

ROUTE 18
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERING TEAM**

CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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BOYD PARK TASK FORCE
MEETING NO. 1 REPORT
January 31, 2001

DATE: December 1, 2000
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall
City of New Brunswick, NJ

1. PURPOSE OF MEETING

To review the current park uses and define the scope of Boyd Park improvements for inclusion in the Route 18 Section 2F, 7E & 11H project. (Agenda attached)

2. MEETING SUMMARY

Paul Nowicki opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He reviewed the agenda and asked for input on the goals and objectives for this Task Force. The task force needs to define the concept and scope for facilities and uses of the parkland expansion in the City Docks area in order to determine the enhancement design concept and to formulate and address the permitting application requirements.

Tom Loughlin, representing the City, commented on the design concepts illustrated for a public boat launch and the picnic gazebo in the City Docks area as favorable uses, which would be a significant enhancement to the park. He also expressed the need for the promenade next to the river to connect from the City Docks area to the rest of Boyd Park for park continuity. This would require some integration and coordination with the Rutgers boathouse facility.

Mike Heenehan then mentioned the steps required for the Green Acres Program permitting which requires an application from the City of New Brunswick. Paul Nowicki commented that Gannett Fleming would assist in preparation and provide information for the application and permitting process. Mike explained that for acquisition of the land, which is to be swapped, the appraiser from NJDOT must meet with the Green Acres appraiser to determine its appraised value as real estate, not parkland. He also explained that the Green Acres permitting process takes between six months to one year depending on the steps required for approval and that a separate Green Acres public hearing must be held as part of the process.

Paul then asked the group for comments on the types of facilities, enhancements to the Park and uses they would like to see in the footprint for this area of Boyd Park. Mike Morgan distributed a list of potential general recreation park uses for review. The City expressed interest in this area having complimentary uses and facilities for the park. The active uses would be boating, fishing, biking, running/jogging and in-line skating. The passive uses would be picnicking, play lots, bird watching, sightseeing and walking. The facilities to



consider would be the boat launch, picnic pavilion, bike racks, parking and potential restroom area.

To summarize, Paul stated that once the facilities and uses are determined and a footprint is developed, other considerations such as landscaping, signs, lighting and retaining wall features could be discussed. The comment was made that these enhancements should be consistent with the aesthetic design features for the overall corridor. A number of the members of this task force are also on the Corridor Aesthetics Task Force. In addition, it was noted that input from Rutgers is needed, so an additional task force meeting should be held to review the facilities and uses discussed, before presenting this information at the next CPT meeting. To close, the task force group decided to visit the site. Comments expressed during the site visit included: the desire for continuity of the promenade from the City Docks area to the rest of the park which involves the Rutgers boathouse frontage area; evidence that it is used for fishing now but an improved area with a public boat launch would be a significant improvement; the need for Rutgers to review the suggested enhancement design to enhance this area; and to hold another task force meeting in early January prior to the next CPT meeting.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- Task Forces Members to review Boyd Park enhancement concepts for the City Docks area and to provide comments to Gannett Fleming on uses or facilities needed.
- NJDOT and Gannett Fleming will contact Rutgers together with the City to review the promenade area prior to the next task force meeting if possible.
- Mike Morgan will provide and distribute task force meeting report via email and confirm next meeting date to assist Task Force chairpersons Tom Loughlin and Glenn Patterson.

4. NEXT MEETING

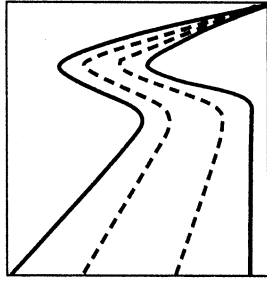
Date: Early January, 2001 (tentative)
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall
City of New Brunswick, NJ

5. LIST OF ATTENDEES

<u>Attendees:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Merissa Buczny	New Brunswick Development Corporation (DEVCO)
Jim Campbell	City of New Brunswick, Parks
Sarah Clarke	New Brunswick Development Corporation (DEVCO)
Thomas Loughlin	City of New Brunswick, Administration
Mike Heenehan	NJ DEP, Green Acres Program
Paul Nowicki	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Mike Morgan	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Martine Culbertson	M. A. Culbertson, LLC
Jay Pandya	NJDOT, Environmental Services

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BOYD PARK EXPANSION TASK FORCE

MEETING NO. 1

AGENDA

December 1, 2000

Objective: To discuss the community issues associated with Boathouse Drive and Boyd Park expansion; and to identify potential concepts for the expansion of Boyd Park in the area of City Docks.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Agenda Review
- Meeting Goals

II. Boyd Park Expansion in the City Docks Area

- Community Issues
- Park Expansion Concepts
- Public Meeting Approach

III. Summary and Close

- Action Items
- Feedback / Next Meeting

