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Waterfront Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Meeting Time and Location:

We decided for now to meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month, from 6:00pm – 7:30pm, at the B:Hive, located at 285 Fairfield Ave. in Downtown.

Our next meeting will be on June 15th from 6:00-7:30pm at the B:Hive.

City Updates

Pilot Projects

Sliver by the River RFP Update

3 responses, selection decision by mid-June

Bridgeport Harbor Shipyard RFP Update

3 responses, selection decision by July

Industrial focus with public access required

Waterfront Public Access Rezoning update

Defined “waterfront” more broadly than shoreline as it is in the plan

Working with City Attorneys to craft language

Expected done in July – will send draft to the Advisory Board

National Planning Conference References

See attached presentation

I will send a file with the waterfront presentation that I saw at the conference on June 5

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Central Avenue Progress

Request for attorney to be assigned to send notifications of trespass

See attached presentation for maps

Advisory Board Next Steps

Advisory Board Discussion

Should we change the structure of the board, or maybe hold off for a while on creating formal body and focus on Working Groups?

Decided to focus on working groups and current meeting structure for now, as opposed to establishing a formalized board

See attached for descriptions of each group, there may have been some confusion about each group's role in April.

Important

The marketing and events groups merged due to low interest.

Unless you are very interested in pursuing funding sources, we are going to wait on establishing the funding group until there are projects or events identified that require funding.

Please email me what group you would like to participate in if you were not at the May meeting

Working Groups

Split into groups and discuss next steps with other people interested in your Working Group

I will send out contact info to each group of the others who have signed up.

Other topics?

Should we invite other people to speak about waterfront issues to the group? NY Riverkeepers was one suggestion. Feel free to suggest.