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## Open Space Comm. Minutes - 06/07/2006

Open Space Committee  
Minutes for Wednesday, June 7, 2006  
Approved, July 5, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm; present were Chair Ann LeRoy, David White, Patsy Kraemer, Elizabeth Karpati, Joey Glushko, Adam Pachter; joining us were Ellen Reed of Conservation Commission, and Peter Braun - a resident from the Window on the Mystic neighborhood.

Minutes from the May 3, 2006 meeting were not available for review; Joey Glushko will take minutes for this June 7 meeting.

Ellen Reed and Peter Braun were invited to discuss their concerns and intentions for the area known as Window on the Mystic. Ellen focused attention on efforts to clear the understory of small maples and future introduction of small shade tolerant trees (like pawpaw and catalpa); Peter Braun spoke of introducing bat houses, updating a brochure modeled after a Habitat/ConComm. example, and the formation of a "friends group" for the site; Ellen and Peter are developing a contact list. Joey contributed that the Planning Department was looking at the site for accessibility improvements, and would like to apply for Self-Help funds from the State; Planning Dept. would like to work with advocates toward developing a plan, and applying for funding.

**ACTION:** David White will work with site advocates for arranging site and plant inventory and project to begin clearing; Ellen and Joey will get together to try to prepare a plan and draft for a grant application.

Other project updates: Appalachian Mountain Club's Urban Conservation group (AMC) is looking for ideas/projects; Stroker Rogovin is the contact for them. McClennen Park was dedicated on June 3; well-attended despite rain, and a nice celebration for Alan McClennen.

**ACTION:** David White will contact AMC regarding the Meadowbrook Park area which might be a project which they could help with.

**ACTION:** Upcoming Events: Reservoir Dam Dedication on June 9, 2006 – Lowell St. area, 9 AM. Patsy Kraemer's Retirement Party – June 15, Whittemore Robbins House, 6 - 9 PM.

Open Space Plan Development: Efforts are being made to incorporate Open Space Plan outreach efforts with a larger and broader approach to looking at zoning and development issues in the town. Open Space Comm. has \$15,000 in CDBG funds for its efforts, and Selectmen have put forward another \$15,000 for Planning; the Planning Dept. is seeking an additional \$30,000 in Smart Growth Technical Assist. funding from the State to facilitate a comprehensive look at issues before the community.

**ACTION:** Assignments to Committee members to review and update various sections of the 2002-2007 plan; see accompanying listing.

Next meetings: Wed., July 5, 2006 and August 2, 2006

**ACTION:** Laura Wiener (Fair and Affordable Hsg. Director) and David Levy (Housing Corp.) will join us on July 5, 2006 to discuss initiatives to develop housing on Pond Lane, on town-owned property.

Updating 2002-2007 Open Space Plan  
Current Open Space Plan may be found on the Town Website:  
[www.arlingtonma.gov](http://www.arlingtonma.gov)

	Section Title	Assigned Committee Member
2C	Accomplishments	
	Goal A1 <b>Preserve, Protect, Enhance...Natural Heritage</b>	<b>Elizabeth Karpati</b>
	Goal A2 <b>Preserve, Protect, Enhance...Recreational Space</b>	Patsy Kraemer and Leslie Mayer
	Goal A3 Historic Open Space Protections	<b>Patsy K and Joann Robinson</b>
	Goal A4 Legislation and Regulation for Open Space	Joey Glushko
	Goal A5 Acquire and Enhance New Open Spaces	Ann LeRoy
	Goal B1 Ensure Access	Leslie Mayer
	Goal B2 Access and Use of Water Bodies	Leslie Mayer
	Goal B3 Linking Open Space Sites	Leslie Mayer
	Goal B4 Communicate and Educate about Open Space	<b>Ann L and Friends/Stewards</b>
	Goal B5 Stewardship Program	David White
	Goal C1 Management Policies and Plans	Teresa DeBenedictis
	Goal C2 Fed., State, Regional and Local Protections	Joey Glushko
	Goal C3 Volunteer participation in open space planning	Ann LeRoy
	Goal C4 Funding – public and private	<b>Ann LeRoy and T. DeBenedictis</b>
	Goal D1 Enhance Arlington's Green Character	Teresa DeBenedictis
	Goal D2 <b>Encouragement of private and Community gardens</b>	Teresa D. and Patsy K.
	Goal D3 Promotion of Sound Environmental Actions	Elizabeth Karpati
3	Community Setting	Ann L. and Joey G.
4	Inventory and Analysis – Sect. A-E, G	David White
4F	Scenic Resources and Environs	Michele Hassler
5	Inventory for Conservation and Recreation	<b>Leslie M. and Adam Pachter</b>