

Richter Park Authority Master Plan Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 5:00 P.M.
Richter Park Authority Office
100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury CT

Chairman Judy Griemsmann called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
Members present: Bobby Bria, Judy Griemsmann, Al Mead
Also present: Pete Siecienski
Absent: John Priola

Mr. Mead made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2022 Master Plan Committee meeting. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Update on Richter House Grant and Renovation

Mr. Siecienski gave the following update regarding Richter House funding:

- \$1.2 million remains from CG state grant.
- \$ 500,000 additional funding from City of Danbury
- \$200,000 additional available from State Historical Society if matched by City of Danbury
- \$ 650,000 award from the State of CT bonding commission to be used to make the Richter House and property ADA compliant

Update on Musicals Stage Renovation

Mr. Bria reported that the “Renaissance at Richter” Gala held on July 8 to benefit work on the new stage was a huge success. Performances of “The Sound of Music” have been well received and well attended.

**Richter Park 50th Anniversary Celebration, September 17, 2022,
11:00a.m.-5:00p.m.**

Plans for this event include:

- PR -**
- Story to be written for i95 broadcast
 - Mr. Siecienski will work with Mayor’s office
 - FORE will create 4 page pamphlet for PR ahead of event and as handout on day of. (Page 1, Cover design, Page 2 Mission statement and brief history, P3 Schedule of events for the day, P, 4 Look at status of Richter Park today and brief information about role of FORE.
 - Social media - Facebook and others. Someone needed to assist in setting up.
 - Other - Create one page pdf flyer that can be distributed via email to service groups, libraries , Danbury Museum and Historical Society, etc. to be posted on websites.

Opening Ceremony to dedicate the Felix Bonacci Walk

Mr. Mead will oversee. Invitations will be sent to those with long history with Richter Park. Three from this group will be asked to make a few, brief remarks. This event will be followed by dedication of the bench in honor of Bob Succi and Roger Gautrau.

Park locations to be highlighted or have focused activities include:

- Tennis Courts - RAA Board will be asked about sign to hang at tennis courts in honor of Susan Roberts, a long-time, enthusiastic supporter of tennis at Richter Park.
- Hiking trails
- Driving range - a variety of activities (contests?) to be ongoing during the day. Golf professionals to oversee.
- Stage events - Mr. Bria has arranged for a 30 minute musical performance to occur every hour on the hour between noon and five pm. He is willing to share every other hour with RAA, if they choose to do so.

Food and Drink

Food and drink during the day should be simple, portable and reasonably priced. David LaJoie is looking into this.

New Business

None was discussed.

Mr. Mead made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Mr. Bria seconded. Motion passed unanimously.