

Genesee Valley Park West Master Plan

City of Rochester, Project #20042, NYSDOS #C006965

Advisory Meeting #2 - Minutes

Date: July 24, 2013, 2:00-4:00 PM

Location: Genesee Waterways Center, 149 Elmwood Ave, Rochester NY 14611

1. Project Update

Inventory and analysis phase nearing completion. Includes: (1) general inventory and analysis, (2) building conditions reports, (3) waterfront condition report, (4) hydrological analysis, 5) cultural landscape report, and treatment recommendations, and (6) programming.

All are now complete or in final editing and will be consolidated into one submitted Inventory & Analysis report by mid-August.

2. Recap of Public Meeting Comments from June

- Underutilized – needs to be more heavily used, not as heavily used as it was years ago
Restrooms for trail users / recreation field users
- Clean up area near I-390 flyover – incorporate into park
- Elmwood entry intersection needs to be redesigned – dangerous, confusing
- Greater separation of vehicles and pedestrians in park – limit vehicle access to areas, remote areas of the park
- Trail users getting lost – need wayfinding, circulation
- Genesee Valley Greenway is incomplete (dangerous)
- Ball fields need to be improved (drainage, amenities, maintenance)
- More accessible boat launch for vehicles (better hand-carry access)
- Don't repeat the same mistakes – going against the principles of Olmsted's design
- Need to restore Olmsted's vision, ignored for too long – make all decisions based on the original vision
- Would like to have areas that are quiet and meditative – I-390 is noisy
- Want beautiful nature as a backdrop for athletic fields – create natural communities
- Screen views of Brooks Landing from park – development opened up negative views
- Do not dredge out the island sediment from the river, leave it natural
- Keep the Genesee Valley Canal / rail corridor treeless and free from incompatible development
- Use the tree inventory data to inform the park design

3. Conclusions and Guiding Principals

See handouts (5 sheets)

4. Programming Discussion

See handout (1 sheet)