



## **Cliff Walk Commission Minutes**

September 16, 2015

5PM: Newport Public Library

**Commission Members in Attendance:** John Hirschboeck, Peter Janaros, Dave McLaughlin, Bob Power (Chair)

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

**I. MINUTES** from 8/19/15 CWC meeting were approved.

### **II. CURRENT BUSINESS**

#### **A. Repairs between Webster St. and 40 Steps**

A cooperative agreement appeared on the 8/26 City Council docket along with the contract extension request for Commonwealth Engineering. Total costs for approval total approximately \$600,000. Work will commence in spring, 2016.

Scott addressed the issue of the compacted surface area outside the restrooms and recommended that a new permeable surface be placed there, referencing possible options, including poured-in-place rubber. Scott will provide Peter with product specs. This project would be included in Commonwealth plans for CRMC's subsequent approval.

John suggested a second pay station be installed, due to the large number of people queuing up. A motion was approved to that effect and John will contact Pat Segerson to request.

Peter suggested a final copy of Commonwealth plans be provided the Commission.

#### **B. Summer maintenance update**

Weekly mowing and weed removal continues. There are rocks displaced from the wall between 40 Steps and Webster and options to repair were discussed with the owner.

#### **C. Stone placement/unevenness south of the second tunnel**

Dave M. and Dave D. will gather a work group together to secure the loose stones in October.

#### **D. Photo Journal documentation/mileage markers status**

Dave M. took a Salve Regina team out to photograph the Walk on September 8 and Dave will now be assembling the material. Dave to contact the Boy Scouts regarding placing the markers.

#### **E. CRMC rights of way at Marine Avenue and others, including Green Infrastructure**

A presentation on Green Infrastructures will be made at the CWC meeting on 10/21, including plans for a pilot project at Marine Avenue and the Walk.

#### **F. Trail Marker Program & Maps Status**

The approved map will be sent to Pannier for production. The two maps will be manufactured and sent to the city for installation at the Memorial entrance and 40 Steps in October.

The Cliff Walk restricted fund now totals \$5,987 with \$1,000 now due for the completion of the map artwork.

**G. Menco property repairs**

Peter advised that scheduling calls for a late October/early November start and will advise when construction is to start.

**H. Economic Impact Survey**

The survey was fielded on Salve's Community Volunteer Day September 8 and subsequent weekends. The data will be analyzed in a second semester econometrics class with results presented to the Commission upon completion.

**I. New memorial bench at Bailey's Beach for Lori and John Adams**

Scott prepared a draft of a new policy regarding future memorial bench plaque design requests and will provide the final policy to the CWC to adopt. Despite both the Cliff Walk and Open Space Commissions not approving the suggested engraved portrait design, the City Manager has approved. At least one more bench should be able to be accommodated north of 40 Steps.

**J. "Love Locks"**

The City Manager has informed Bob that the locks will now be removed beginning this fall and in subsequent maintenance periods.

**III. New Business**

**A. Sign at Rough Point**

Bob mentioned that someone had suggested a warning sign be placed just south of Miramar that the walk ahead was extremely rugged terrain. Scott suggested that if a sign was to be placed, it should be at Sheep Point. After discussion, it was agreed sufficient warning signs exist on the Walk, and this area in particular will be highlighted on the new maps.