

Neponset River Greenway Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 4th, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Boston Winery, 26 Ericsson Street, Port Norfolk, Dorchester, MA

AGENDA

Goals for March Meeting:

- Figure out the goals of the group
- What are the tasks to achieve these goals?
- Revisit/Establish a mission

7:00 Reviewing Survey

- Andres will present findings and takeaways from the survey.
- What did we learn from the survey?

7:15 Goals brainstorming exercise

- Everyone gets three pieces of paper, has three minutes to write down three answers to the question:
 - What needs to be achieved along the greenway?
- After three minutes, the facilitator and the group will work together to categorize the results.

7:55 How do we accomplish these goals?

- Break up into groups of 3 or 4.
- Each group takes 3-5 goals that were grouped together from brainstorming exercise and answers these two questions for each goal:
 - What are the tasks to accomplish these goals?
 - What role can the Greenway Council play?
- Each group has a facilitator who is taking down notes from the small group discussion. When we come back together as a group, the facilitator presents the small group's tasks to the whole group. People from the whole group can add tasks to the smaller group's list at this time.

8:40 Dot voting Exercise

- The tasks from each group are written on the board.
- Everyone has five stickers and can put those stickers next to which ever task(s) they feel are the priority for the Council to focus on moving forward.
- This gives the group a visualization of what they should be prioritizing.

8:50 Next Steps

- Andres will type up the notes from this meeting.
- Discuss notes at next meeting and what the next steps are.

9:00 Mission Statement, Job Descriptions, and Logo (If we have time, we can discuss this section at the end of the meeting)

- What is our mission? Do we need to revisit it?
- Do we have job descriptions?
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Other member's roles?

Events:

Saturday, March 21, 10am - 3pm: Spring Neponset Trail Bike Ride from Castle Island to Paul's Bridge and back.

Wednesday, April 22 Earth Day 50th Anniversary: Events all week

Saturday, April 25, 9am - 12 pm Neponset River Spring Cleanup

Saturday, June 20, 10am – 2pm: Neponset RiverFest at DCR Neponset Park in Dorchester.

Upcoming Neponset River Greenway Council Meetings – Held first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

March 4, 2020 Dorchester

April 1, 2020 Foley Senior Residences, Mattapan

May 6, 2020 Milton Yacht Club, Milton

June 3, 2020 Hyde Park Police Station, Hyde Park

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Plan out March Meeting

- Meeting begins with Presentation of Survey Information (10 minutes)
 - What are the overall themes of the responses? What do these responses tell us?
 - What should we be doing to be more effective?

- Discuss Mission Statement/Goals (15 minutes)
 - Are they written down anywhere?
 - If not, have brief discussion of goals and figure out how to formally write them out later
 - Need to prioritize goals, what's feasible, what are the biggest opportunities for progress

- Sticky Note Exercise (30 minutes)
 - Everyone gets three sticky notes
 - Take 2-3 minutes, write down what are three things that are most important to accomplish along the greenway in the next three years
 - Put notes up on wall, sort by similarity

- How do we Accomplish these Goals (30 Minutes)
 - Break into smaller groups of 3-4 (depends on how many people we are at meeting)
 - Need facilitator/note taker (NepRWA Staff/ NepRWA Board members?)
 - Each group gets 2-3 goals and identifies 5 actions to reach those goals
 - Report back to larger group, comments from other groups are welcome

- Dot voting (15 Minutes)
 - 20 ideas on Board, everyone in the room gets 5 stickers, put one on 5 most important things
 - Identify most important things to the group, discuss how those actions will be tackled

- Next Steps (5 Minutes)
 - Who's going to do what out of the most important actions

- General Updates (15 Minutes)