



Cliff Walk Commission
MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2017
5PM: Newport Public Library

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commission Members: Peter Janaros (Chair), Dave McLaughlin (Vice-Chair and acting Secretary, Lesley Brooking-Elms

City of Newport: Scott Wheeler, Building & Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden;

I. Approval of 1/18/2017 Minutes

Approval was postponed to next meeting.

II. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Status of repairs between 40 Steps to Ruggles

Working temporarily on-hold as contractor has high priority work issues related to dam projects. The plan aims to have all work finished by Memorial Day, but the grant extends to July. Some cleanup has occurred at Webster Street, but more work likely remains. The next big work effort is at Ruggles Avenue.

B. Fence encroachment at Warner's property

CRMC meeting scheduled for 2/14/2017 was continued to a later date.

C. Maintenance update

The focus was addressing erosion at Seaview avenue. Standard spring trimming coming soon.

The contract for restroom maintenance is out to bid with 2 vendors and a 3rd vendor has applied, should be hearing back soon. The painting of walls and floors is a city function and Scott will keep us updated on when action is necessary and taken via the maintenance update.

D. Marine Avenue, Seaview and other rights of way
No update

E. "G.R.I.P." infrastructure project at Marine Avenue

No update on GRIP, but the City might do some work to divert flooding if needed. Peter and Dave have submitted GRIP to be a candidate for the Island Waters Project.

Side Note: The Spouting Rock Drive project might be a good candidate for Island Waters Project. Peter and Dave to submit.

F. Erosion behind the Breakers

No update

G. Tunnel pathways

Work is on the "to-do list" for the City and working with Newport Preservation Society. Gap on the end of the tunnel has been fixed by Newport Preservation Society.

H. Railings at Ruggles and Anglesea. Bench rusting at 40 Steps

No update

I. Prohibiting Concessions on the Walk

Bill providing advice and Peter following up with City Solicitor on how to address unauthorized concessions on the cliff walk. General discussion with no conclusion as to whether a concession should be established as a means for dedicated funds for the Cliff Walk.

J. Memorial Benches update

No Update

K. New sign at Bailey's Beach

Purchase order complete. Sign order pending resolution of fence issue

L. Brass markers on Walk near Ledge Rd.

Scott researched punch for markers. We will ask Bill if we can borrow his punch to do a few tests. Scott will ask his team if they are familiar with etching tools.

M. D.O.T. and future repairs to the Walk/fundraising

Peter shared an update on funding options from DEM recreational trail grant, TIP transportation alternatives, Green Economy Bond. Peter to ask City Manager for staff resource for grant writing assistance.

III. ADJOURNMENT at 612PM

Next CWC Meeting: 5pm, March 15, 2017 @ Newport Public Library