



CITY COUNCIL MCINTYRE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021 MEETING

The McIntyre Subcommittee held the January 19, 2021 meeting via Zoom.

Chair Peter Whelan opened the meeting at 3:06 with a roll call.

Subcommittee Members Present via Zoom: Chair Peter Whelan and Councilors Deaglan McEachern, John Tabor and Paige Trace.

City representatives present via Zoom: City Manager Karen Conard, City Attorney Robert Sullivan, Principal Planner Nick Cracknell, Moderator Synthia Ravell and Legal Secretary Marian Steimke

Also Present via Zoom: Mandy Reynolds of Principle Group (PG), Jim Noucas of Portsmouth Listens (PL), Andrew Bagley, Gerald Duffy, Jake Jachowicz, Stephanie Seacord, Justin Richardson

Public comment:

Andrew Bagley of 40 Chauncey Street expressed what a great experience PL was. Their group had a great facilitator, and he called in to say thank you.

Chair Whelan closed public comment at 3:07 p.m. and said he wanted to discuss the Council meeting for the following night.

Ms. Reynolds gave statistics on attendance at the PL study circles which included attendance rates for the two nights of 72.5% and 69.2% of those that signed up – which was great representation. She said they have had positive feedback and will be compiling all PowerPoint slides onto one deck. Ms. Reynolds will be the main presenter, but each panelist will have the chance to speak. Chair Whelan said he appreciated all her hard work. Ms. Reynolds will send an email inviting all PL facilitators, and members can watch the event. Those present discussed the option of providing public comment, but decided the night would be to focus on PL due to time constraints. An opportunity for public comment can be provided at a later date. All agreed.

Ms. Reynolds said most groups have one presenter. Jim Noucas asked if councilors will have an electronic copy for that night. Ms. Reynolds said yes, she will compile and send according to session 1 and session 2. Those present agreed to wait to post reports on the website until after the Council heard the presentations.

Attorney Sullivan volunteered to monitor the time of each of the speakers.

Chair Whelan discussed the invoice from PG in the approximate amount of \$5,200.

Councilor McEachern moved to approve the invoice from PG, seconded by Councilor Tabor. On a roll call vote 4-0, the motion passed.

The design architect workshop was moved to February 11th. Ms. Reynolds said they are in the process of getting designers to participate on the panel.

Chair Whelan and the City Manager confirmed the following night's City Council meeting would be simulcast live on the City's YouTube page.

Mr. Nocas wanted to thank PG for their hard work and said what the Subcommittee will see is what they are looking for – and that is the creative visions and values for the McIntyre. The Chair agreed and also said he appreciated the work of PL.

Chair Whelan said all positive feedback has been received.

Ms. Reynolds said they will share survey results during the design panel.

Councilor Tabor thanked Jim Nocas, the PL group, Ann Romney, Robin LeBlanc, Bill Lyons, Burt Cohen, with a big thanks to Mandy Reynolds and her PG team.

Councilor McEachern moved to send a formal letter of thanks from the Subcommittee to those involved. Councilor Traced seconded.

Chair Whelan said that was a great idea and said he would not do a roll call vote. They could draft a letter and take it up at the next meeting.

Councilor Trace asked if the architectural design meeting would be open to attendees. Ms. Reynolds said there will be a session where the designs will be presented. Then the public will be able to present their questions to the designers. It will be a public meeting.

Chair Whelan said there is another bill coming from PG. He was looking forward to the following night's presentations.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor McEachern, seconded by Councilor Tabor. Motion passed on a roll call vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Date Signed: _____

Peter Whelan, Chair,
McIntyre Subcommittee

Minutes taken by
Marian Steimke, Legal Secretary