CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS May 3, 2021 Council Meeting

The following e-mails were received:

April 19, 2021 (after 5:00 p.m.) - May 3, 2021 (before 9:00 a.m.)

If you need further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 610-7208.

From:	James P. Bouldoukian via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	City Swimming Pool
Date:	Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:44:35 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by James P. Bouldoukian (jimbouldoukian@gmail.com) on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 11:09:36

address: 550 Winnacunnet RD, Hampton, NH 03842

comments: Dear Council members:

I do hope all of you are managing to stay healthy, safe, and sane during these difficult times. It hasn't been easy but there is now a light at the end of this dark, scary tunnel.

I am writing to you to urge for funding to reopen the Portsmouth City Pool. I heard there were some repairs that need to be made before it can open. I hope the city of Portsmouth can somehow manage to allocate funds for this.

I have been a member there for many years. Not only is swimming a great physical activity, but also is quite helpful mentally. The pool is such an asset to so many of us.

When the pool was on the verge of closing 10 years ago or so I voiced my opinion at council meetings backing the SIPP proposal to keep the pool open.

In conclusion please allocate funding to reopen this all-too-valuable asset.

Respectfully yours, James P. Bouldoukian

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From:	Kenneth Gwynne via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk
Subject:	Dustbin / charges in north end west Portsmouth
Date:	Monday, April 26, 2021 7:14:33 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kenneth Gwynne (kgwynne@aol.com) on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 06:14:31

address: 6 Washbrook Road

comments: I would like to thank all councillors in porets for there Rubbish work on how we have to put up with on our bin collections the lid is not now allowed to have a smile on the bin.

The next thing I would Like to point out about the low admissions going to start in the west of Portsmouth It Is Only a sticking plaster and more of a way to tax the motorist If I was a residents in the East of Portsmouth I would complain that your are poisonings me to pick up taxes from the west side of town and failing a Stop on the Project I would Riot until it changed.

Why do you want to kill of people on one side of town to make it look like you are a very good Whatever just for the money ???.

So give all residents in Portsmouth bigger Bins, & and Stop the unjustified sticking plaster being installed in North East Before You kill of the people in the North East and South East with the constant flow of traffic one way and none the other way. Ken

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From:	Ken walsh via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Indoor pool
Date:	Friday, April 23, 2021 12:07:21 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Ken walsh (Kenwalsh51@gmail.com) on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 11:07:19

address: 99 Willard ave portsmouth nh

comments: We fought hard in the past to keep our beloved Pool from being deleted, we've gone through many upgrades and repairs in the last ten years to where we have practically a state of the art indoor Pool used by many people for exercise to rehab, lessons, swim teams and many more each and every day. I totally agreed with the closing a year ago March for obvious reasons, however the portsmouth YMCA reopened fairly quickly as did the Dover indoor pool, trying to get a spot at either Pool takes effort and a quick finger on the computer as many people are trying to get a swim in limited fashion. I understand there is a leak in the filtration system which needs repair, we've come too far at this point to let something like this stand in the way of at least a controlled opening of some sort. I understand the outdoor pool will open as it did last year around June 15 which will also be only a certain number of swimmers allowed at one time but it would be great to h!

ave our indoor pool also operating on the same bases as soon as possible. Thank you for reading this . Ken Walsh

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From:	Jennifer Zorn via FormMail.com
То:	Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;
	<u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Indoor Pool Reopening
Date:	Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:43:55 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jennifer Zorn (jenzorn66@gmail.com) on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 05:43:53

address: 30 Station Drive, Dover, NH

comments: Good Morning Councilors,

You will see my address is Dover, but please be patient and review this short message. You may receive many emails from non-residents, as well as residents, regarding the indoor pool in the new few weeks.

Only two of you (Kennedy and Tabor) may recall the wonderful volunteer efforts and the financial donations (approx. \$600,000) to SIPP from non-residents, residents, and Seacoast businesses to save and upgrade the indoor pool to a state-of-the-art facility. These efforts began in 2010 and continued for many years. Membership and rental fees were then added to the donations for a total of approx. \$1,000,000 spent on upgrades to create a modern state-of-the-art aquatic facility.

I write to you today to ask that you approve the funds for the repair to the filtration system and begin a plan to open the indoor pool. It is my understanding that SPP will pay for a portion of the repair.

