

CITY RIVERFRONT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Meeting held Tuesday, January 11, 2022

The meeting of the Riverfront Management Council of the City of Jamestown, New York, was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at the Parks Office located at 115 Fairmount Avenue.

Those present representing the Council were:

John Bauer	Brent Sheldon
Dave Anderson	Bill Stevenson
Becky Nystrom	

Absent Members:

Russ Diethrick	Luke Fudor
Jennifer Lumia	Terry Horner
Twan Leenders	

Others Present:

Dan Stone, Parks Manager/City Arborist; Matt Spunaugle, Parks Supervisor; and Kelley Johnson, DPW and Parks Departments.

The meeting was called to order.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting. Carried.

Opportunity For Persons to Address Council

None.

Becky Nystrom introduced herself. Becky is the Board President of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. Becky wanted to give praise to Twan for his work as CWC's new Ecological Restoration Manager and efforts to promote critical remediation and restoration of the Chadakoin River. Dave gave praise to both Becky as well as Twan for their leadership and expertise. He said how fortunate the RMC is to have both of them on this Council.

Boat Launch: The boat launch was put in off of Clifton Avenue. It will be ready in the spring of 2022. More to come. Dave inquired about a possible launch in the basin, where a lot of kayakers like to go. Dan relayed there are talks still taking place about a launch at that location.

A \$500 donation was made by Paul with the Chautauqua Belle to the McCrea Park Boat Landing.

The old "Joyce's Keg Room" is going to be a new kayak rental business.

Skatepark: Project approximately ½ way done. The skatepark will bring people from all over – there is nothing like this around. The Eimiller family (716 Strong Foundation) is very interested in being

involved. A possible ribbon cutting to take place around National Skate Park Day, which is June 14. Dave asked about a fence being installed at the skatepark, as he was concerned about the liability without a fence.

Riverwalk: Dan relayed working on clearing out dead ash trees. No leaf coverage allows invasives to come in such as Japanese knotweed, Tree of Heaven, etc. Treatment takes a while to work. Poison Ivy is masking the dead trees. With the ivy being a climbing vine, it gives the trees the appearance of being healthy, which is not the case.

Retaining walls falling in and the banks giving way. Specifically mentioned were behind the Chautauqua Center and St. James Church. The dam was shut down last week which allowed for a walk along the river and to view the status in various areas.

Dan mentioned a new bridge going to Hope's Windows on Hopkins and some hardscape bank restoration. Using a consulting firm out of Buffalo, grant program (Dan isn't sure if it is a County or State program).

Dan mentioned there are 21 parks in the City of Jamestown. We are always fortunate to have funds for Parks and the purchasing of trees, etc. Dan is working with Ellen Shadle on possible grant opportunities to help inventory, as well as future use and recommendations.

Events: Dan mentioned looking into the possibility of holding an annual fall festival (possibly in October) with various vendors along the Riverwalk. Working with the DOT on lighting.

Brent mentioned the "Turn the River Green" in March.

Riverwalk Amenities: Dan mentioned he would like to see additional and newer amenities along the Riverwalk to make it more user friendly. Specifically mentioned were tables and benches.

Dave inquired about the possibility of security camera installation. Bill asked about railroad wall murals - there are numerous opportunities/spaces.

Motion was made to Adjourn.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2022.