cathy N.- States she has the background to be working on this projects and apart of the working group. We presented hours of work struggling for an answer, and there is more to come the interim is only a tiny sliver. Thanks everyone

Heather R- Mentions that we all come from different walks of life. Talks about how on the board she is the one to have a background in insurance, and thanks everyone for their time.

Kristin- Grateful and hopes that everyone stays involved

Brandon Q- Also thanks the town staff for all their help.

Other: Next Meeting dates 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18

David makes a motion to adjourn.

Robert seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.