The indoor pool is a critical recreation center for the entire Seacoast and it needs to be reopened for residents, nonresidents, all four swim teams and aquatic businesses that have historically been using the pool for 40 years. The business model created and implemented by SIPP relied upon all of these users to the pool for it to have long term financial viability.

The indoor pool is the most visited recreation facility in the city, consistently logging over 100,000 visits per year since 2010.

For transparency, I was a board member of SIPP from 2010 to 2014. I volunteered hundreds of hours to help save the pool as well as donated money to SIPP, as did so many others around the Seacoast. I stand by the facts presented above based upon my intimate knowledge of the pool, its users and its operation.

If you need assistance to help open the pool and find ways to navigate through the CDC rules, I will gladly volunteer again to assist. My experience with reopening the pool in 2010 and being involved in its management and finances for four years while servicing on the SIPP board, allows me to confidently offer my volunteer services at this time.

Thank you, Jennifer Zorn

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From:	Alison Hamilton via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Indoor Pool
Date:	Sunday, April 25, 2021 8:43:56 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Alison Hamilton (iverlei2@comcast.net) on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 07:43:54

address: 61 Lawrence St. Portsmouth

comments: I would like you to take a very close look at the indoor pool. My association with it began when my two children who attended PHS used it for swim team practice and meets. My kids are now in their 40's. When I retired from teaching at PMS in 2007 I started aqua aerobics classes three times a week and have continued with those until the pool closed due to Covid.

Babies can start swim lessons there at 6 months of age. My two grandsons took swim lessons there until the closure. PMS students still use the pool for swim team practice and meets. Life saving classes are taught there. Mentally challenged adults utilize the pool on a weekly basis. People participate in lap swimming every day. There are people in my aqua aerobics classes who are in their 90's. My point is: the pool serves a tremendous demographic range of swimmers.

It is my understanding that the pool has a leak which has not been fixed even though it has been closed during the entire pandemic. I've also read that Portsmouth is receiving over \$13 million through the CARES ACT. I am asking you to kindly consider using a portion of that money to fix the indoor pool to make it ready to reopen. So many of our citizens depend on this pool for health and recreation. Please don't let us down. Thank you.

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From:	Ellen Cooke via FormMail.com
То:	Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;
	CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk
Subject:	indoor pool
Date:	Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:27:12 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Ellen Cooke (elc629@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 11:27:10

address: 79 Drew Rd, Dover, NH

comments: You've heard this already: save the pool, that's where I learned to swim! But I'll say it again. Although I am proud of the indoor pool in my home city, they did not offer lessons that met my needs. Consequently, I was more than willing to pay the extra fee as an "out of towner".

The staff at the pool was excellent: encouraging, personal, and professional. The class not only taught me how to swim, if helped me with self confidence and physical fitness. It enabled me to fully participate in water sports (e.g. kayaking) safely (I'll refrain from quoting drowning statistics; I trust you all well aware).

The swim class was a gift to myself for my 50th birthday. Please reopen and maintain the pool: I need a refresher class!

Thank you...

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From:	Garry Layman via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Indoor swimming pool
Date:	Friday, April 23, 2021 11:16:03 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Garry Layman (garrylayman@gmail.com) on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 10:16:01

address: 22 red mill lane, Rye Beach

comments: Please support reopening the pool. My wife and I used it extensively and happily paid the non resident fee.

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From:	Gerald Duffy via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	McIntyre
Date:	Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:31:17 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Gerald Duffy (Gduffy44@gmail.com) on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 15:31:14

address: 428 Pleasant St., Unit 3

comments: Mr Mayor and Councilors:

The Revisit McIntyre has vigorously demanded "real" resident input for several years. They finally got it. Several hundred people gave their time (just like all the citizens who took part in the first round of extensive public input) and participated in the extensive Portsmouth Listens process. The Principle Group took all their thoughts, ideas, and preferences and formulated a design that best reflects — from a professional designer's point of view — the preferred solution. The designers were transparent in the method and analysis they used. They were completely professional.

But the result wasn't what the Revisit Group wanted, so now they've decided it's time to revisit Revisit. And they have resurfaced the Simchik plan (modified later with greenhouses by Binnie) and are conducting a travesty they call a "survey."

If the subcommittee and Council do not accept the proposal as presented — the will of the people — you will have caved to pressure by a small vocal group who in no way reflect what the residents of Portsmouth want. To not accept the result of this thorough and expensive process is to throw the work of Portsmouth Listens, the good faith of all its participants, and the Principle Group under the bus.

