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**Schenck's Island Merwin Meadows Special Meeting**  
**Minutes April 2, 2019**

Attendance – Susan DiLoreto, Eric Fanwick, Peter Gaboriault, Jade Hobson, Farah Masani, Kim Purcell

Others in attendance – Mike Conklin, Sarah Gioffre, Lynne Vanderslice, Michael Doherty of Malone and MacBroom Team

Meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Conklin introduced Michael Doherty of Malone and MacBroom who along with Tom Sheil and Suzanne Schore also of Malone and MacBroom, had facilitated participation activities at the first SIMM Committee charrette on 3/24/19. Today's Special Meeting was called to discuss attendance at last charrette and explore strategy to increase participation for final charrette scheduled for Sunday, 3/28/19.

Lynne Vanderslice explained there is no money in the budget beyond the initial cost to develop the conceptual plan for SIMM. Any project selected will require private fund raising.

Mike Conklin distributed copies of all emails he received from individuals who were not present at the charrette, but had contacted Mike's office with their feedback on the two parks.

Mike Doherty reviewed data collected at the first charrette.

Most common comment for Merwin Meadows was focus on renovation of what is already present at the park, including improving the functionality of all facilities and the aesthetics of the park.

Schenck's Island:

Most common comments included improving visibility of the park, protecting the habitats, removing invasives, and using the park for entertainment, possible bandshell popup and or structural.

Hydrology of the ground is driving factor for plan.

Overall flood plain cannot be raised or lowered.

General flood plain permit takes minimum of 3 months for review.

Michael Doherty explained M&M intent is to design a long-range conceptual plan that could be implemented over time. Projects and costs will be delineated so that a selected plan can be phased in as funds are available.

Discussion then turned to how to increase attendance at 4/28/19 charrette.

Farah Masani suggested bringing in a food truck or providing old teenagers for babysitting children as community service. She will research and reach out to SIMM Committee with ideas and for support.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted.  
Susan DiLoreto