

October 20, 2021

STATEMENT OF THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MCINTYRE SUBCOMMITTEE

It is with disappointment that the City Council's McIntyre Subcommittee has reviewed the comments to the media made by our development partner, Redgate/Kane, and its principal, Michael Kane. Although Redgate/Kane has expressed to the media that it believes that a negotiated resolution of the issues involving the McIntyre Federal Building is not possible, the Subcommittee has believed and continues to believe differently.

The City and Redgate/Kane have been working together in an increasingly cooperative fashion in the past months to secure that resolution. Evidence of that is contained in Mr. Kane's letter addressed to the City Attorney dated October 18, 2021 and released by Mr. Kane to the media. That letter outlines meetings which have been recently held between Redgate/Kane, the Subcommittee, and City consultants, the Principle Group and Lisa McCann. We believe that those meetings produced meaningful discussion which if given an opportunity, can lead to a settlement of the case brought by Redgate/Kane against the City.

The challenge facing the Subcommittee and the City Council in connection with the McIntyre Federal Building is complex. The citizens of the City have selected a design. As our development partner knows, we have been in active discussion seeking the approval of the National Park Service of that design. Simultaneously, we must continue to work with our development partner, Redgate/Kane, to reach an agreement under which Redgate/Kane will construct the selected design in accordance with a financial plan that must also satisfy the requirements of the National Park Service. Notwithstanding that complexity and the comments recently made by Redgate/Kane, we will continue with those efforts.