Whatever credibility you had left regarding this project will evaporate. And we haven't even got to the first meeting between the subcommittee and our development partner and the long litigation process that is likely to ensue.

Regards, Gerald Duffy

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From:	Peter Somssich via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk
Subject:	McIntyre Project
Date:	Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:58:04 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Peter Somssich (peter.somssich@gmail.com) on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 11:58:02

address: 34 Swett Ave.

comments: Dear City Councilors,

While I applaud the Principle Group for their guidance and stimulating input during our design review process, I am not happy with the final proposal. They have suggested many different elements which are very attractive (e.g. the Market Shed idea), their are too many elements competing for too little in the way of project area.

I would challenge you to look at the original Redgate Kane model at City Hall, and compare the project surface area devoted to green space and buildings, with the current proposal. I do not see much improvement, especially regarding green and open space. The current project in fact provides very little in green space, and suggests that a neighboring property and the nearby cemetery are somehow part of this project. At the same time it is claiming additional space on Bow Street as part of the project, as well as repurposing Penhallow traffic-wise as part of the project.

During all of the listening sessions, and the various surveys, I believe there was wide consensus on 3 items: 1) the project must include a full-service Post Office at that site, 2) the project must include plenty of open and green space (not for commerce but recreation) and 3) the process should be focussed on a design that residents want, without consideration to what the developer, Redgate Kane might want.

On a 3 issues, the current design seems to come up short:

1) it is not clear that there will be enough room for a FULL Service Post Office, 2) it is clear that there is almost no green space on the project property, without also counting the nearby properties, including both streets to accomodate that need (the neighboring properties can't counted as current part of the project, since that has not yet been determined).

3) Since this design resembles the original Redgate Kane proposal, at least with its footprint and number of buildings, it would APPEAR TO BE a concession to the developer.

Despite the drawbacks, as I see it, we should still try to create my green space for families, and picnics and allowing nice views from those space, not just from a rooftop.

Thank you for allowing me to weigh in.

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From:	Mike Casino via FormMail.com
To:	Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;
	<u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	McIntyre Project
Date:	Monday, April 26, 2021 12:33:35 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Mike Casino (casinom@comcast.net) on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 11:33:33

address: Bow Street, Portsmouth

comments: Councilors,

Let me start by saying thank you. Thank you for doing what the previous council failed to do – create a public input process for the McIntyre project that truly used the input to direct the final design concepts. Regardless of the outcome I will feel satisfied that every effort was made in the public process to reflect the desires of those who participated. Furthermore, I feel that Portsmouth Listens and the Principle Group made an exceptional effort to obtain this input during an exceptionally difficult time. You made an excellent choice with the Principle Group – their skills and approach were a perfect fit.

Regarding the final design concept of the market shed – I think it is phenomenal. I didn't know this is what I wanted until I saw it presented. If we could create something like this at the McIntyre it would truly be an iconic image that Portsmouth will be proud of for the next fifty years unlike so much of the mundane architecture currently being erected at other sites. Building this market design concept, in conjunction with new adjacent project at Daniel and Penhallow, would make this portion of the downtown an area that would rival Market Square as a destination.

I know there are some who say this project provides inadequate open space or green space. I disagree. I think this design provides an excellent balance of open gathering space for the public and new on-site development. I do not believe that the directive from the survey/input process necessarily called for a green park on the site. In fact, I think that would be a mistake given that Prescott Park is two blocks away and we would lose the opportunity to create so many more activities and opportunities for residents and visitors. I also believe that this design provides a stronger economic component and hopefully, a reasonable starting point to negotiate with Kane/Redgate.

My only major concern with the market shed concept is how the interior of the open, glass covered market will be designed and used. We need to ensure that is a public space and not just café seating for whatever establishments might be located adjacent to the space. It needs to be fitted out, equipped, or otherwise designed so that there is a variety of gathering spots and not just a long pedestrian corridor between the entrance and the staircase.

Furthermore, all seating/gathering areas should be available to the public and not restricted to the private use of any adjoining businesses.

