



COLUMBIA RIVER PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRPAC)

Notes of the meeting of April 20, 2017

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE MAY 18, 2017 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 at Columbia Crossing by Mary C. Wickenheiser, minutes of the February 16, 2017 were approved by all on motion by Claire Storm, second by Vinnie Wickenheiser.

Rebecca Denlinger, Rising Tide Collaborative, consultant to Columbia Borough was introduced to the group. She is the contact person for both the Phase III DCNR Grant and the Susquehanna Riverlands Conservation Mini-Grant. Rebecca will be attending future meeting of the CRPAC.

- Phase III DCNR Grant – The grant has been awarded however the contract has not been signed. Rebecca addressed the steps moving forward with the planning process such as developing the Request For Proposals (RFP), DCNR contact person, public meetings, scope of work etc. Mary Wickenheiser will provide priorities list compiled from the April, 2014 visioning meeting for Phase III area.
- Susquehanna Riverlands Conservation Mini-Grant – The award was \$5,500 with an additional \$2,000 commitment from the Lancaster Bicycle Club. The items covered include bike racks for the uptown area of Columbia, a bicycle repair station and water bottle fill station to be located at Columbia Crossing. Columbia Water Company will be contributing \$500 to the water bottle station installation. Discussion was to locate this fill station between the building and lower pavilion so that it could supply water to events at that location. Rebecca will be administering this grant.
- Flag pole light – A solar powered light has been installed below the flags but adjustments need to be made to the light to better light the flags. This will be referred to Borough Public Works Dept.
- River Park Landscaping – Columbia Park Rangers and others will be working in the park on Saturday April 22 beginning at 8:00 am. The main focus of the day will be the rain gardens. Plans are to remove damaged tree for replacement later, removal of all plants with placement elsewhere, removal of “netting”. The garden soil is to be reworked and a type of low grass to be planted. All the gardens are to be reworked to again function properly.

Columbia Crossing – Borough has approved the serving of alcohol at functions. Hope advised that guidelines for rental are being reworked.

Additional discussion:

- PADOT Veterans' Memorial Bridge – Mayor Lutz advised that work will begin in 2018 on repairs/renovations to the bridge. Staging will be under the bridge between Front and Commerce Sts. It will not interfere with the current parking. Possibility of under-lighting the bridge is again being discussed to help with the mayfly issue on the bridge deck.
- Trash cans – M. Wickenheiser asked that a trash can be moved from the area of the pavilion, there are three, to the area near the handicap dock access. Also, replace the missing lid on the recycle can.

Northwest Lancaster County River Trail – Mayor Lutz advised of plans to place two cameras on the Columbia portion of the trail. He suggested that NWLCRT communities submit applications for the Susquehanna Riverlands Conservation Mini-Grant in 2018 to camera portions of the trail in their areas. St. Charles Furnace needs to be fenced to protect it and prevent trespassing since it is on PPL property. Attempt will be made by Vinnie Wickenheiser to determine name of PPL contact person.

Due to the beginning of Phase III planning, it was decided that we again need to meet on a monthly basis. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Columbia Crossing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm on motion by Claire Storm, second by Steve Pennell with all approving.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Wickenheiser

Those in attendance: Cle Berntheizel, Claire Storm, Steve Pennell, Hope Byers, Rebecca Denlinger, Leo Lutz, Janice Stork, Vinnie Wickenheiser, Mary C. Wickenheiser