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Parks & Recreation Committee DRAFT Minutes - Special Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Location: Rumsey Park

The meeting was called to Order at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cheryl Roberts, Chairperson; Marty Amerikaner, Tobi Moriarty, and Adam Thomas
Town Hall Staff: Gino Sisco

Approval of Agenda:

M. Amerikaner moved to approve the agenda; T. Moriarty seconded. Motion approved unanimously

Welcome Visitors:

Enrico Caruso

Hank Walter (via phone)

Unfinished Business:

Rumsey Park Update:

The railing for the staircase southeast of the monument has been on the agenda for many months without knowing exactly the issue, since we thought that it had been repaired/upgraded with a safety, full hand grip style railing in addition to the original railing. It was recently discovered that the full hand grip style railing had been reported as vandalized, and as of this meeting, has been replaced by Public Works. Completion of the stairs project will include additional railing to support safety of the additional steps added at the bottom, and a crushed gravel pathway leading from the top of the stairs to the existing concrete sidewalk on the backside of the monument.

The mystery of the electrical box has been solved. Electricity will be accessible for Town Hall approved events only.

The Town Run Watershed Signs have been received from Kay Shultz and are in the possession of Public Works awaiting the posts for installation at Riverfront and Rumsey Parks, respectively.

New Business:

Rumsey Park Enhancement project was presented to C. Roberts by community member and friend of Rumsey Park, Hank Walter. The Concept Plan displayed the addition of native plants surrounding the



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ground area around the circle and adjacent to the stairs leading to the front side of the monument. A. Thomas moved to approve the planting by R&L Landscapes, LLC to commence as soon as possible; motion was seconded by T. Moriarty. Motion Passed unanimously.

In addition to approval of the planting, the Concept Plan also included an invitation to install a transformer, tied into existing electrical capabilities for a wired landscape lighting on one-foot-high posts, approximately 15 feet apart which will focus downward onto the stairs leading to the front side of the monument. This lighting will improve safety on the stairs particularly during cloudy days, dusk, and late fall/early spring as the time changes and sufficient light is desired. Additionally, wired lighting for special Town Hall approved events and activities for viewing the monument during the late evening hours to enhance the beauty and historic significance of the monument as drivers and pedestrians approach the bridge and boundary between Maryland and West Virginia state lines. The positioning of these LED spotlights will provide soft up light for an edifice façade, per Hank Walter, and the timing and frequency will be controlled by Parks & Recreation/Town Hall, as not to disturb bird roosting and natural migration factors or lighting of dark skies to view stars. This will be carefully monitored. In addition to the above, the committee wishes the consideration of outlets closer to other areas of the park, in addition to existing locations. This will be discussed with Hank Walter. Hank Walter has graciously donated the cost of all enhancements included during this special meeting.

The Rumsey Park Sign was recently noted as in need of repair/reattachment to the posts. (Note: Following the meeting, as members left the area, it was noted that new posts have been installed by Public Works and will be painted soon.)

A Thomas moved to adjourn; seconded by M. Amerikaner. Motion was approved unanimously and the meeting concluded at 1.58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Roberts, Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Committee