I know that the path forward will be challenging from a political and legal perspective but I believe you are on the right track and your efforts are very much appreciated. Regards, Mike Casino

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From:	Janet O''Keefe via FormMail.com
То:	Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;
	CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk
Subject:	open the indoor pool!
Date:	Friday, April 23, 2021 8:35:35 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Janet O'Keefe (janetpok@comcast.net) on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 07:35:33

address: 10 Appledore Ave North Hampton, NH

comments: Dear Councilors, My name is Janet O'Keefe from North Hampton, NH. I am writing to beg you to vote to open the Portsmouth indoor pool this fall, making the necessary repairs to the pool so that I and so many others may enjoy the pool that is essential for our enhanced health! I belong to the aquasize group which senior citizens like myself depend upon for impact free exercise. Not only is the the water simply a lovely environment but it is essential for those of us for whom a traditional gym is not effective or recommended.

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From:	Carolyn Scott via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk
Subject:	Opening Indoor pool
Date:	Saturday, April 24, 2021 8:25:47 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Carolyn Scott (nhgrammie@msn.com) on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 19:25:45

address: 175 Ocean Rd., Portsmouth

comments: It's very important to get the indoor pool open. It serves the needs of many people. Personally I had been attending Aquasize classes 3 times a week as part of my routine to control my diabetes. Because of some mobility problems I am only able to workout in the water. I know many people who have depended on the pool for their wellbeing. I understand SIPP has money to help with the expense of repairs as well as federal money the city has received. Please support getting the pool open as soon as possible.

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From:	jeffrey C Randall via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Peverly Hill Rd
Date:	Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:37:15 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by jeffrey C Randall (jcrandall1956@gmail.com) on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 05:37:13

address: 80 Diamond dr

comments: In my opinion ANY road improvements that don't include all non vehicular travelers is a permanent acknowledgement that motorized travel is the only priority. Peverly Hill road is already designated at 25 mph and is the perfect feeder to the southern business district of Portsmouth. Bicycle access is at least equally important to the city as pedestrian access on this road. Please reconsider the proposal to eliminate bike access as it will diminish safety, reduce incentive to alternative travel and be a permanent reminder of our city's lack of foresight.

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From:	Gabriella Costello via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	PIP Reopening
Date:	Friday, April 23, 2021 10:19:25 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Gabriella Costello (scostello3338@gmail.com) on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 09:19:23

address: 102 Woodland Road

comments: To City Council,

I have been swimming with my swim club for several years now and PIP was the go-to pool until this unfortunate pandemic hit. I always looked forward to getting on those blocks and diving in to practice for the next 2 hours. We have made the best of the situation, but it hasn't been the same to say the least.

Please put great consideration into the reopening of the Portsmouth Indoor Pool. It will not only affect me, but my coaches, teammates and the general public. I know everyone will be so appreciative if the decision to open up.

Thank you very much for listening and hopefully I have been heard.

Sincerely, Gabby

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From:	Kelly Lewis via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Please reopen the Indoor Pool
Date:	Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:31:35 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kelly Lewis (klewisboston@gmail.com) on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 19:31:32

address: PO Box 6, Rye Beach, NH 03871

comments: Hello, I'm a longtime Seacoast resident and non-resident member of the pool. I'd like to request that the City Council approve the funds to repair and reopen the indoor pool. The indoor pool has been and should remain a vital part of the community, serving youngsters as they learn to swim, athletes as they compete and adults for recreation and fitness. The indoor pool is especially important as we endure cold weather for much of the year, making other forms of outdoor recreation and fitness inaccessible. The abundant natural light and 25M length are unique features of this pool. My kids and I miss using the pool. Please reopen it! Thank you for your consideration, Kelly Lewis

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From:	Rosemarie Golini via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Please vote to approve the repairs needed on the INDOOR POOL!
Date:	Sunday, April 25, 2021 5:12:01 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Rosemarie Golini (Rogolini@gmail.com) on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 16:11:59

address: 2 Moebus Terrace

comments: The Indoor pool is sorely missed by our community and certainly my family. It is a critical recreation center needed for the health and well being for all... youth of all ages, adults and seniors alike. Please vote to approve the cost to update/repair the filtration system needed to reopen the pool to all... Portsmouth residents, swim teams, aquatic business and non- residents.

The INDOOR POOL is a critical recreation center for the seacoast and it NEEDS TO BE REOPENED!! Seacoast residents and businesses donated over \$600,000 to keep the pool open and conduct the necessary upgrades a few years back. I would like my investment open to the public.

The business model provided by SIPP makes the pool financially viable for its long term operation...

Thank you for your consideration.

