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STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR
VAUGHAN-WORTH-BRIDGE REVITALIZATION
7:30 A.M. – Wednesday, November 1, 2017
Conference Room A
Portsmouth City Hall

Members in attendance: Rebecca Perkins, Chair; Nancy Pearson, City Councilor; Vincent Lombardi, Historic District Commission; Dexter Legg, Planning Board; Everett Eaton, Economic Development Commission; Barbara Destefano, Resident; Jay McSharry, Downtown Business owner

Staff Present: David Moore, Assistant City Manager; Juliet Walker, Planning Director

1. Call to Order

Chair Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

2. Discussion: Draft Concept Review with Halvorson Design

Assistant City Manager Moore stated that the staff has met twice to review the design and the presentation. He introduced Ted Touloukian of Touloukian Touloukian Architecture and Urban Design and Bob Uhlig of Halvorson Design Partnership to give a presentation based on the input over the last few months.

Following the power point presentation (available at the cityofportsmouth.com website), Chair Perkins opened the discussion of the various concepts presented.

Highlighted during the presentation were the five points for discussion:

- Civic open space – active and dynamic year-round
- Public Parking – for adjacent businesses
- Architectural Character Reflective of Portsmouth
- Active Building use – engagement with open space
- Abutter Opportunities

Chair Perkins stated that both Mr. Touloukian and Mr. Uhlig were responsive to the points made during the last discussion.

Further discussion was held regarding the Options presented with the committee concluding that there were portions of both options that they preferred in regards to parking options, open space, placement and look of buildings, etc.

Assistant City Manager Moore stated that this process is to establish the concepts and outline the merits of the options presented.

Chair Perkins reviewed the next steps stating that she would like to hold one more meeting to finalize the presentation and then present it to the City Council by the end of 2017.

Mr. Lombardi asked if a 3-D model could be done for the Council presentation. Planning Director Walker explained that because this is in the concept stage, that is not available at this point.

Mr. McSharry stated that as a business owner he is concerned with parking and would like those options explored more thoroughly. Assistant City Manager Moore stated the next Council will continue work on parking supply/demand.

3. Adjournment

Chair Perkins closed the meeting at 9:55 a.m.