

Richter Park Authority
Master Plan Committee Meeting Minutes
Richter Park Authority Office
May 9, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

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Call to Order

Chairman Judy Griemsmann called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Members present: Bobby Bria, Judy Griemsmann, Al Mead. Pam St. Pierre was absent for health reason.

Approve minutes of previous meeting

Mr. Bria moved to approve minutes of February I, 2023, MP Committee meeting. Mr. Mead seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Benches for hiking trails

Mr. Bria moved that the MP committee recommend to RPA that benches be purchased for hiking trails from funds raised by FORE. This recommendation not to be made, however, until the MP Committee has researched needed locations on trails, types of benches, costs, etc. Mr. Mead seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Mead added that he knew of someone who might be able to connect a Richter Park trails bench project with an area boy scout seeking an Eagle project.

Events attracting visitors to Richter Park

- Second Annual “couples golf” session was announced this spring.
- Mr. Bria proposed hosting a twilight “Happy Hour/Concert” event, if possible on a Friday or Saturday in June.

Hiking trail system entrance update

Mr. Bria and Mr. Mead discussed need for MP Committee to research how the renovated entrance to the Farrington Hiking Trail System will be configured in its new location at the edge of the parking lot by the tennis courts. The following were preliminary suggestions: a large map showing the trail system in its entirety, a kiosk (with flyers of the system for

hikers' use, along with other park information of value), photos from points on the trail system, two benches, sign on top of trail system map that states "Farrington Hiking Trail System."

Sculpture Garden at Richter House

Discussion postponed until 2024.

Richter Park in the newly released Danbury Master Plan

The Master Plan Committee will explore further what vision for Richter Park is included in the Master Plan.

New Business

- The committee agreed that hiking trail benches and planning/completion of the trail system entrance will be priorities for the MP Committee in the immediate future.
- Mr. Bria moved that three new signs be created for the Richter House grounds when renovation work is complete. One larger sign stating "Richter Arts Center" should be located at the entrance to the Richter House driveway and match the style of the new, larger Richter Park sign by the parking lot. Two smaller signs should be located at the beginning of the walkway to the front of the House with one showing way to front door of Richter House and the other indicating way to the Richter Stage. Mr. Mead seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mead made motion to adjourn at 6:25. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Griemsmann