

Jackson's Landing Committee
Minutes of May 22, 2006 Meeting
4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall

Present:

Mike Hoffman
Nick Issak
Jared Wright-Ward
Mike Sievert
Rick Szilagyi
John Parry
Robbi Woodburn
Judith Spang
Denny Byrne
Bill Hall

The committee met at the Jackson's landing site, and looked at and discussed each design element in the draft plan. We also visited the Grant circle site to look at the two possible options for relocation of the boat house. Items discussed were:

Docks

The recent flooding tore away the UNH docks and the wood ramp that slopes down to the dock. These were saved and dragged to the shore. The rowing club has offered to provide funding to purchase an aluminum ramp to replace the wooden section [pulled away].

Parking area on water.

As shown in plan the down river portion of this area would be converted to green space/park area. The fragment off the eastern edge of this needs to be controlled.

Boathouse

Visited Grant circle site. Looked at two potential sites. The one nearer the water treatment plant had better access to water (shorter dock) however the building site seemed less desirable here due to the proximity to the plant, and poorer drainage. The other spot was farther down river. It would require 100 feet of dock to get to the deeper water, however the site was more buildable, better drainage, better aesthetics, etc.

Near the old boat house there are a couple of trees that need removal.

Trail

Looked at general location for nature trail at JL. Could come up from waterfront toward playground, curve around slope and pass through fence (need child proof gate) down towards the water. Would construct board walk across water at spot that showed transition from water to dry (more interesting). Would traverse along slope on river bank past tomb (consider vandalism on tomb, perhaps place trail so tomb is not easily accessible). End at spot a couple hundred feet past tomb (want to be sensitive to this

landowner so as not to interfere with their view shed). Trail could have benches, tables, and gazebo at appropriate spots. At couple of spots we need to thin vegetation to enhance view of the river. We also discussed possibility of a board walk into the salt marsh near tomb. This is a beautiful spot. Also discussed type of boardwalks (movable in winter, dock like to limit impact to wetland).

Ice arena

Needs improve landscaping. Current plan needs to show current vehicle pull-in at corner entrance. There are a couple of large white pine trees dying at east end near cooling unit. Proposed expansion on the west end would take away current parking on that side. Cooling unit is elevated at east end and unsightly. Did not go inside ice arena.

Skate Park

Looked at potential site for skate park at west end of triangle across the road (east of small wetland). This area is small, but has potential depending on extent of wetland. Discussed light issue. Should it not be lighted and closed at dusk, so as not to be an issue with neighbors?