

Pop Up Project Update

Portsmouth Citizen Response Task Force subcommittee

June 21, 2020

The Citizen Response Task Force subcommittee met regarding the Bridge Street Lot Project on Tuesday, July 14 at 4pm via zoom. The recording of the zoom session has been posted on the task force page of the city website.

Present:

Russ Grazier, subcommittee chair and task force member

Deb Anthony, subcommittee member and task force member

James Petersen, task force co-chair

Brian Kelly, Pop Up Portsmouth

North Sturtevant, JSA, a member of the Portsmouth Design Professionals Alliance

Joseph Almeida, City of Portsmouth

These notes are general in nature and are intended to document topics discussed and are not minutes.

- Peter Rice reported that the sewer line has been installed for the Bridge Street Lot. This line will only be used for the restaurant water stations to ensure safety and sanitation needed for food prep and service.
- We determined city funds allocated by the task force would be utilized for:
 - Sewer line (cost TBD)
 - Water access (cost TBD)
 - Fencing to secure perimeter and ensure safety and security (cost being sought by Peter Rice)
 - Generators for power (approx.. \$27,000 for summer, including fuel)
 - Porta Potties (approx.. \$2,500 for summer)
- Water access will be installed by city including meter and backflow. Will need to work with plumbing inspector. We are viewing this as a temporary installation.
- With the additional numbers provided by the city, Pop Up Portsmouth will provide an updated budget this week.
- Plan is to begin installation of fencing/barriers, water, generators, and porta potties the week of July 20.
- Still working for a July 23 start date

Additional notes provided by task for co-chair James Petersen:

- Sewer and water by City
- Porta potty - \$2500/3mos.
- Generator, conductor by City. Not including diesel fuel. Peter estimates \$7600 for duration. 3 mos rental.
- Panels on sheds part of shed design.

- Panels with quick connect.
- Stage and shed work permit pulled by electrician.
- Site sewer and water piping by City
- Shed will have water, power and sewer.
- Dishwashing shed
- Beer shed
- Food shed qty-3
- Five shed total
- Hand sinks in each
- How to plumb, pitch sewer? 1/8" to ¼" pitch says City, Jim from City will plumb
- Sheds on sleepers
- Meter on hydrant, pex to each shed
- PEX by City

Information provided post-meeting:

Businesses that are interested in retail at Bridge Street:

- Calli b.
- Rain for the Sahel and Sahara
- Macro Polo
- Cotillion Bureau
- Country Farm Candles
- Beju's Body&Soul
- Bell Farm Shops
- Ersilia Design
- J+G Jewelry
- Seacoast Scrunchie
- Baby and Bou / PORTSMASK
- RiverRun Bookstore, Inc
- Wandering Sprouts
- We Fill Good
- Diversions Puzzles & Games

It was clarified with Pop Up Portsmouth that only Portsmouth businesses should have access to this site.

Clarification on why Pop Up Portsmouth is partnering with the task force on this project:

- There needs to be a fiscal entity that accepts donations and operates the project. My understanding is that this is not the type of project the city would run with city staff and 100% city funds and that it made more sense for an independent entity to run this effort.

- Fiduciary oversight of donor funds.
- Again, all city funds are being expended directly by the city. No city funds are going to an outside organization. The city funds are being used to set up the use of public space for economic recovery from the pandemic.
- An independent entity can acquire insurance and provided the needed staffing for the effort.

Notes prepared and submitted by Russ Grazier, 7/15/2020