

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

Date: September 9, 2026

Call to Order: 5:00 PM

Attendees:

Committee Members: Stephanie Ballentine, Vicki Donchess, Kathy Lodi, Alison Galipeau, Kerry Miller

DPW Assistant Director: Matt LeBlanc

City Planner: Matthew Sullivan

Alderman: Trish Klee

Nashua Conservation Commission: Dick Widhu

Quorum was determined to be present

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were not available, nor approved, as they were not found on website by members. Trish Klee and Matt LeBlanc confirmed. Last meeting, salient points were reviewed. Will follow up with Claire Edwards re posting the Minutes

Public Comment: no public attendees or comment

Discussion and Follow Up:

Kathy Lodi continues to review the Historical Context of the Park. She has not been able to find any evidence that the Park was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Will continue to look for more details in old records. Potential contacts include Dan Hudson and Mark Sanders in the Engineering department, the Planning Department, Public Works, and the historical society.

Noted the Park's land was willed to the city with the stipulation that it must be kept as open public space, and no for-profit businesses can be established on the grounds. Evidence that initially, 160 acres were deeded, buy various amounts and been added and removed, shrinking the total acreage that is counted today.

Ways to disseminate info to the interested public was revisited – consider the E-Newspapers, Library postings, City Hall Website - Parks and Recreation webpage and the DPW Facebook page.

Matt Sullivan will share maps of Greeley, as “portioned out” into different areas so members can start discussion of Master Planning for each area of the Park. Dick Widhu suggests some reference and public awareness plan be made to the Abenaki peoples. These Native Americans inhabited the Nashua area prior to the European settlements.

Matt Sullivan discussed request for Proposal (RFP) and funding status for a Master Plan. Developing this Plan is a multi-year process, and it was suggested that the Committee request FY28 funds for evaluation and planning. There may be some existing funds available as well.

A copy of the will is considered crucial for the Master Plan also.

It was again emphasized that any forestry management, should be delayed until a comprehensive Master Plan is developed.

Playground Repairs: Discussion deferred

Request for Short- and Long-range Plans for repairs, changes, and updates in Greeley. Matt LeBlanc suggests contacting Lauren Byers, Communications Administrator, Div of Public Works for this –

To Do Items:

- Obtain copies (from Lauren Byer) of agenda for DPW plans for changes and improvements, repairs of the Park; near-future as well as long-range.
- Obtain copies of GPAC Mission Statement – Nashua City Ordinance O-22-015
- Next BPW meeting Sept 24 at 4PM, in the Conf Room of the DPW. K Lodi and F Murphy will speak to the Board.
- M Sullivan will send Greeley Park “areas” map to Claire to distribute to Members. We will discuss the first 3 areas at the next meeting. He will also bring copies of Deed and Will to next meeting (there are multiple Deeds).
- Need Copies of the GP Advisory Committee Mission Statement
- Ask Dean Shaloup re Olmstead Firm Park design? Master Plan (who is doing this?)

Adjourned: 6:30PM

Submitted September 14, 2026

Stephanie Ballentine