

Reimagine Runnemedede Vision Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 20, 2021

7-9 pm

Attendees: Ken Leap, Asa Sturtevant, Cathy Gregory-Walker, David Steinberg, Diane Fredrickson, Chris Zelov, Michele Winters (Rachelle Omenson, Eleanor Kelly, John Ranieri excused)

cc: Nick Kappatos, Patty Passio

BOLD FONT in the Action Items column denotes person(s) accountable for specific action(s).

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION ITEMS/DATES |
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| 1- Tree Swing | KL has a tree swing in back of his studio, similar to the quality one in Crow's Woods. KL reports that the former tree swing placement on the trail is no longer safe-the tree is dead. | Further scouting is needed to find a healthy tree to support a tree swing on our trail. Safety is the first consideration. |
| 2- Volunteerism | KL's carpenter volunteer, Joe, has offered to insert a steel pipe to make a railing for the double tree crossing over the creek. KL reminded members that the Town Council meets 5/25. An inquiry into the status of the split rail fencing, slated for the trail heads, and funds for the trail bridges have been requested, and were acknowledged. A \$25K State (or County) grant was given for projects related to Runnemedede's Parks & Recreation. | RIR members are encouraged to attend the Town Meetings. Records are maintained as to relevant topics brought up by community members. Status & funds pending for public knowledge. |
| 3. Labyrinth | DS was informed that he must submit a site plan for the placement of the "Peace Poles" (to be embedded in concrete). No formal template was provided. It was suggested that the aerial view of the park be used for the general lay-out, with a focus on the labyrinth area. KL re-iterated that the main goal for the 6/20 celebration is the placement of the gateway, which will improve | DS will explore the possibility of inserting ten temporary peace poles for the 6/20 celebration. Ultimately, DS wants to place poles at varying heights (4-8'), with messages, and matching in color to the gateway design colors. |

visibility greatly. The gateway will drive more involvement (including donations) once it is placed. A recommendation was to create temporary poles (10) for the Solstice Celebration. Drive them into the ground, using conduit. The ability to use time/materials provided by the gateway artist is not possible, through contractual means.

Details of who/when digging and placement of the benches needs to be decided before delivery.

Re: donations: \$3,700. has been received thus far- with a final goal of \$15K.

CGW will eventually track donations, using a STRIPE account, and may designate dedicated donations (ie. for labyrinth, for general RR exeditures, etc)

The stone benches require the advance work of digging holes, cut to fit the upright “legs” of the benches. The bench manufacturers will cut to size and deliver the benches, but the holes must be ready to seat the benches.

Re: Donor names on bricks vs. on a slab of stone. The initial idea of putting a name, or phrase on a clay label atop the brick has been rejected, because it is feared that the lawn mower may crack, or otherwise injure the clay labels. The favored idea is one of a decorative stone slab with donor names engraved upon it.

More details must be sought for obtaining slab(s) and engraving donor names on them. Slabs must also be seated securely.

Events will be planned/coordinated by Janet Toner (Blue Moon). Future plans include presentations for vets experiencing PTSD, meditation, and use of “singing bowls.”

DS is the project manager. Janet Toner is the event mgr.

4. Newsletter

CGW & DF will collaborate on a RR newsletter to be distributed to expanded emails digitally. The goal is to produce a monthly publication, with the emphasis on community engagement and gaining volunteers through the “Adoption Center,”etc.

DF will provide the written content; CGW will provide the technical know-how. First edition is proposed for the month of June.

DF will create a “tag line” to attract volunteers.

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| 5. Fundraising | A DONATE button will be designed and, eventually, a link to what it was earmarked for, will be established (ie. trail, labyrinth, art) | CGW will design the donation button |
| 6- Re-Development Zone | The Borough of Runnemede will give a \$5K match to businesses on the Black Horse Pike to update their facades. Newcomer, Michele Winter, has offered (accompanied by Cathy G) to approach business owners with this proposal. | CGW & MW will inform BHP business owners of the facade restoration money match offering. KL & DF will give the papers with presentation points that were formerly used by EK & JR 2 years ago. |
| 7- Bus Stop Shelters | CGW did some research on bus stop shelters for BHP, and found that NJ Transit will install them if Runnemede agrees to maintain them. There may be an opportunity to decorate them, adding public art to our community. CZ spoke of his plan/video for a green bus stop design, made with a green roof and bamboo. It was suggested that members present the bus stop ideas at the Caucus Meeting. | Members are encouraged to attend the Caucus meeting and present the bus stop ideas. Chris Zelov will make an appointment with the Mayor to discuss the green bus stop design, and possibly make an appointment to show his video to the Town Council |
| 8- Trail Markers | KL gave a demo of how to cut and spray paint flashing for use as permanent trail markers- red and yellow. This was done at the end of the meeting by members and Alissa Sturevenat, and friend Gabi. | Metal trail markers will be completed and placed on trail trees, to replace the wire flags that mark the trails currently. |

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Fredrickson

