



Cliff Walk Commission Minutes

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MAY 20th, 2015

5PM: Newport Public Library

Commission Members in Attendance: Peter Janaros, Dave McLaughlin, Bob Power (Chair).

For the City of Newport: Scott Wheeler: Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden

Start meeting at 501PM

I. Approval of minutes from 4/15/15 CWC meeting

Motion made by Peter, 2nd by Dave, all approved, no discussion.

II. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Economic Impact Survey Discussion

(w/ Professor Samuel Sacco, Business Studies & Economics and Stacey Carter, Center for Business Outreach, Salve Regina University)

Dave planning to meet with Stacey on May 27th to talk about initial list of questions. Idea is for Salve to provide an initial list of questions for the CWC to review during the June 17th meeting.

B. Repairs between Webster St. and 40 Steps

- National Park Service approval of \$347,000 request for repairs
- Design phase
- Bidding and scheduling status
- Proposed Fence status

Scott provided an update. Park service requested a correction that Commonwealth provided, also to add text about "national historical trail" and this was completed. Remaining technical questions to be handled by Roberta Randall (historical planner) via conference call with park service. City requested extended the contract with Commonwealth for engineering services, along with co-op agreement with state, all of which to be submitted eventually to Council. Overall things seem OK, just taking a long time. Fall is still a possible timeline to start the work but it is becomes less likely.

C. Spring maintenance update

Activities started with mowing and the grass near the bathrooms might need some chain fence. Cleared drains at Seaview Avenue to address erosion by removing rocks stuck in pipe. Installed top grate to prevent re-occurring problem. Pavers not likely an option at 40 steps unless we can find an impervious design.

D. Photo Journal documentation/mileage markers

No action as of yet. Dave to reach out to John to request help from Eagle Scouts.

E. CRMC right of Way at Marine Avenue

Potential meeting with CRMC (COA and STB) for later this month may lead to topic being discussed. Discussion about Green Infrastructure work. Concern that most of the grant time is allocated to staff time, need to make sure the work results in a conceptual design and cost estimate. Once the plan is in place, ask for input from Turner Scott and neighbors and then work will require council input before project begins.

*CWC passed a motion. See motion "Green Infrastructure".
Motion made by Dave, 2nd by Peter, all in favor, no discussion.
Action item for Dave to send document to City administration.*

F. No Smoking Ordinance

Scott reported that the ordinance is likely to be on the docket very soon and the city does not have an official response from the CWC. Discussion led to agreement from September 2014 to support no-smoking on cliff walk for a variety of reasons.

*CWC passed a motion. See motion "NO-Smoking"
Motion made by Bob, 2nd by Peter, all in favor, no discussion.
Action item for Dave to send document to City administration.*

G. Trail Marker Program & Maps Status

All QR markers are up and installed. 3 quotes provided for 2 large maps. John coordinating final digital design, then to production. Pannier will be producing the sign.

H. Menco Property Repairs

No update.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stone placement/unevenness south of the second tunnel.

Peter showed the issue and committed agreed that a volunteer effort with city oversight to adjust the rocks would be a good way to solve the problem. This was on the punch-list from the DOT repairs but we are not going to ask them to fix it as of yet. Scott also indicated that if time permits he could send a crew out there to do some work.

B. Fencing (carried forward from prior meeting, incorrectly not listed on agenda).

Issue with fencing on coastline between Bailey Beach and Ledge road complicated by hedges, input from landscaper. Scott will to trim hedge and CWC would like to make sure new fencing does not reduce cliff walk access. CWC agreed that any fence installation should follow past protocols and issued motion to alert city of potential issue.

*CWC passed a motion. See motion "Fences"
Motion made by Peter, 2nd by Dave, all in favor, no discussion.
Action item for Dave to send document to City administration.*

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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

MOTION:

That the cliff walk commission supports the Green Infrastructure Project (GRIP) at Marine Avenue to include a (1) conceptual design, (2) project estimate, (3) and should include resolution of CRMC rights-of-way designation on the cliff walk.

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NO-SMOKING

MOTION:

That the cliff walk commission supports including the cliff walk within the proposed no-smoking ordinance so as to eliminate litter, improve aesthetics and promote a healthier cliff walk experience.

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FENCES

MOTION:

That the cliff walk commission advises the city council and city administration of a proposed fence along the cliff walk that could obstruct the cliff walk, and requests the city to seek CRMC review, based on past practices with fences on the cliff walk.