

Reimagine Runnemedede Executive Meeting Minutes\*  
Saturday, April 10, 2021 Via ZOOM  
7-9:15 pm

Attendees: Ken Leap, John Ranieri, Eleanor Kelly, Dorothy Duffy, Diane Fredrickson  
Guests: David Steinberg, Chris Zelov

**NEW FORMAT- Action Items lists expected actions & responsible person in BOLD font**

TOPIC	SUMMARY	ACTION ITEMS
1- Contract-Kirk Seese Labyrinth Gateway Artist	<p>KL sent out the contract (Artist Commission Agreement) for members to review. It lists project details, payment, etc</p> <p>Kirk will attend our Vision mtg on 4/15 via ZOOM.</p> <p>DF interviewed Kirk and sent the completed document to RO to post on our website.</p> <p>Re: color of gateway--purple was preferred over black. Kirk will bring color samples when he arrives which will give some options. Final decision will be based also on durability, other factors</p>	<p><b>JR will write a check to Kirk Seese for \$3,750.00. to accompany the contract</b> (The remaining stipend of \$1,250.00) will be paid upon completion</p> <p><b>KL will forward the contract with the initial check for final signing</b></p> <p><b>RO will post the interview with Kirk on our website</b> (DF sent Google document)</p> <p><b>Solstice Celebration on 6/20</b></p>
2- Trail Update	<p>Trash from the clean-up debris day (3/27) was picked up, but the tree and brush debris has not been bull-dozed back, as expected by public works.</p> <p>KL found evidence of a homeless person living on the trail (clothes) and actually saw him sleeping once</p> <p>2 steel drums (for recycling and trash disposal) for the Sheppard Avenue site will be painted by Annie Fredrickson, a Runnemedede resident</p>	<p><b>EK will text Harry a reminder to pick up trash</b></p> <p><b>JR will order the drums and notify Diane when they arrive</b> Anticipated due date for painting completion is April 30th</p>

3- “Heart and Soul”

KL met with Tara (Woodbury- recipients of Heart and Soul grant in 2019) and learned of the recommendation that a High School student should be added to their Executive Board. This allows for input from young people and students broadcast news to their peers. This adds another level of engagement

**KL will ask Tara for their request for student job application, which will serve as a template for us to do the same**

Involvement in a second Heart and Soul grant will be attempted.

**JR, EK & DS will represent us at the Heart and Soul meeting**

4. Newsletter

JR asked which projects should be featured in the Runnemedede Newsletter publication that goes to all households in the summertime. Team decided to highlight the trail restoration, the labyrinth, as well as a future project: painting the bike path

**3 FEATURED RR PROJECTS:  
Labyrinth  
Trail Restoration  
Bike Path Painting**

4- Bike Path Painting

KL met with the President of the Phila Chapter of the Rhode Island Design Alumnus Club (Ken’s school), who was very interested in the bike path painting project. We may want to organize a “wine and dine” event to draw in Mark Martelli, etc.

**KL will follow-up on this possibility.**  
More organization is necessary; date uncertain presently

DS introduced the idea of extending the bike path to link it adjacent communities. JR stated that from Smith Lane to the turnpike is privately owned land, although non-payment of taxes on that land may yield the possibility of ownership by Runnemedede eventually.

5- Re-development Endeavor

Chris Zelov had submitted a film proposal to document Runnemedede’s suburban transformation, which not every member received. He announced he is ready, with studio

**CZ will deliver a copy of his proposal to John Ranieri**

space reserved and availability. He also has a 10 minute video presentation of his proposed film. When asked about cost, he stated a discounted rate of \$5,000.00 is the fee he would charge, with half due “to start” and the final payment due upon completion.

JR clarified that this project must be presented before the mayor and council for approval, and the RR budget must be reviewed first. JR is to receive a copy of the proposal for intro to the necessary decision-makers.

DS updated us: “name” bricks number 27, of which 11 are paid. “Say It With Clay” takes 3-4 weeks to create. It is uncertain where these bricks will go, but it is thought that the company that provides the stone benches could also provide a plain stone upon which the name bricks could be affixed. “Peace poles” are planned, with messages, will require concrete foundations. DS asked if public works could provide manpower to pour concrete. DS also shared a copy of the peace pole sayings. Another idea is to provide a means delivering an audio recording of a poem, possibly with musical accompaniment, using a QR code. These are further phases of labyrinth refinement.

Deluxe Bakery is planning a remodeling, which will result in an outdoor space (coffee, pastries) and a waterscape

July 4th parade may be held  
Will someone carry our RR banner?

**JR will review Chris’ proposal and present to council for consideration, as well as look at our budget for financial viability**

JR stated that public works cannot assist in concrete pouring, but he did offer to check with his wife (who formerly ran a concrete company) to determine how much concrete might be needed and the means and cost of this concrete project. He advised DS to coordinate all of the elements of development that need concrete grounding so all can be done at once.

**JR will advise DS of cost/means of concrete pouring.  
DS will plan how the concrete pouring will be implemented.**

## 6- Labyrinth Update

## 7- General Runnemedede Update

**NEXT VISION MTG:** Thursday, April 15th 7 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Fredrickson