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From:	DEBBY TURBIDE via FormMail.com
То:	Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;
	<u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Portsmouth Indoor Pool
Date:	Monday, April 26, 2021 3:47:47 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by DEBBY TURBIDE (deb@debturbide.com) on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 14:47:45

address: 36 HODGDON FARM LANE

comments: I love the Portsmouth Indoor Pool. When I retired, I swam at the pool five days per week and during that time I saw that the pool was not only used by our aqua fitness class (which 10 to 40 people participated in) but there were other classes going on. The fitness center was used by 1 to 4 classes at the same time and swimmers were using the other lanes the entire time. I knew the indoor pool was also used throughout the day by other residents & non-residents, the various swim teams, lifeguard training, SCUBA training and many other activities and groups. Not only did the indoor pool generate revenue from all of these different sources but it provided much needed socialization. I miss the pool and I'm sure hundreds of other swimmers of all ages and abilities do as well.

As you know, the pool has been closed since March 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns. It's time for the City of Portsmouth council members to begin taking the proper steps to open the pool to swimmers of all ages and resume normal activities that have historically been enjoyed by the entire Seacoast Community for the past 40 years. Now that most swimmers are fully vaccinated and things are getting back to normal, I'm asking you to approve the necessary repairs and develop a strategy to reopen the Portsmouth Indoor Pool in September 2021. The reopening must include non-residents, swim teams and other aquatic businesses that are critical to the financial viability of the pool based upon the business model created by SIPP in 2010.

Debby Turbide 36 Hodgdon Farm Lane Newington, NH 03801-2751 (H) 603-319-8304 (C) 603-401-0034

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From:	Carol L Prescott via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Portsmouth Indoor Pool
Date:	Sunday, April 25, 2021 8:41:33 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Carol L Prescott (cpdesigns@comcast.net) on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 19:41:31

address: 103 Mill Rd

comments: Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to support the request of the wider community to re-open the indoor pool. While I do not currently live in Portsmouth, the absence of the facility has had widespread impact for the local swimming community. While I understand the financial struggles to maintain the pool, it is a resource that is well worth the effort. I am confident the community would rally to support fundraising efforts needed to re-open the pool if the city budget falls short. Thank you for your consideration,

Carol Prescott

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From:	Donna Drapeau via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk
Subject:	Portsmouth Indoor Pool
Date:	Sunday, April 25, 2021 9:58:59 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Donna Drapeau (rddrapeau@comcast.net) on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 08:58:57

address: 1 POLK AVE

comments: There is a lot of feedback on opening Spinnaker but nothing about the Portsmouth Indoor Pool. This pool is for all ages unlike Spinnaker. There are many classes taught here. It is used for swim meets and for underwater certification. I have been a member of the pool for over 12 years. I was there when SIPP was formed and they (we) have done a fantastic job to keep this pool open. There has been a new roof and numerous other things done by SIPP to keep this pool from closing. Presently it has a problem with the filtration system and a water leak. I have spoken to Todd Hadley and right now it might open in the fall after the repairs are complete. I just want to ask the council to consider there are two pools in Portsmouth - not just Spinnaker and if any monies are given to help Spinnaker they should also consider the Portsmouth Indoor Pool.

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From:	Michael Hogarty via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk
Subject:	Portsmouth Indoor Pool
Date:	Friday, April 23, 2021 7:20:15 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Michael Hogarty (northeiger@gmail.com) on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 18:20:13

address: 3 Congress St, Apt #5

comments: Dear City Councilors,

The Portsmouth Indoor Pool is one of the touchstone centerpieces of our community that deserves your unwavering support, and I ask you to approve not only the budget for its needed repairs and annual operating expenses but also its re-opening by Sept 2021.

Indeed, it's hard to image any community like ours residing by the ocean that wouldn't offer and cherish an indoor pool for its families, its children, its students both to learn how to swim, a priceless life skill, and to continue the pursuit all its heath benefits.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Portsmouth Indoor Pool and its re-opening by Sept 2021.

Sincerely,

Michael Hogarty

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From:	Amanda Smith Dakowicz via FormMail.com
То:	Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;
	<u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Portsmouth Indoor Pool
Date:	Friday, April 23, 2021 4:43:23 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Amanda Smith Dakowicz (acsmith63@gmail.com) on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 15:43:21

address: 270 McKinley Rd, Portsmouth NH

comments: Dear Portsmouth Councillors,

I am a long time member (homeowner in Portsmouth) of the Portsmouth Indoor Pool and I was a contributor to the successful SIPP project which raised private funds to help pay for maintenance and upgrades to keep the pool open and to improve the pool experience for all.

