Malden Redevelopment Authority

Meeting Minutes of Open Space Plan and Recreation Plan Update Committee
John & Christina Markey Community Center (“Senior Center”)
7 Washington Street, Malden
January 23, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance

✓ Deborah A. Burke
✓ Andrea Antonucci
absent
Brian Creamer
Walkability
✓ Brian DeLacey
✓ Jason Hamelin
✓ Bob Knox
Dir. Public Works
✓ Joe Levine
Rec. Dept.
Coordinator
✓ Barbara Murphy
Ward Councillor
✓ Michelle Romero
City Planner
✓ Bob Rotondi
Babe Ruth League
✓ Marie Shea
Challenger League
✓ Prisco Tammaro
Mayor’s designee
✓ Steve Winslow
Bike to Sea

Also in Attendance:
✓ Cynthia Wall
Consultant
✓ Ryan O’Malley
Councillor
✓ Aaron Leibowitz
Reporter
✓ Maria Luisa
Ex-Officio
Mayor’s Designee

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Introduction of Committee members: Since this was the first meeting of the Malden Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee, members took the time to introduce themselves to each other and to the consultant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) who is coordinating this project.

3. Overview of project. MAPC consultant Cynthia Wall provided the committee members with an overview of the project. She circulated, reviewed and discussed with the group MAPC’s project scope, a draft outline of the work elements, an initial draft of the Open Space Plan and a draft survey that would be used to gather citizen input in the plan update process.
4. **Community Engagement/Public Participation/Outreach.** Committee members were given copies of the draft survey and asked to provide their comments and suggestions for edits to the consultant no later than Monday, Jan. 30, 2017 by 5 p.m. The survey would be posted on line and distributed across the city with the help of the committee members, Mayor’s Office, MRA and community groups. The consultant also advised the committee that there needs to be two public meetings on this plan prior to its submission to the state for its approval. Ex-officio member Maria Luise, Special Assistant to the Mayor, said she would work on scheduling the two community meetings.

5. **Next steps:** Committee members were asked to review the draft plan and to make suggested additions/edits. The committee voted to meet in two weeks to vet the plan in further detail. The consultant will not be attending this meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, Feb. 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington St.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

/jt (Minutes 1.23.17)