

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes January 2021
Meeting Held February 3rd
Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present via Zoom:

Jim Willcox
Bert Hughes
Carolyn Cairns
Andrea DeVitto

7:00 PM Meeting Starts

Marina: Continued discussion about the marina walkway, with two paths being proposed. Both would start at the bridge to Memorial Park, then continue east along the inlet, and then cross the parking lot to the southeast corner of the marina basin. One plan suggests building a crosswalk with speed tables that would cross to the west up to the pumping station, and then move north along the western wall past Spear Street until it reaches the Burd Street sidewalk. The other plan would have the path continuing straight (north) along the edge of the marina basin, past the former River Club property to Burd Street. The majority of the Waterfront Committee believed the western path was the better choice. It was suggested revisiting the marina in person to review both paths.

There was also continued discussion about moving the current location of the kayak racks closer to the launch ramp to improve the viewing locations, offering a broader view of the river from areas along the inlet. It was also noted that there seems to be a high demand for kayak storage, so it was suggested the village build one or two more racks to accommodate demand.

The Commission will also discuss realigning the parking slots near the inlet; as currently striped, they face cars away from the river and inlet, so it is recommended that the stripes be redone so parked cars face the river and mouth of the inlet for better viewing. These views were communicated to village administrator Jim Politi.

The Parks Committee continues to review options for the use of the River Club area, including the cost of bringing nice restrooms with wash facilities to the area. The Parks Commission will meet with the village administrator to discuss flush-cutting the current pilings, filling the area with gravel, or erecting a low wooden platform/boardwalk in that area, and bringing electric and water to the area for a possible food truck court. The concept would be to create sittings areas and picnic tables with scenic waterfront views to attract either food trucks or a pop-up restaurant to that area.

Parking in Memorial Park: Continuing discussions about whether the current prohibition against parking in the park itself would continue after the coronavirus pandemic was over. More discussion with Village to follow concerning availability of handicapped parking, possible drop-off

and turnaround zones for families taking kids to the playground or splashpad once they're again open.

Meeting adjourned 7:40