I am writing to ask that you give your most serious consideration to re-opening the pool as soon as possible for the benefit of all the many constituencies that appreciate its amenity so much and have used and supported it over many years. Our experience of the pandemic has put a spotlight on the great importance of fitness to public health. The indoor pool plays a very important role for very many residents and non-residents alike in maintaining their physical and mental health. It is now known that well managed indoor pool environments, with chlorinated water, sanitized surfaces and high volume air flow, are a very low risk environment for viral transmission and we are quickly moving forward to universal availability of vaccinations.

In addition, I am head coach of the Portsmouth High School Swim Team. Our student athletes learn leadership, sportsmanship, and a lifelong love of health and fitness through swimming. Having the Portsmouth Indoor Pool as our home pool gives us, as well as all local children, expanded access to this important resource. We were able to gain limited pool time at the Y (which we deeply appreciated), but it's not the same as the daily activity at the Indoor Pool, as well as the ability to host other schools throughout our season for swim meets.

I would therefore ask that you work actively with the town management and Rec department to enable the reopening of the pool as soon as possible - with appropriate regard to public health advice and operating protocols for the benefit of the wider Portsmouth plus seacoast community.

Thank you for reading and for your consideration.

Best,

Amanda Smith Dakowicz

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From:	Guy S Davis via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Portsmouth Indoor Pool
Date:	Friday, April 23, 2021 8:35:51 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Guy S Davis (davicass@aol.com) on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 07:35:50

address: 11 Cotton Farm Ln, North Hampton

comments: Dear Portsmouth Councillors

I am a long time member (non-resident from North Hampton) of the Portsmouth Indoor Pool and I was a contributor to the successful SIPP project which raised private funds to help pay for maintenance and upgrades to keep the pool open and to improve the pool experience for all. I am writing to ask that you give your most serious consideration to re-opening the pool as soon as possible for the benefit of all the many constituencies that appreciate its amenity so much and have used and supported it over many years. Our experience of the pandemic has put a spotlight on the great importance of fitness to public health. The indoor pool plays a very important role for very many residents and non-residents alike in maintaining their physical and mental health. It is now known that well managed indoor pool environments, with chlorinated water, sanitized surfaces and high volume air flow, are a very low risk environment for viral transmission and we are quickly moving forward to univ!

ersal availability of vaccinations. I would therefore ask that you work actively with the town management and Rec department to enable the re-opening of the pool as soon as possible - with appropriate regard to public health advice and operating protocols - for the benefit of the wider Portsmouth plus seacoast community. Thank you for reading and for your consideration.

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From:	Bev Witkop via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Portsmouth Indoor Pool
Date:	Wednesday, April 28, 2021 2:48:05 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Bev Witkop (kbwitkop@gmail.com) on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 13:48:03 _____

address: 8 Lydia Lane

comments: Dear Councilors,

I am a resident of Newington and have been a member at the Portsmouth Indoor Pool for over 10 years. It has been a wonderful means of both exercise and socialization during that time. We now spend our winters in Florida and I often brag about what a blessing the pool has been to so many seniors here. PLEASE keep it open!

Sincerely, Bev Witkop

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From:	Emily Doe via FormMail.com
То:	Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;
	CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk
Subject:	Portsmouth Public Pool
Date:	Monday, April 26, 2021 12:27:37 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Emily Doe (ecmo15@hotmail.com) on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 11:27:36

address: 127 WILLARD AVE

comments: Dear City Councilors-

It has come to my attention that the City Council is asked to vote soon to approve the cost to repair a leak in the filtration system. I am writing to show my support and plea for you to approve the needed funds to reopen the Portsmouth Public Pool. The Portsmouth Public Pool has been instrumental for both of my children in their development. They both have gone through group and private swim lessons, and my daughter was on the Portsmouth Swim Team. Their swimming skills, personal water safety, health and strength have been significantly positively impacted by swimming at the Portsmouth Public Pool. Portsmouth is a city that needs to support having a public pool, the depth and breadth of the pool has impacted so many lives, we cannot allow it to go away. The indoor pool is a critical recreation center for the entire Seacoast and it needs to be re-opened for residents, non-residents, all four swim teams and aquatic businesses that have historically been using the pool. !

