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Open Space Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025 at 4:30 PM
311 North Avenue, Conference Room and Remote Meeting

Present: Scott Gustin, Dan Cahill, Zoe Richards, Rebecca Roman, Kyle Tansley, Nick Warner, Lauren Chicote, & Sharon Bushor.

I. Public Comment

Sharon Bushor commented about the fund.

II. Conservation Legacy Fund

- Request by WVPD for funding of engineering design and construction cost estimates for riverbank work at Derway Cove and Mayes Landing

Nick Warner overviewed the request for Conservation Legacy Fund monies.

Dan Cahill, consider amount of project within Derway (legacy fund project) vs. Mayes Landing (not legacy fund). Also, did legacy fund monies go into design work for 311 North Ave? Nick Warner, most of the land is within Derway Cove (not Mayes). Dan Cahill pointed out the "river goes where it wants to" aspect. We need to consider that. Zoe Richards pointed out phosphorous reduction benefits.
All three present supported moving it ahead. Staff will reach out to the City Attorney's Office for their review.

Dan Cahill (with remaining time), Conservation Legacy Fund thoughts:

- Be able to assess project applications based on available funds, not necessarily property lines (i.e. Derway vs. Mayes) or whether originally conserved with legacy funds. Zoe Richards, maybe set a dollar amount in reserve for acquisition and adjust per inflation annually. Flexibility for other funding opportunities. Annual Board review of the system. Maybe broaden the definition of Urban Wilds.

III. Adjournment

5:30 PM.

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