

Parks Facilities Committee (PFC) Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2014

PFC attendees: Patrick Crowley, Robert Dunne, John Hadley, Patrick Inderwish, John Owanisian, Christopher Rucho

BETA Engineering attendees: Kevin Aguiar, Randall Collins, Donald Leighton

Gale Associates attendees: John Perry, Eric Roise, William Seymour

- Chairman Inderwish opened the meeting at 6:30PM.
- A review of the June 15, 2014 PFC draft minutes took place.

Motion: A motion made by Mr. Crowley and seconded by Mr. Inderwish to approve the minutes of June 15, 2014 was approved.

- The meeting consisted of separate interview sessions of Beta Engineering and Gale Associates – these firms were selected on short list for their Goodale Park Master plan development proposals.

BETA Engineering

- Mr. Inderwish welcomed the BETA Engineering representatives and provided a brief history of recent Goodale Park Phase 1 improvements.
- The BETA representatives provided a presentation that included background information regarding their firm's scope of services and experience.
- The BETA group described similar projects that included Beaver Brook (Worcester), Norwood HS, Plymouth HS, and Bryant University.
- BETA mentioned they have visited the site a "couple of times" and referenced the following challenges at this site: Topography, how to expand parking/access, and gaining consensus of the community for specifics of park use.
- BETA offered to assist with identification of potential grants and other funding sources, as well as to represent the master plan at Town Meetings.
- BETA anticipated developing 4-6 alternative proposals that would be narrowed/refined with input from PFC and the community.

Gale Associates, Inc.

- Mr. Inderwish welcomed the Gale Associates representatives and provided a brief history of recent Goodale Park Phase 1 improvements.
- Mr. Seymour led off the presentation and described Gale as a mid-sized firm with 100-110 employees.
- Mr. Seymour mentioned Gale employees have visited Goodale Park "multiple times".
- He went on to describe Gale's depth of experience and cited several projects that included: Dartmouth College, Brown University, Curry College and Gale's current involvement in the development of a Master Plan for Wayland/Sudbury, Ma.

- Mr. Seymour cited Gale's expertise with identifying funding sources as well as their expertise with running tracks.
- The current condition of the running track was cited as the biggest need at Goodale, with the overall topography providing the biggest challenge.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:57PM.