



Main Street Campus Subcommittee Minutes

Monday, November 7, 2022

3:00 PM

Virtual

Attending: Melissa Settipani, Joe Will, Stephen Trimble, Jeff Bergart, Karen Martin, Clare Siska, Dennis Dale, Nancy Kolb, Kelley Cronin

Not attending: Dean Charter

I. Review of Draft Initial Designs (Dennis Dale)

1. Overall site comments
 - i. Dennis walked the site and noted the quietest area of the planned park was along the back fence. The hill was solid bedrock.
 - ii. Dennis brought 2 design concepts for review
 - iii. Dennis noted that McManus Manor included 43 species of native plantings. Noted were evergreens, yellow birch, red maple. Their plans are color coded by type. He noted that several types of trees were anticipated on the street side.
 - iv. Melissa noted maintenance items:
 - a. resources should be available for trash and mowing. Plowing if done would be delayed if included due to priorities.
 - b. The groundskeeper at NARA could be leveraged here.
 - v. Both designs support a phased buildout for funding considerations.
 - vi. The current approximately \$4,000 license fees go into a "use it or lose it" Recreation fund. The Dog Park Committee must inform the Recreation Division how it would like to use these funds going forward. Jeff noted that the Dog Park Committee might leverage some overlap expenses, such as toilets for their share of the charges.
 - vii. Both designs indicated that parking when developed could be on Isaac Davis Way (IDW).
 - a. The subcommittee noted that we will not leverage IDW for access or parking.
 - b. Nancy noted that there is no easement. That means that a walkway will not cross IDW and any traffic from McManus Manor must be via the street.
 - c. Steve wondered if the planned parking for the dog park could be extended to the right into the senior park (dependent on ledge obstruction).
 - viii. Option 1: circular main features centered on knoll.

- a. Joe noted the exercise area and bathroom opportunities.
- b. Clare noted the peaceful design
- c. Overlook towards dog park parking and street
- d. Long spiral walkway to keep incline low for accessibility.
- e. It was noted the town generally funded sidewalks. Sidewalks from the Dog Park up through McManus Manor and perhaps beyond will be needed. Jeff noted the need for safe crosswalks. Where the crosswalks would require town input. Steve to discuss with Dean on appropriate next steps and contacts.

- ix. Option 2: Oval design located in the back of the property
 - a. Tighter walkways (may not be necessary to have them so close) provides more walking opportunities.
 - b. Senior Park notes from other projects suggest there should be no areas you could not keep an eye on an accompanied senior by a caregiver
 - c. It was noted shading would be needed for heat
 - d. The group like the altered overlook onto the dog park.
 - e. Parking and portable bathrooms could be place to the far right of the planned dog park parking. Adding a few spots for the senior park would work like NARA where there are some reserved spots for the BFRT.

II. Next Steps

Next planned meetings

- a. Next Review(s) Dennis will contact Steve with a proposed time. Steve noted that we would like to wrap prior to yearend. We will not meet the week of Thanksgiving.
- b. Bring to Select Board under Recreation for public comment and detail design approval.

Additional materials can be found here <http://actonma.gov>

The listed agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by open law requirements.