

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

The meeting of the Trustees of Trust Funds for the Prescott Park Trust and the City of Portsmouth was held on Thursday March 4, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present Lea Aeschliman, Phyllis Eldridge, Brad Lown

Also Present Fred Hoyt, Temporary park superintendent; Bob Sullivan, City attorney; Ben Anderson, PPAF Director; Cathy Sununu, PPAF Vice President; Aileen Dugan, PPAF Board member; and Steve McHenry, architect.

Check Signing Checks were signed.

Old Business The Trustees discussed the dock grant meeting. This meeting with city and state officials focused on a federal grant that seems to be appropriate for recreational boating. Discussion centered on the matching funds requirement. Lea said that she would be in favor of asking to borrow funds from the city, but would not be willing to dip into the Prescott Trust to support this project. Phyllis mentioned that in-kind contributions could reduce the match. Brad will have further conversations with David Moore, Assistant Community Development Director.

Reverend Dawn Shippee again requested to hold an Easter Sunrise Service at the Liberty Pole. The Trustees voted to limit the service to the Public Forum area of the park. The trustees requested that Bob Sullivan check the capacity of the Public Forum area in preparation for future requests.

New Business Fred said that several trees were damaged in last week's storm. He will prepare estimates and the city will file the claim.

Down East Sailing Adventures, a private company, has requested permission to work out of the park this summer. They have a 52' schooner. In the past, other boats have used our docks for educational or fundraising purposes. The Trustees denied the Down East request.

Trustees asked Bob some questions about individual scholarships and minimum grants. Bob said that the Trustees must abide by the incremental dollars of the scholarship, but may hold a scholarship if there are insufficient funds.

Ben Anderson and board members came to talk about several items. Last year Ben talked about leveling and filling in the muddy area around the tent. He came back ask about a go ahead for an estimate. Trustees approved and there will be a walk-around at the next meeting. PPAF is proposing a change in waste removal companies to increase recycling at the park. Lea asked if PPAF would cover bathroom clean-up in consideration of our budget and Michael's reduced hours. Ben said that he would talk about it with his board.

Ben asked if it would be possible to use the Sheafe Warehouse for set building. It would give him more flexibility because currently he can only use designers who have their own space. Ben and Fred will check the area and report back to us.

Steve McHenry brought two designs for the concession stand and bathrooms. The favored design adds a building. The current building is just for the concession stand and includes storage and a larger work area. The second building would hold two considerably larger bathrooms. Aileen and Cathy said that there is UDAG money available as a matching grant. PPAF is pursuing fundraising relationships and will work with the city on the grant. There will be a meeting with John Bohenko before going forward with this plan.

Fred asked that PPAF provide their own padlocks where necessary. He also said that the new boardwalk needs a ramp to be ADA compliant. The boardwalk area that holds table and chairs needs improvement to prevent chairs from going over the edge. PPAF said they would look into this.

Meeting Dates Our next meeting is March 18, 2010.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Phyllis Eldridge, Secretary