

Bridgeport Waterfront Advisory Board Meeting

Date and time: Thursday, 01/18/2018, 6:00pm

Location: B:Hive, 285 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport

Agenda:

- 1) Recapping progress and kicking off 2018
- 2) Story map
- 3) Summer installation at Waterfront Park

Meeting Notes:

Recap on the Waterfront Advisory Board (WAB) for new members

- Initial WAB structure and subcommittees came from Waterfront Plan – idea is to assist in creating a citizen lead waterfront advocacy group to implement the shared vision of the Waterfront Master Plan
- Opportunity sites include:
 - Jonhson’s Creek
 - Sliver by the River
 - Yellow Mill
- Zoning Initiative
 - Looking at precedents from Norwalk, Stamford, New York to develop a new standard for developments along the waterfront to have public access
 - Will be proposing Overlay Zones along much of the waterfront
- Congress St. Bridge
 - Want to rebuild as a fixed span bridge for cars, pedestrians, and cyclists
 - Advance Approval granted by the USCG in January after months of coordination, allowing City to forego obtaining “Bridge Permit”

Story Map

- Trust for Public land is putting together an online multi-media piece to tell the story about the waterfront
- Discussed suggestions for additional content
- Discussed suggestions for specific individuals/organizations to reach out to for testimonials

Summer Installation by Waterfront Park

- The City has a permit to install a floating dock/on-water use in Waterfront Park beginning July 1
- Waterfront Park is the dock/piers located behind Bridgeport’s train station
- Need the WAB’s help in coming up with ideas and reaching out to people for this summer installation
- Discussed four unique ideas for the Bridgeport waterfront and four example precedents from other cities
- Discussed having a launch event either in the late spring or early summer