

Machias Revitalization Committee Minutes

May 12, 2017 @ 7:00 a.m.

Bluebird Ranch Restaurant

Present: Eric Jones, Sandi Malagara, Angela Fochesato, Josh Rolfe, Gail Peters, Bill Kitchen (to be added to members' roster), Kehben Grier, Rich Bard, Sharon Mack, Lisa Schaefer, Jim Whalen, Christina Therrien.
Members of the media: Sarah Dedmon, Bob Berta.

Sandi Malagara volunteered to be the point person/administrator for the MRC's Facebook page.

Angela reported that the selectmen have approved a grant application to dredge the Machias Bay harbor and river estuary and replace the cribwork, an eventual base for the proposed Riverwalk. In other business: YogaFest has been rescheduled to fall; artwork is underway for the East Side walk kiosks; script is done and recording will begin on the History Tour CD and app; the Healthy Acadia Bike program host sites will be Axiom and the Chamber of Commerce. Angela is working with the EDGE program of the Maine Seacoast Mission to collect and repair bikes. Eastport and Calais are joining in.

It was determined that a Sidewalk Committee meeting needs to be held to determine materials and designs for recommendation to the selectmen, who have appropriated \$12,500 for sidewalk improvements.

Christina said Downeast Correctional Facility has not completed the Overlook Park sign. Angela said Machias Savings Bank has offered to pay for the sign. She will contact Janet St. Pierre to paint the sign and will consult with the Passamaquoddy Tribe for an appropriate logo.

Sandi M. said she will be meeting with Sandi Bryand in hopes of establishing a committee with the goal of having a consistent aesthetic, rather than a haphazard decoration in launching Sandi B's mural project. The committee voiced its support for a tasteful, sepia, historical display. Kehben will meet with Dan Gardner on banner creation.

Sandi M. called a Green Team meeting for 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, to determine next steps for the \$8,000 tree planting grant project.

Christina reported that most of the tree obstructions have been removed at the Machias Airport. New entitlement funds, if received, would be used to build a new access road and terminal this summer.

Adjourned at 8 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mack, Secretary