Approved Meeting Minutes

Committee: Parks Commission 3/10/22
Attendees (members):
Richard DeMarco (RD) David Wrocklage (DW) Denise Payne (DP)
Tara Price (TP) Gale Turner (GT)
Attendees (non-members):
Robert McDonough (RM)-arrived late at 5:39 Kendra Amaral (KA, Town manager) David Rich (DR, DPW)

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Public Meeting Commenced 5:30pm

Minutes from January /15/22 meeting approved.

Fort Foster Rules

Gate data collection info discussed as continuation from previous meeting. You can't manage what you don't measure. What should we measure?

KA and DR request that any change to the information currently gathered at the gate be backed up with actionable data as to what the purpose of the additional information will serve. In other words, "It would be nice to know" not a valid reason to add additional burden to gate keepers as they try to expedite visitors through the gate.

Many ideas floated:

- Data recorder/ Season vs non-Season pass/ Resident vs non-Resident/Multi Color Passes/ Adults vs Kids/# People vs # of cars/ etc.
- Data collection every other year.
- In season Saturday walk thru data collection

All were discussed with pro-and cons of each. List will be compared to previous months list, revised, then sent to Kendra Amaral, Dave Rich for review.

Map of FF with existing parking areas, and potential expansion areas, was displayed by Kendra. A copy was emailed to PC Members. Tara suggested a spring walk through to view these areas for discussion in the April PC Meeting.

KA and DR had to exit @ 6pm for other commitments.

Memorial markers

Memorial bench areas have been exhausted and are no longer open for new installments. The idea for memorial trees was abandoned as too much trouble, deemed unsightly, with no measurable benefit to the park.

Idea of a memorial program for *capital improvements* was discussed. DP stated for example Laudholm Farm in Wells did a similar program with walkways, boardwalks, etc. This could be explored during spring walk through, with the intention of identifying starter projects. The mechanics of this project idea will be agenda item for April meeting.

<u>Misc</u>

DP discussed beach Fire permits. Five/night at \$15 each. Not formally accepted by town yet.

Next Meeting: April 14

April meeting will be a return to in person at the town hall, with masks optional.

Meeting ended 6:22pm.

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