

ACTION SHEET
MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON
THE PRESCOTT PARK MASTER PLAN
7:30 A.M. – Thursday, February 18, 2016
City Hall – Conference Room A

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dwyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Chris Dwyer, Chair
Jack Blalock, Mayor
Phyllis Eldridge, Trustees of the Trust Fund
Dana Levenson, Trustees of the Trust Fund

Members Absent:

Nancy Pearson, City Councilor
Thomas Watson, Trustees of the Trust Fund
Stefany Shaheen, Citizen Representative

Staff Present:

John Bohenko, City Manager
David Allen, Deputy City Manager
David Moore, Assistant City Manager
Suzanne Woodland, Deputy City Attorney

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Blue Ribbon Committee on the Prescott Park Master Plan at its meeting held on February 18, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in Conference Room A at Portsmouth City Hall. Meeting minutes will be posted after acceptance by the Blue Ribbon Committee at the next meeting.

1. After reviewing four responses to the RFQ, the Committee unanimously voted to invite Firms A and C to be interviewed at a date to be determined.
2. Public Comment was held with 5 residents speaking.
 - A. Mary Krempels – 111 Gates Street – Thanks the Committee for the work and highlighted the necessity of planning broadly for the Park.
 - B. Beth Margeson – 24 Marcy Street – Stated she was glad the City was carrying out this work and urged thoroughness when it came to the restrictions on park property.
 - C. Cathy Baker – 127 Gates Street – Urged the committee to avoid carving the park into sections for specific purposes and to honor the original intent of the park grantors.
 - D. Rick Becksted – 1395 Islington Street – Advocated for wider representation on the Committee noting the need to gather stakeholder comment from a wide variety of residents and park users.
 - E. Bill Elwell – 56 Fells Road - Spoke regarding various issues including the hard work of Trustees over the years to maintain the Park and recounted many types of Arts Festival activities carried out in the park over the years.

2. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.