Keeping the pool open and available to all groups mentioned above is a model that works financially. We cannot let the opportunity pass us by, my children are missing the indoor public pool, and we are ready to get back in the water in September, please approve the funding necessary to make that happen.

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From:	Oliver witham via FormMail.com
	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Portsmouth skatepark
Date:	Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:11:25 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Oliver witham (Olliewitham@gmail.com) on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 21:11:23 _____

address: 237 austin st

comments: https://youtu.be/0PYbpn_kEG4

I saw this video and instantly thought of portsmouth. I know we have the money for it and with the seemingly huge influx of skateboarder/ scooter riders downtown, i think a nice concrete park is exactly what this city needs.

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From:	KAREN M GRANT via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	REOPEN THE INDOOR POOL
Date:	Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:18:15 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by KAREN M GRANT (karen-sibco@comcast.net) on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 11:18:13

address: 10 HONEYCOMB WAY, NEWMARKET

comments: I AM ONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF REQUESTS YOU WILL LIKELY RECEIVE ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE BEGIN THE PROCESS OF REOPENING THE INDOOR POOL. MANY OTHER TOWNS HAVE FOUND WAYS TO OPERATE THEIR POOLS (INCLUDING PIERCE ISLAND) AND IT IS INCONCEIVABLE TO ME THAT YOU CANNOT DO THE SAME. THERE IS A HUGE COMMUNITY OF SWIMMERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WHO COUNT ON THE PORTSMOUTH INDOOR POOL FOR A VARIETY OR REASONS, AND NOT HAVING ACCESS HAS REALLY CREATED ISSUES FINDING SPACE ELSEWHERE. THE PANDEMIC EXCUSE HAS PASSED. IT MIGHT STILL BE NECESSARY TO OPERATE WITH RESTRICTIONS, BUT THE POOL NEEDS TO REOPEN FOR THE FALL. PLEASE FIND A WAY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

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From:	Robina R Parise via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk
Subject:	Re-Open the Indoor Pool
Date:	Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:53:39 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Robina R Parise (robinaparise@gmail.com) on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 11:53:37

address: 28 Morningside Dr

comments: Good Afternoon. My name is Robina. I am currently a resident of Dover, but I grew up in Portsmouth and Rye, attended PHS and have remained a loyal patron of the Portsmouth Indoor Pool. My first job was as a lifeguard there and I was on both the Portsmouth Swim Team and PHS Swim Team - I even coached for these teams later on. I think it is such a shame on Portsmouth as a city that the community is still having to fight to save its pool. Why is it so hard to provide such an important amenity to the community? I say this as someone who hopes to be able to move back to the city in the near future to raise my kids, but the overall direction that Portsmouth has taken towards is own citizens really makes me reconsider that desire. I've found such a greater sense of community in Dover than I ever felt anywhere else in Portsmouth, other than the pool. The pool is one of the few remaining (not to mention the most visited) recreational amenities that you have left, and the ci!

ty wants to keep it closed? Just think about that for a moment. The indoor pool is a critical recreation center for the entire Seacoast, not just Portsmouth. It is a pillar of the Seacoast community. It is a place for our whole region to come together. Four swim teams and numerous business use the facility from throughout the area. When the city tried to close it 10 years ago, the Seacoast community as a whole came together to keep it open. I've made lifelong friendships there and I've always hoped my own children would be able to do the same. I haven't even gone into the most basic benefits the pool provides: a place to learn to swim. A vital life-skill when we live in an area surrounded by water. I may not be one of Portsmouth's citizens at the moment, but as a citizen of the greater community, I strongly urge you to re-open the pool and keep it open. I hope that you'll take into consideration the benefits it will provide not just to the city's current residents, but also!

the future generations of the wider Seacoast community.

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From:	Tammy via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Skate Park for Portsmouth
Date:	Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:35:51 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Tammy (tammy.gewehr@unh.edu) on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 00:35:49

address: 13 McDonough St

comments: To the City Council,

I am writing in support of a skatepark at the stump dump site. As many locals know there was a skatepark behind the Button Factory, just on the other side of the tracks. Unfortunately, this space is now condos.

My guess is that a skatepark would be a popular place for teens. We need more activities for teens. There are so many activities focused on very young kids and nearly nothing for teenagers.

