

PORTSMOUTH LISTENS STUDY CIRCLES PRESENTATION RE: MCINTYRE

VIA ZOOM

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

TIME: 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Becksted, Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Mceachern, Whelan, Lazenby, Kennedy, Huda, Tabor, and Trace participating from their respective homes.

PARTICIPATING STAFF:

Karen Conard, City Manager; Robert Sullivan, City Attorney; Valerie French, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Becksted called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilor Whelan gave the background of the Portsmouth Listens Study Circles and then turned it over to Russell Preston of the Principle Group which facilitated the process.

Mr. Preston stated there were 177 participants divided into 22 study circles. He stated there was a cumulative total of 1,232 hours spent on the process including survey participants. He stated they will be hosting a designer round-table on February 11, 2021.

Jim Noucas or Portsmouth Listens expressed his gratitude for the opportunity for the group to provide input on another important issue for the city. He then introduced Mandy Reynolds of the Principle Group who will be the moderator of the groups as they give their 5 minute presentations on the Values and Visions for the McIntyre. The following representatives gave presentations for their respective group:

Group 1	Andrew Bagley/Michael DeLaCruz	Group 12	Robin Alert Lehman
Group 2	Mark Mininberg/Megan Harris	Group 13	Bob White
Group 3	Laura Koulet/Linda Plumer	Group 14	Lee Frank
Group 4	Nancy Novelline Clayburgh	Group 15	Mac Crawford
Group 5	Sheridan Lloyd	Group 16	Kathleen Somssich
Group 6	Jim Robinson	Group 17	Fred Calcinari
Group 7	Angus MacDonald	Group 18	Robin Lurie-Meyerkopf
Group 8	Bradford Landon	Group 19	Alyssa Murphy/Adam Ruedig
Group 9	Duncan Craig	Group 20	Susan McClure
Group 10	Kyle LaChance	Group 21	Mara Witzling
Group 11	Brian Murphy	Group 22	Giselle Hart

The City Council expressed appreciation to the participants for all of their hard work and efforts and for bringing forward many creative ideas.

Councilor Whelan stated the next steps will included sketches and design work of various ideas.

Councilor Lazenby requested that there be an opportunity for public comment outside of the Study Circle process.

Councilor Whelan stated there will be that opportunity once the sketches are brought forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Becksted opened the Public Comment:

Roy (last name not given) – stated he participated in Group 21 and feels it was a great and open process. He thank the Principle Group for their vision.

Bill Downey – stated he is glad to see the energy and creativity in this process as he feels the previous process lacked those.

Martha Fuller Clark – thanked everyone who participated and for their ideas and appreciates this opportunity to bring forward something we can be proud of in the future.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Becksted thanked everyone and closed the public comment.

Councilor Kennedy moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Huda. Motion passed on a 9-0 roll call vote.

At 9:08 p.m., Mayor Beckted closed the work session.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Deputy City Clerk