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PRINCIPLE



January 20, 2021

Mayor Beckstead and City Councilors
Portsmouth City Council
Portsmouth City Hall
1 Junkins Ave
Portsmouth, N.H. 03801

Re: McIntyre Property Dialogue

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors,

Thank you for the opportunity to assist the City with the public input process for the McIntyre property, a decision that will impact this community for generations.

As you are aware, Portsmouth Listens and the City's urban design partner, the Principle Group, convened a two-session study circle dialogue the first two weeks of January 2021. 177 Portsmouth residents participated in twenty-two dialogue groups responding to the framing question:

[What values and visions will guide the design of the McIntyre project to make downtown Portsmouth the best place to live, work and play for everyone?](#)

In the first session, participants were asked to identify values that have helped make Portsmouth the best place to live, work and play for everyone. In the second session, the participants used their values to identify visions for the McIntyre property. Reports of their values and visions are attached and on January 20th, you will hear directly from each group.

In the next step, the Principle Group will create design sketches based on the values and visions identified by the study circle participants. The sketches will be available for input and review by Portsmouth residents. The City Council and the developer, Redgate/Kane, can then utilize the "values and visions" and sketches to negotiate a final plan for the McIntyre property.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all that participated; and special thanks to our twenty-two facilitators, the heart and soul of any dialogue program.

Sincerely,

Portsmouth Listens

Jim Noucas, Co-chair

Principle Group

Russell Preston, Director