

Bridgeport Waterfront Advisory Board Meeting

Date and time: Thursday, 12/14/2017, 5:30pm

Location: B:Hive, 285 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport

Purpose:

Begin planning a launch event on the Bridgeport waterfront for spring 2018.

Meeting Notes:

Sliver by the River Update

- A Phase 1 ESA was completed by Freeman Co. The site, like most waterfront sites in Bridgeport, has some soils designated as “urban fill.” These will need to be tested for potential contamination. The City is now pursuing a Phase 2 ESA for the site and expects to receive proposals in early January.

Central Ave./Johnson’s Creek Update

- MetroCOG has entered into contract with Milone and MacBroom to design shoreline revitalization on the western bank of the western spur of Johnson’s Creek. The City worked with MetroCOG to have the conceptual design of a walkway/boardwalk included in their project scope.
- The City is pursuing Phase II environmental site assessment of City owned ROW’s extending from Central Avenue to Johnson’s Creek. The City is working with current property abutters to negotiate access for the environmental assessors. Testing should occur in Late January or early February, with lab results and a full report expected 1-2 months after testing.

Event Planning

- We want Bridgeport residents to know the waterfront is theirs to gather, play, recreate, fish, and relax in. We are planning a spring event in early-mid June in Downtown Bridgeport’s waterfront.
- The group discussed ideas of activities and programming, coming up with more than 15 ideas ranging from art, music, on-water recreation activities, food, and more.
- The group also brainstormed potential sponsors, identifying around eight possible institutions.

Next Steps

- Contact us with additional ideas for activities/sponsors and with additional people who should be involved in the event planning process.