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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 July 20th from 6:00-7:30pm at the B:Hive.

A reminder, we now have a webpage on the Bridgeport City website that has information from each meeting and other waterfront related files. Here is a [LINK](#) to the Waterfront Advisory Board website.

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City Updates

30 Minutes

Pilot Projects

Sliver by the River RFP Update

Interviews will take place on June 22nd. If you are interested in taking part as a non-voting member in the interview process, please let me know and I will see if we can allow some of the Board members to simply sit in.

Central Avenue Progress

The City Attorney has sent notifications of trespass to all encroachers of Bridgeport City property between Central Ave. and Johnson's Creek on the East End. All of the encroachers have responded that they are willing to work with the City and want more information about the City's timeline. Planning will be meeting with a number of other departments in the next couple of weeks to figure out what the next steps will be once property is

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accessible to the City once again. The goal is to, at least, allow for the public to access the paper streets that provide views of the water. However, we must be cognizant of illegal dumping and liability issues that will arise if we do not ensure the safety and security of the sites before allowing the public to access them. We will try to come up with a plan and timeline by the July 20 meeting.

Other Waterfront RFP

Bridgeport Harbor Shipyard RFP Update

The response period for the RFP has closed and 3 responses were received. The City is currently working to assemble a selection committee and schedule interviews.

Other Waterfront Info

Waterfront Public Access Rezoning Update

Updates to the Waterfront Public Access Easement Section 11.9 in the zoning code will be submitted to the PZC in July. What is different in the update?

Change *may* to *shall* provide public access easement

Apply the public access easement to all zones in the City

Explicitly describe the extents of the where the public access easement applies (along what stretches of water) and extend this area beyond the Waterfront Mater Plan study area

Exemptions for 1-4 family housing, allow PZC to grant exemptions for water dependent users

New website up: ideas for additional content?

Website [LINK](#)

Add the theoretical drawings that have been proposed for Johnson's Creek by groups outside of the City to the website

Add information about/examples of successful waterfront projects as aspirational reference material

National Planning Conference presentation available

Events – Barnumpalooza: anything else before July 21?

Other Upcoming Events: Downtown Thursdays

Farmers Markets

Potentially use these ideas to set up table and inform people about the plan, invite them to participate in the Board

Advisory Board Next Steps 45 Minutes

Working Groups

Working Group Reports

Split into groups and discuss next steps, set short term goals, set a meeting time

In order to help jump start the working groups, we decided that at the next meeting, the entire group will come up with initial goals and projects for each working group. This could help to initiate the formation of the groups and give structure to initial working group meetings.

Other topics? 15 Minutes

Feel free to bring something up and we can add it to the agenda!

Walker Homes of the Trust for Public Land was able to win a \$ internal grant to dedicate towards analytical mapping related to the Bridgeport Waterfront Pathway. Great work Walker!

Community members asked that I find out about the potential for dredging in Johnson's Creek

We discussed the idea that there should be some more outreach to businesses and other local organizations to increase participation in the Board