

Greeley Park Advisory Committee
Mines Fall Conference Room
848 West Hollis Street

Date: June 10, 2026

Call to Order: 5:03PM

Attendees: Stephanie Ballentine, Vicki Donchess, Alyson Galipeau, Kathy Lodi, Lisa Law, Richard Smart, Kerry Miller

Director Lisa Fauteux

Superintendent Bryan Conant

Call to Order: 5:05PM

Approval of Minutes – Paper copies were distributed to the Committee members, as there was a glitch in posting d/t new City website development. Minutes were not posted prior.

Public Comment: no public comment

Meeting was led by Director Fauteux in the planned absence of Fran Murphy.

- Discussion:
 - Members requested a list of planned Greeley Park Summer Activities – Lisa F will provide this at the next meeting.
 - In the absence of a true local newspaper, how is information disseminated to the public? Currently on Facebook, which does not get to all residents. Also, an electric portable sign positioned in Greeley at times for special events.
 - Director Fauteux: The City website is undergoing a “redo” and events will be posted there very soon, as well. Multiple events are planned for the annual SummerFun series.
 - Pride Parade will be held at Holman Stadium this year, as the NPD had concerns re ability to cover a large downtown parade, NPL venue.
 - Frisbee Golf course at Roby Park is completed and is beautiful, operational.
 - Renaissance Park is completed and looks beautiful. Lots of public usage noted. Official opening, Light the Night kayak parade with the Drone Light Show was a big success despite the weather, and well attended.

- Expanding the Community Gardens were discussed, removal of landscape debris and brush to allow sooner plot expansion. Praise of the new manager/system, as now there are more equitably sized plots and a greater number of plots, as well as monitoring/redistribution of fallow plots to enhance usage. Concern was raised re “grandfathering” of larger, double plots. Director Fauteux stated larger plots would be maintained/grandfathered.
- Superintendent Conant: mentions that as soon as the new DPW building is completed at the Route 111 site, equipment and some materials may be moved out of the area, and the Gardens could be expanded.
- Consider starting on some of the easier things for the Committee to do while awaiting more input and discussion of Master Plan. Consider signage on the Gazebo re reserving usage and price.
- Superintendent Conant will look into a Gazebo sign.
- Horseshoe pits revisited - some pits are in poor condition; not all are used. All are maintained by DPW. Need clarity on policies, dues, public access, and league schedules. Consider Corn Hole pits to encourage use by younger groups. New signage is needed.
- Questions re the rental income obtained from Park/field usage by teams and other groups. Superintendent Conant advised the monies collected for fields, Gazebo, etc do not over cost of usage but help defray some costs – monies are added to Greeley Park funds for Park use. Athletic fields see heavy use. Not all usage is by Nashua residents. Bandshell is also rented out. Live music in the Bandshell every Tuesday is usually well attended.
- Local (private) schools use park areas for gym classes; need clarity on fees, agreements, insurance, and liability.
- Forestry management and tree safety discussions -
- Noted lack of forestry management historically; safety concerns from dangerous trees (e.g., post-Barker property development) and hazardous paths related to falling branches/trees.
- Parks department capacity is limited; selective forestry would be a first step to avoid later disruption. Proposal to hire a forestry company for selective cut, prioritize removing white pine, preserve hardwoods, improve safety and habitat health, rejuvenate growth, and potentially generate \$30–50k in revenue.
- Superintendent Conant was involved in a similar project in his former position. He will check with his contacts for a consult on forest evaluation and clean up. It was noted that UNH also has a Forestry Program, could this be a possible contact as well.

- Anticipated normal public resistance; need strong PR/public education emphasizing safety and access.
- **Things to Consider for next meeting:**
 - Invite additional community members/staff, who have valuable historical information about Greeley Park and experience in areas of need to the next meeting:
 - June Lemen, Sherry Dutzy as well as Matt Sullivan.
 - Compile and share a list of all Greeley Park user organizations and their usage details; assign ownership and deadlines.
 - Confirm horseshoe pits access policy, dues, public availability, league schedules, and facility locking; review agreements and governance.
 - Assess feasibility of expanding victory gardens, including clearing brush/debris and coordinating with DPW operations.
 - Pull detailed field usage schedules from RecDesk for soccer, softball, and cricket; clarify school use policies (fees, agreements, insurance, liability).

Next Meeting will be on July 8, 2026 at 5:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 6:07PM

Submitted by Stephanie Ballentine