Let's support our young people and provide resources to create a safe-space for them to hang out without getting side-eyed glances from so many who don't want them turning downtown into a skatepark.

Thank you, Tammy G

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From:	Eric Goodrich via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Skateboarding park
Date:	Monday, April 19, 2021 10:37:14 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Eric Goodrich (ejg31500@yahoo.com) on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 21:37:11

address: 230 Maplewood Ave

comments: I am in absolute support of this project. I was born and raised in Portsmouth, and grew up playing baseball and football but also had a love for skateboarding. It was an outlet for me in ways team sports didn't fill. I made lifelong friends from all over and learned a lot from skateboarding. These skaters are future artists, musicians, doctors, lawyers, etc..... Instead of kicking them out of places, and ticketing kids, let's support this community as we do for so many others. I thank you, and again 100% support this park.

Eric Goodrich

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From:	Bill Blum via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	Thank you
Date:	Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:32:36 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Bill Blum (blum.bill.blum@gmail.com) on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 22:32:33

address: 236 Cate Street

comments: I am thankful for your recent considerations with regards to South Church and our requests. As a Trustee and Chair of the Property Committee of South Church I am forever grateful of this. These decisions helped reduce the overall of the cost of our roof project. As a resident I am also thankful for you all doing the right thing without me asking for it.

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From:	Laura LeGacy via FormMail.com
То:	<u>Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;</u> <u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	The Indoor Pool
Date:	Friday, April 23, 2021 11:22:03 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Laura LeGacy (1978vette@comcast.net) on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 10:22:01

address: 2 Kula Court, Raymond, NH

comments: We need to have the indoor pool re-opened because:

1. The indoor pool is a critical recreation center for the entire Seacoast and it needs to be re-opened for residents, non-residents, all four swim teams and aquatic businesses that have historically been using the pool for 40 years.

2. The indoor pool is the most visited recreational facility in the city, consistently logging over 100,000 visits per year since 2010.

3. Seacoast residents and businesses donated over \$600,000 to keep the pool open and conduct the necessary upgrades. Membership fees were then added to the donations for a total of over \$1,000,000 that was spent on the upgrades. I want my investment open to the public.

4. The pool opening must include non-residents, swim teams and other aquatic businesses that are critical to the financial viability of the pool based upon the business model created by SIPP in 2010. This business model made the pool financially viable for its long term operation.

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From:	Charlie Armenti via FormMail.com
To:	Mayor Becksted; CC - Splaine; cc McEachern; CC-Peter Whelan; CC - Cliff Lazenby; CC - Kennedy; CC - Huda;
	<u>CC-John Tabor; CC-Paige Trace; City Council; CityCouncil Clerk</u>
Subject:	The Islington Creek Neighborhood Parking Program
Date:	Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:39:33 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Charlie Armenti (armeca@comcast.net) on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 13:39:31

address: 30 Cornwall St

comments: To All City Council Members.

In response to the upcoming meeting on May 6, 8am, I would like to submit my opinion about the NPP program.

1. Overall, my belief is that we do not need a neighborhood parking program in the Creek Neighborhood including the additional streets outlined by the original NPP proposal.

I believe that these NPP issues could very easily be resolve by providing our workers with a "reduced cost" parking pass at the Foundry Garage. Workings can just purchase monthly parking passes by showing their stubs from a prior month.

2. However, if the NPP does need to proceed, I propose that we stick with the original plan and streets but the NPP program should allow:

- all residents living on/within Islington St housing should be included in the NPP program and be eligible for free passes.

3. If option 1+2 are not acceptable, then I think that McDonough St (and the parking lot) should NOT be part of the NPP plan. Stop at Brewster St. but to allow:

- all residents impacted by the streets in the original plan should be eligible for free passes. ie: Islington households
- If free passes are not acceptable then charge some nominal fee (less than the parking garage fee). Maybe \$50 annually if the NPP passes.

I also think that the NPP program should be defined according to the streets that are included in the NPP program vs the neighborhood residents that are impacted by the NPP program.

The NPP streets define the parking rules and the NPP neighborhood residents define who would be eligible for the parking passes but are not part of the ALL Portsmouth resident parking pass rules who would need to purchase a pass.

ie: Free passes would be give to residents living in: Islington Creek area, Islington St (households, not businesses), Langdon, Cornwall, Rockingham, Cabot.

Thank You.

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