

Skatepark Site Selection Committee Minutes

Thursday April 16, 2014

Meeting called to order: at 5:18 P.M.

Members present: Joe Bushey, Marty Fitzgerald, Betsy Gentile, Elizabeth McLouglin, Dan Sontag, Andrea Watkins

Others present: Melissa Clark, Tom Robertson, Deborah Sontag, Francine Vallario, Patty Fitzgerald

Agenda:

1. 5:15 P.M. Site Visit BUHS/BAMS/Fort Dummer Field

At BUHS/BAMS two sites were viewed and it was decided to only grade one them. At Fort Dummer Field, Carol explained the uses of the field during the various sports seasons. One site, outside the fence, adjacent to the parking area was discussed and graded.

2. Recess

3. 5:45 P.M. Site Visit – BOC Cedar St. Property

The committee arrived at 6 P.M. and graded a portion of land running along Cedar Street.

4. Recess

5. 6:00 P.M. Site Visit – Brattleboro Common

The committee arrived at 6:20 P.M. and Carol then pointed out that the east side of the Common is the most frequently used area. The westerly section has only a few yearly events. The committee proceeded to grade that section.

6. Recess

7. 6:15 P.M. Meeting Gibson Aiken Center – 207 Main St.

The committee arrived at @6:35 P.M.

8. Public Participation

None

9. Approve Minutes from April 10TH meeting

Motion: Approve minutes from April 10, 2014 meeting

Vote: Motion carried

Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on April 10, 2014 approved with correction

10. Public Input via E-Mail skateparkideas@brattleboro.org

The e-mails were reviewed and discussed by the committee. Three of them supported the Elm Street Parking Lot location and one of these commented on the Elliot Street Park, one mentioned criteria concerns and two questioned the amount of public input that was being permitted at the site visits.

11. Review Site Visits

Betsy Gentile encouraged the committee to keep focused on assessing the pros and cons of each site individually. She stated that the process should remain fluid at this point. Liz McLoughlin suggested changing the rating system from 1-5 to 1-10 feeling that the former makes the ranking too close. The committee voted to accept the suggested ranking change. It was also decided that the committee members shall hold ranking sheets until the May 1, 2014 meeting.

12. Next Meeting Tuesday April 29, at 5:15 P.M.

The committee will meet at Living Memorial Park near the skating rink at 5:15 P.M. and will look at two sites at the park. The first will be by the pool area and another section, above the Hospice Garden, will also be viewed. The Crowell Lot site will be viewed at 6:10 P.M. The committee will return to the Gibson Aiken Center at 6:30 P.M.

14. Other business

On Thursday, May 1, 2014, at the Gibson Aiken Center, SSSC members will meet at 5:15 P.M. to submit their scoring which will be determine the ranking of the 8 sites. The top ranking 2 or 3 sites will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board on May 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM and the public will be encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:19 P.M.

Submitted by Patty Fitzgerald