

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Kathy Bergeron

In attendance: Kathy Bergeron, Rick Becksted, Kathleen Boduch, Cliff Lazenby, Lori Soloway
Absent: Larry Cataldo, Chase Hagaman, Paul Mannle

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Lori Soloway was welcomed as a new member by the president. Lori is replacing Kelly Weinstein.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT—Kathy Bergeron

The event was very successful with 19 neighborhoods participating. There were no issues. DPW was tremendously helpful throughout. A suggestion was made that the participating city departments spread out their visits in order to get to more sites.

WARD 4 FORUM AND PANEL —Kathy Bergeron

This was also a wonderful success with panelists giving summaries of their work and responding to residents' questions. The Portsmouth Fire House 2 on Lafayette Road was a very good venue for the event.

CANDIDATES FORUMS—Kathy Bergeron

The various forums are listed on the city website.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PROCESS —Kathy Bergeron

The deadline for CIP request forms is October 15. Information can be found in the city newsletter.

REPLACEMENT FOR CITY MANAGER—Kathy Bergeron

Various meetings with department heads and stakeholders will be held in the interview and hiring process for the new City Manager position. A public opportunity to meet the finalists will be held on October 8th. October 9 the candidates will meet with the council for final interviews. They are hoping to have a replacement named by mid-October. That will give the final candidate time to give notice at their current position. If no one is selected by mid-October, they will continue the search.

ISLINGTON CREEK PARKING PILOT—Kathy Bergeron

Kathy spoke with Larry Cataldo, who termed the process "paused." The process has been referred back to the Parking Traffic and Safety Committee. Some good has already come out of the process, however, in that the parking principles in the city have been reconsidered, with some focus on the responsibilities of businesses and employees, possibilities for rate changes for employees and residents at the new garage.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

WIBIRD STREET

Some residents have had items taken from their unlocked cars. Residents are urged to lock their vehicles.

SOUTH END

Friends of the South End (FOSE) sponsored another successful Fairy House Tour Weekend which will benefit participating schools, Strawberry Banke and the John Langdon Historical House.

CHRISTIAN SHORE CREEK

The residents requested improvements to the path along the North Mill Pond. DPW accomplished that as well as the installation of some picnic benches and tables and mowing along the paths. Their second annual Regatta was a wonderful success again.

Residents want to know when the Cate Street intersection will be built and suggest that it be paid for by the developers before the buildings are built.

Neighbors are concerned about the impact of the large number of units in the new development on the New Franklin School. And they also want to know the actual number of units. They are getting different reports. Kathy will let John Wycliffe know if she hears about any new meetings.

The WARD 5 FORUM—Kathy Bergeron

This last neighborhood forum may have to planned for January, but looking into venues for November or beginning of December..

With there being no further business the meeting as adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Boduch, Secretary