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STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR
VAUGHAN-WORTH-BRIDGE REVITALIZATION
7:30 A.M. – Wednesday, September 27, 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;

Absent: Jay McSharry, Downtown Business owner

Staff Present: David Moore, Assistant City Manager

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Committee Members

Chair Perkins opened the meeting at 7:37 a.m.

2. Consideration of Minutes: September 5, 2017

Mr. Legg moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Destefano and passed unanimously.

3. Draft concept review with Halvorson Design

Ted Touloukian of Touloukian Touloukian Architecture and Urban Design and Bob Uhlig of Halvorson Design Partnership stated they have met with the committee once before and also attended the public meeting held on August 29th. They then presented their draft conceptual design alternatives with a power point presentation.

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

Discussion was focused on achieving a balance between open/green spaces and parking needs. Chair Perkins stated she would like to keep the “Park Once” concept in mind through the process and also keep in mind the connectivity to the West End and Islington Street.

4. Public Comment

Chair Perkins opened the floor to public comment:

Paige Trace – discussed the proposed building between Vaughan and Worth suggesting that if more glass was used the public could see through to each space. She also suggested that the Replica of the State House could be located at the bottom of the Bridge Street parcel.

Jim Lalos – stated that he would like the committee to reach out to the current users of the area of the Worth Lot before doing more construction in that area.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.