

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2019 Meeting**

Committee Members: City Councilor Candace White Bouchard, Marilyn Fraser, Chiara Dolcino, Sarah Ward & Stacey Brown

Guest: Chris Brown, Gerry Blanchette, Dan Arndt, Nick Wallner, Mike Gfroerer,

Staff Members: Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, Laura Bryant, Jeff Bardwell, Jeff Hoadley, Chip Chesley

Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by City Councilor Candace White Bouchard

Marilyn made a motion to accept minutes from February 2019 meeting, second by Chiara Dolcino, approved.

New Business:

City Councilor Candace White Bouchard started the meeting by giving a brief recap about the project at hand the focus of this evening's meeting.

Nick Wallner, Arena Advisory Committee Chair spoke about the meetings they have had about the expansion of the arena. The purpose of the project is to expand the use and also obtain a liquor license in the future.

City Councilor Candace White Bouchard gave an update about the liquor license request being sent to the safety committee.

Jeff Bardwell then gave an update on where they are with funding and explained how the sub-committee had been meeting to develop the conceptual design which he then shared with the group. Jeff also shared some of the history of the arena including a master plan from 1981 that included playing fields and an amphitheater. Turning back to the current proposed design Jeff spoke to the features of the public access restrooms and restaurant.

RPAC members asked a few questions about layout, park/outdoors plans, and lastly about who would run the restaurant. At this time the plan is for the restaurant to be a leased space. Also with current design there would be no change to the driveway layout.

David Gill shared with the group that there is currently \$125,000.00 in the budget for park planning. The purpose of the money being to complete the park master plan which is complimented by the updates to the arena. A quick update on the Greenway Trail was given which will be discussed by City Council in the next couple month in conjunction with the Terrill Park project.

Overall RPAC was very pleased with the design and in support of the project,

Stacey made a motion accept and support the plan, seconded and accepted.

David Gill asked the Arena Advisory Committee to support the park master plan as it continues to develop. He then laid out the next steps which include hiring a 3rd party vendor to facilitate the master plan meetings and eventually develop the plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09pm

Respectfully submitted by
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Laura Bryant