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10/05/2011 Minutes

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 5, 2011 – approved November 2, 2011

In attendance: Jane Auger, Lisa Decker, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Ann LeRoy, Leslie Mayer.

The minutes of the July meeting were accepted with minor clarifications. There are no minutes for June and September: official meetings could not be held due to lack of a quorum.

Mill Brook:

Lisa and Adam Kurowski have updated the map of our "vision" for Mill Brook. Lisa will put it on a CD for the Planning Department so that it can be archived. Brian Barber probably also has some material worth archiving.

Lisa made a presentation about Mill Brook to the Garden Club. We want to keep the idea of a linear park before the public

Joey, Carol Kowalski, and Adam Kurowski walked along the first part of Mill Brook this summer and found various problems. They want to do additional walks along the rest of it.

We want to meet with ARB, which has its next meetings Oct. 13 and Nov. 7 and 21. Joey will ask them and ask for a week's notice. We should try to get a contact person with ARB.

Lisa suggested that anyone who has an idea for Mill Brook, e.g. a good spot for adding a bench, should take a picture of the site.

Is there any place along the brook where a retention pond for floodwater, or a wetland, can be created?

Could we get a professional evaluation of the possibilities for one segment, e.g. from Brattle Street to Grove Street, as a prototype?

If we could get Mill Brook designated as a federal historical site, we may be able to get federal funds.

Other ideas:

Should we do any more management plans? For any area along Mill Brook? What benefits if any have come from the management plans we have already done?

Campaign against invasives?

Other news:

Town Day was blessed with beautiful weather. Our map of Mill Brook, attracted much interest.

Arlington has applied to MAPC for a grant to help with the proposed master plan. OSC has sent a letter in support. A decision is expected in November.

Leslie reported that the fenced dog park at Thorndike field has gone out to bid, and the tennis courts at Wellington Park are just about done.

MyRWA has funds for two more rain gardens in Arlington, which must be used by the end of 2012. Joey is asking for suggestions for sites. Some possibilities mentioned were at Colonial Village, somewhere along Mill Brook, and at the "circle" near the high school parking lot.