

CITY OF GARDNER
Open Space and Recreation Plan Steering Committee

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MEETING

Wednesday May 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

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Members Present:

Katie Guertin, Gordon Leedy, Steve Cormier, Rob Oliva, Norman Beauregard, Trevor Beauregard, Steve Rockwood, Arica McCarthy

Members Absent:

Guests & Visitors:

MEETING – brought to Order by Katie Guertin at 3:00 pm

Discussion

G. Leedy discussed the survey and use of the QR code to access the survey. He stated that a postcard will be developed once the survey is finalized. The environmental justice population will be reached using the postcards that will be mailed through every door direct. The funding for this will come from remaining money within the City's existing Open Space Plan account. The committee reviewed a map of the EJ population that G. Leedy shared and agreed on a specific area to mail to. G. Leedy asked for suggestions on further outreach. K. Guertin suggested posting signs at various locations with the QR code that leads to the survey. The timeframe for survey response and public forum was discussed. The public forum will likely be some time in July. K. Guertin asked for any further comments. T. Beauregard asked if the postcards would solely be sent to the EJ population. G. Leedy stated that that would be the case because sending to the whole City would be too costly. K. Guertin suggested adding her contact to the postcard so that people will know it is in fact coming from the City and not a scam. G.

Leedy discussed having a page on the City's website describing the Open Space Plan update effort. K. Guertin said she could do that for the Community Development's page. K. Guertin moved the committee on to the next topic of "Goals and Objectives." The Committee discussed each goal and defined whether the goals were met, still relevant or needed anything added or removed from the section. T. Beauregard mentioned how this section will end up being impacted by the survey results. G. Leedy discussed having an email list and sending the survey link out that way. K. Guertin mentioned that there is an email list of local businesses that she may be able to use. G. Leedy asked if files from the previous plan were found. R. Oliva stated that Jon Fiore has found all the GIS files for the previous maps and was able to update most of the required maps. T. Beauregard mentioned that he has copies of the text files that he can provide Tighe & Bond with. The Committee discussed the next potential meeting date.

Minutes 5/12/22

S. Cormier motioned to approve; N. Beauregard seconded

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be June 16th at 3:00pm via Zoom.

3:48 pm Meeting adjourned

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