

CITY OF GARDNER
Open Space and Recreation Plan Steering Committee
Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex
115 Pleasant St., Room 202
Thursday January 19th, 2023 at 3 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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Members Present:

Sophie Dorow, Norman Beaugard, Trevor Beaugard, Anna Wilkins, Ron Cormier, Steve Rockwood, Arica McCarthy, Gordon Leedy, Dave Orwig

Members Absent:

Steve Cormier

MEETING – brought to Order by Sophie Dorow at 3 pm

Discussion

Arica walks through plan for coordinating with GIS coordinator for action plan, tables and document to update the 2 maps. And make sure they are translated properly in the appendices and all data is relevant to today and is consistent.

Most items that need to be updated are internal discussions to get a draft together.

Gordon suggests setting up a joint meeting- city council, conservation commission and planning board. A public meeting including public and all boards.

Discussion on having a second public hearing and present to the boards.

Plan document is 90% complete with minor edits to existing plan.

Discussion on notice requirements for OSRP scheduled and publishing with the Gardner news.

Rob to take on outstanding items as well.

Discussion on prioritization of lands-based ranking and that other members within the committee may have input for acquiring smaller vs larger land parcels that have been added over the last several years and any that they may wish to add.

Dave O. Suggests it is important to at least continue to rank parcels for priority. Feedback from community survey were echoing similar if not same goals in plan, and they will still be included in the draft plan. Committee agrees.

Further Discussion on votes, endorsement, posting timeframe and notices.

Arica screen-sharing document draft with whole committee to address some outstanding questions on tables. - Discussion for tables and addressing comments on draft for acquisitions, context of what the properties intended usage and what they are currently serving as, and as open space and habitat maintenance (Community vision) and plans for improvements for downtown (Analysis of needs), and following the seven year action plan section.

Gordon reiterates the steps for finalizing the plan and sending to appropriate boards and sending to Department of Conservation services of Massachusetts.

Meeting end.

Upcoming Meetings

Undetermined

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