

RED BANK COMMUNITY MEETING #1
MEETING MINUTES SESSIONS #1 AND #2
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

4:30 PM DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Green Acres funding involved in prior development – green theme should be maintained
- Tennis courts – reconditioned and reused
- Any development must be consistent with Green Acres regulations
- Boat landing with taxi service to Atlantic highlands, etc.
- Horseshoe dock – in adequate security – leave it for day boat use
- Pickle Ball or smaller courts
- Additional parking
- Northern end is under utilized
- Get access to water – family, fishing
- 1,000 signed a petition to repair tennis courts
- Tennis courts are not private
- Tourists desire to play tennis
- Youth tennis opportunity
- Plastic courts previously discussed
- Variety of uses should be possible
 - Passive and active
- Environmental concerns
- Attract residents and tourists
- People are looking for programming – family
- Access to the water – kayaking
- Rent the park for a Wedding?
- Self-sustaining – public/private partnership
 - Bryant Park
- Keep it tranquil / soothing / playground
- Better separation of diverse use
- Not a lot of public access
- Dock and dine opportunities are not being capitalized on
- More connection to hospitality industry
 - Similar to Atlantic Highlands
- Very little public access to the river now
- Maintain public access
- Stay away from private control of the park
- Access to the park should be equitable to all residents – east and west
- Passive Park – not commercial
- River safety
- Recreational opportunity for boating
- Additional day boat docking opportunity

- Current dock area seems unsafe
- Existing playground is not adequate – need better
 - Possibly a water feature
- Make bathrooms useable during events
- Something different in the place of the tennis courts – passive
- Similar to Hobken Pier ‘A’
- No more pavement
- Connect Riverside Gardens Park somehow
- Small, low impact vendors
- No development in the park
- Clay courts are lo impact – less injury
- USTA grants are available for courts
- ‘It’s a park first’
- Plaza/meeting area - gathering space
- Dock and dine
- Clay courts are important
 - Youth tennis opportunity
- Clay courts were very popular – not other options
- Before Hurricane Sandy, the courts were very popular
- Historically, there were kids teaching (tennis) programs on the courts
- Movies in the park
- Concerts in the park
- What can be done at night?
- Parking aisle along the river prohibits riverfront sitting, etc.
- Remove parking at river edge to increase green space
- Passive nature of the park is important and desired
- Keep tennis courts, but can they be used as a skating rink
 - Multipurpose
- Flooding – how do we protect the park in the future?
- Small craft opportunities – river is shallow
 - Dingy landing dock
- Skate boarders have damaged other areas – skate opportunities here?
- Seasonal uses
- Maintain access to pump station
- Channel in the river presents a potential safety concern with small craft
- Tennis courts appear under utilized
- Is data available about the use of the courts more recently?
- Would need to be well maintained, well used, financially responsible/feasible tennis courts – open to all in town
- Clay courts are disappearing
- There are tennis courts available in town now
- Concept for transient dock exists – 100’ floating dock for 6-7 boats public
- There is a need for day trip space at the dock
- Planting plan – pollinators, balance between lawn areas and wildflower / flood tolerance

- Chris' Landing will offer kayak launching (Mountain County Pk)
- Consider allowing dogs in some fashion

7:00 PM DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- What are the rules and regulations governing the park?
- What is the best for Red Bank and adjacent neighboring uses?
- Tuckerton type waterfront area
- Unique to Red bank
- What waterfront activates can be added?
- Red Bank as a 'destination'
- Kayak opportunity in Marine Park
 - H/C access at bulkhead
- Parking – can it be removed/modified to provide parking that doesn't impact park use?
- Safer walkway
- Impervious surface study recently completed - identified parking that can be used
- Should cater to residents and others who want to access the water
- Playground is important but can be moved away from the water
- What about the 'slope' lawn area?
- More access to the river – kayak launches
- Municipal canoe/kayak rental opportunity
- A place to build community
- Dog park opportunity – not currently a lot of options for off leash
- 'Yappy Hour' – designated for dogs off leash
- Water recapture opportunity – control erosion
- Small craft launch
- Additional docks out into the river
- Horseshoe dock feels unsafe – how is it run?
 - Could it be used for better river access?
- If clay courts are restored, it must be protected from flooding
- Small scale vendors only
- Centerpiece of the town that should look fabulous all the time
- Playground should be outstanding example in the county
- Red Bank is known in the tennis community for its clay courts
- USTA would welcome more clay courts
- Pickleball is very popular – could work here
- Get better viability and raise the courts
- Tennis community if a big part of the park
- Do the clay courts "need" to be at the riverfront?
- Marine Park floods now
- What would happen to the courts if they are rebuilt and it floods again?
- How is Marine Park governed? What options are available? Public-Private partnership
- How is the park going to be managed or maintained?
- Red Bank is a "classic"

- Not good access for special needs – need better walkways – better ‘FLOW’
- Introduce more wildlife opportunities
- ‘Blind spot’ in the channel at end of Irwins?
- The courts are water view, not waterfront
- Other courts in town are not used much
- Clay courts could be enhanced to be very high quality
- Previous boat ramp was removed with hospital expansion
- Where would boat ramp trailers park?
- What is Chris’s proposing?
- Clay courts could have been restored cheaply (35K)
- 45 people playing Pickle ball courts
- Be able to walk there
- Can the waterfront be “connected” so people come to the waterfront to walk along it?
- Development at Driscoll Bridge seeks to provide what Red Bank already has
- Broad St. pedestrian walkway into the park
- Can the parks be connected?
- Parking is needed to support park operations
- Tennis or basketball courts in the park with natural elements
- Maintenance and management are important
- No commercial buildings
- How will traffic be managed if more people are encouraged to sue the park?
- How can the river be used after dark?
- What about people who don’t have kids or dogs?
- Full Moon Paddle – from Maple Cove at full moon times – currently overcrowded from a parking perspective
 - Can be unsafe coming back
- Kayaks are popular because trailers are nor necessary to transport
- Clean water is important – river should be clean and well used
- Losing parking would impact older citizens’ ability to get to the park
- Should be dinner/boat ride opportunities
- Bulkhead should be open to fishing/crabbing
- Can the courts be moved up the hill to avoid flooding?
- No walkways over private property
- Better sidewalk connections that weave down the slope
- Need plantings, tables, upgraded playground
- Flood elevation has to be taken into account
- Small craft access is needed
- Skateboard park or options
- Enhance fishing pier
- Music and art festivals
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Maintain DPW access
- Affordable river dinner cruises – River Lady in Tom’s River, NJ
- Better skateboard opportunities – here and throughout town

- Trolley system to bring people to the waterfront without having to park at the waterfront
- Is a 'Heritage Trail' possible – can Union St. be converted? Could connect the 2 parks – walk past the Boat Club and the Ice Boat Club
- Provide transportation to the park to free up more space for the park – run trolley from school parking lots to the waterfront.
- Educational component is missing – Tuckerton Seaport
- Connect children to the river – what it means, how it works, and why it's important
- What can be done to improve Warf Ave.?
- Only 2 tennis courts in Red Bank now
- Can the Boat Club and the park users 'combine' facilities in a way that serves both?
- Who will manage the 'Trolley' operations – fishing?
- Provide places for all types of users – including for relaxation

OPPORTUNITIES / CHALLENGES:

(GREEN = POSITIVE; RED = NEGATIVE)

- Peaceful contemplation on the hill
- Under used new corner
- No skate board regulations – too much damage and how to control it – plenty of space in Red Bank Atlantic ??????
- Amazing views from marina area, benches
- Use of space for parking
- Parking area by river needs to be green