

Reimagine Runnemedede Vision Meeting
April 15, 2021 7-9 p.m. via ZOOM

Attendees: Ken Leap, John Ranieri, Rachelle Omenson, Eleanor Kelly, Diane Fredrickson, David Steinberg, Cashor Farmer, Chris Zelov, Cathy Gregory (Asa Sturtevant, Dorothy Duffy-excused)
 Special Guest: Kirk Seese

Note: New format-Action items will list name/accountability in bold font; important dates in bold

TOPIC	SUMMARY	ACTION ITEMS/DATES
1- Intro Kirk Seese Gateway Design Artist	<p>Mural artist (2007);focused now on 3D Public Art. Designed “climbing walls” and responds to national proposals (like ours), which he finds exciting, explaining that “Even if I am not selected, it keeps me thinking, imagining.”</p> <p>Gateway=$\frac{1}{4}$-$\frac{3}{8}$” plasma cut of one sheet, welded-plan to transport in one piece. Metal will be cut, primed and painted in Jade Blue, which team selected from choices shown.</p> <p>First trip to Runnemedede purpose: excavate the area where concrete footers and rebars will be, and make a wood template of placement of base plates.</p> <p>Final trip:install and coat the gateway KS asked if there is a need to call utility company before digging, or if a permit was required. JR answered “No” to both questions.</p>	<p>Trip 1- early June-pour concrete Trip 2-complete install by 6/15 Unveiling: Sun, 6/20 (Father’s Day)</p> <p>Kirk will send KL photos of job done in Calvary--to be posted</p> <p>Team selected Jade Blue as preferred color for gateway</p> <p>DS asked for color coordinates used on gateway to match peace poles. Kirk stated that colors can be matched with Sherwin Williams paints or pantone.</p> <p>Kirk will adapt the design, for safety, by adding a couple of braces</p>
2- Trail Clearing Effort Fraternity Men	<p>Ian Leap’s fraternity brothers have offered to help clear fallen branches</p> <p>Number responding varies 7-25</p> <p>Two chain saws will be rented, and grabbers will be provided by Harry.</p> <p>KL hopes to confer with the So Jersey Remote Control Club, which meets the same day. KL also wants to talk to carpenter Joe re: small foot bridges</p> <p>JR stated that we can use a \$25K</p>	<p>Sat 4/24 from 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>JR will arrange for food (pizza or hoagies) provision</p> <p>CGregory will call United to rent 2-3 chainsaws for that time period</p> <p>EK will ask Harry for grabbers</p>

engineering grant for bridges.

& to empty trash-pump station

3- Trash Receptacles

JR believes the 55 gal steel drums are too large and will invite excess public trash disposal. Favors smaller receptacle. KL showed a version, made up of a wooden box, housing a trash can, with a hinged lid, lined with insect screen. RO favors a similar version, but with a hole on top, to allow drop-in of trash, and a removable front lid that allows for emptying of inside trash container. CG also favors this design because it is more sanitary.

The previous steel drum selection will be considered, along with the decor. KL may provide “cut-outs” to be painted by community members, and affixed to wooden crates.

4- Trail Water Flow

KL noticed that fallen trees and branches were choking the water flow. Clearing them re-directed water to flow more naturally. Commercial signs were found that had washed onto the trail from Clements Bridge Rd. The social awareness of raking storm drains so they are not plugged by residents needs to be emphasized. This could be mentioned as a “tip” in the Runnemedede publication due in July

The ultimate goal for opening up trails is to expose/correct problems that have been identified-drainage, pollution of Hirsch Lake, etc. Harry is responsible for testing the water, and the EPA should correct the consequence of state actions that lead to lake contamination, making water activities of the past untenable
EK will check with Harry about water testing

5- May-Mural Month

No specific mural project is planned for this May, but we will put in a call to volunteers to assist with the following needs:
Touch-up of dandelions in Grn Acres
Touch-up of St. Teresa Playground
Planning the mural for the bike path
The President of Rhode Island School of Design Alumni Club has shown an interest in the bike path mural project and has committed to be there to paint with us in September.

More planning is needed for the multi-staged bike path project. It is a community project, conducted outdoors (social distancing, as needed, too)
The Library mural is a 2022 or 2023 project, as some bricks must be removed before it can be launched

6- Ideas-Along Black Horse Pike

KL asked for ideas to perk up BHP
RO: Place big images of historic photos in empty shop windows.

RO will do the imaging work, if given original photos to scan for best quality digital image outcomes.

EK said we need permission from business owners to post photos in their windows

Idea 2: Potted flowers along BHP

EK stated that, when that was done 25 years ago, the Firemen, who had agreed to water the plants, did not follow through; project failed

RO will scan some images from William Leap's book, using a UV coated, matte paper.

JR will give funds for special paper/ink, if needed

JR will call for "vintage photos" submissions from residents through the Runnemedede newsletter

7- Heart and Soul Grant

Several RIR members attended the Heart and Soul meeting: JR, KL, EK, KV. JR gave a summary of what occurred with our initial grant application. This one offers \$10K (with a matching \$10K from us). JR asked them to extend the funds to \$25K (with \$25K match)--the representative will inquire if that can be done. An advantage that Heart and Soul offers is coaching and progress directors.

We had a consultant who gave us free advice, focusing on "Main St" A re-development sub-committee is needed to address this in depth CZ has helped us imagine what certain spaces in Runnemedede could look like in the future. CZ says holograms could create a montage to show past/future; holograms can be used as a means of illustrating ideas. Local businesses need to be convinced that re-development would benefit them in the long run. For example, Pitman's Business Association conducts monthly events

Our decision on whether or not to participate would be due Dec, 2021

DS applied for training from Heart and Soul - needs mentor

**JR will build a re-development sub-committee
CG desires to be on that committee**

8- Labyrinth Update

DS reports that Russell Bert, President of the Rotary Club, spoke

KL, DS & RB will meet week of 4/25

about a grant for partial funding
of plantings around the labyrinth
and RLP.

There is also an interest in more stone
benches and in the Timber Creek area
from Bellmawr to Glendora

A Runnemede woman inquired about
purchasing a bench in honor of a
deceased family member

Janis Toner, owner of Blue Moon,
has an interest in National Labyrinth
Day-Peace Celebration-actiivty
planning-ie. Yoga, Tai Chi in park.

No stipend required.

**DS will pursue these interested
parties/inquiries**

9. Next Meetings

There was some discussion about
changing the Executive meetings to
another night, other than Sat, but no
change was made

**Next Exec Meeting:
Sat, May 15 7-9pm**

**Next Vision Meeting:
Thurs, May 20 7-9 pm**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Fredrickson

