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Subject

Prescott Park

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24 Marcy Street
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Message

Dear Mayor, Assistant Mayor and City Council,

I write with respect to Councilors Cook and Tabor's Motion on the City Council Agenda for April 20, 2026, as follows:

15. City Council Members

A. Councilor Cook/Councilor Tabor

1. *Prescott Park Improvements (Sample motion - move for the City to collaborate with Prescott Park Arts Festival, to plan for and initiate improvements to the Park infrastructure, funded by the Festival to support the long-term needs of the organization)

It was just two weeks ago on April 6, 2026, that the Motion to report back on the following Agenda

item was made:

15. City Council Members

A. Councilor Cook/Councilor Tabor

- *Prescott Park Master Plan Implementation (Sample motion – move to request a report back from staff on changes to park renovations in Phase 1A of the Prescott Park Master Plan, and given these changes, how Prescott Park Arts Festival, in partnership with the City, could privately fund a covered stage and any ancillary structures to serve the Festival for the long term future)

The council's motion was to get a report back from staff on changes to park renovations with an emphasis on the festival's needs. That is the first step in this process and the nature of improvements have not been identified. There are no supporting materials, plans or other information contained in the Council Packet for either April 6 or April 20. The asterisk indicates that it is a verbal report. It is not known what improvements to the park infrastructure are contemplated by this Motion. There have been discussions and further information about the conditions in the park but those have not been publicly shared or discussed. The council is being asked to vote "to initiate improvements" - in other words to start making significant changes to publicly owned land - without any plans or information or allowing for public input. This should first start with a discussion.

The changes that became Phase 1A itself came out of the need to change the phasing in of the improvements to Prescott Park after the Master Plan was adopted in 2017 due to funding challenges specifically around the cost of resiliency measures for the park. In May 2020, the Prescott Park Policy Advisory Committee was reorganized as the Prescott Park Master Plan Implementation Committee. The City Council later approved the Phase 1A modifications in 2022. The Master Plan itself was unaffected. I served on this committee.

Phase 1A is contained in the City Council's packet. At that time, I believe about \$4.1 million was projected to cover the costs. There is a total of \$7.8 million in the CIP, which has been authorized and budgeted for and just needs to be bonded out. For almost four frustrating years, this has not been done while conditions in the park have deteriorated. Any work done "to support the long-terms needs of the organization" need to be done in conjunction with the other work in Phase 1A. Any changes to Phase 1A should be made in the same way as was done in 2022.

The Motion should not be acted upon tonight until information is provided to the council and the public to read, digest and evaluate especially given its impact on Prescott Park and the Master Plan itself. In short, this needs to be a public and transparent process.

Thank you,

Beth S. Margeson
24 Marcy Street

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Prescott Park Arts Festival Stage

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Message

Dear City Council,

I am writing today in support of Prescott Park Art's Festival. I am a proud member of the board of directors for the festival, as well as a neighbor of the park and homeowner on South Street. I believe the festival is one of the institutions that makes Portsmouth so special. I am also a parent with two young daughters. One of our favorite summer activities as a family is walking down to the park to watch a play or concert. My girls talk about staying up late, dancing with their friends on the side stage and witnessing a show steps from their home. They do not realize how lucky they are to have this venue in their front yard and at such a low barrier to entry. What most people in our community do not realize is the amount of work and effort it requires to keep Prescott Park Arts Festival operating at the level of quality it is today. It is one of the only organizations in the country that recruits the level of talent it does without relying on a ticketing model. The non-ticket, donation only approach is arguably one of the most amazing qualities of the festival (aside from the location!) and critical to the

organization's mission to provide access to the arts for all. Replacing the deteriorating stage will allow the festival to sustain the high caliber of performers, keep everyone safe at the shows, and also add to the prestige of the City park as a whole. No one wants to see a tired old structure among the prestige of the park itself! I am writing to request that the City grants the Prescott Park Arts Festival Organization the permission to replace the current stage. Please consider this request. Thank you!
Caitlin Burke

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Support for motion enabling Prescott Park Arts Festival to raise funds for new stage

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Message

Dear Councilors,

I'm writing in strong support of the motion brought forward by Councilors Tabor and Cook to enable Prescott Park Arts Festival (PPAF) to work in partnership with the City of Portsmouth to plan and fundraise for an upgraded stage and support structures in Prescott Park.

PPAF is a beloved community asset (perhaps THE most beloved community asset in Portsmouth). Frankly, it's a cultural institution with national appeal, relevance and respect - PPAF's reach and reputation extends far beyond this City, State, or region, drawing hundreds of thousands to the Park each summer. Thanks to the work of so many over PPAF's ~50 year history, our City is home to one of the great (and most unique) arts festivals in the country. It serves as a critical economic/tourism engine for the City of Portsmouth and the small businesses in town, and an immense source of pride for

residents at large.

A modern stage and support structure that matches the quality of this great festival is LONG overdue.

In addition to the reputational harm the current stage causes PPAF and the City of Portsmouth (hard to measure but certainly felt), the safety and economic impact of PPAF operating on such a deplorable stage are each more measurable and quite substantial. PPAF spends significant time and resources "patching" up the stage for each event to ensure the safety of the artists, PPAF staff, residents and other event attendees, as well as the children participating in PPAF's summer long camps. The current stage has also been a "dealbreaker" for some national touring artists who would otherwise be thrilled to perform here, but can't tolerate the risk of injury or reputational harm attached to this stage. A major loss for the community in each case.

A new and high quality stage would be a gift to this community. And its important to remember, this project would be fundraised and paid for by PPAF, alleviating the burden from the City's staff and budget.

Many thanks in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this motion and this important initiative. Please let me know if I can be helpful.

Cheers,
Caleb Ginsberg

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Prescott Park

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Message

As a long time resident of Portsmouth and the Southend in particular, I have for many years enjoyed Prescott Park and the amenities it offers to our residents and visitors alike. About ten years ago many neighbors and friends of Prescott Park joined City Officials and representatives of Weston and Sampson in a \$300,000 study to determine the best future for the Park. The commitment of the Study was "Park First." The results were presented to the City by Tom Watson in his December 22, 2017 letter. As you move forward with plans for the Park, I urge you to review the document, its findings and recommendations and continue with the a strong "Park First" mindset.

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Parrott Ave Parking Fees

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Message

Greetings Town Councilors of Portsmouth, NH,

I have lived in the greater Portsmouth seacoast area since 1979. I have owned two businesses in Portsmouth and currently reside in Kittery. For roughly 20 years I have happily volunteered at The Music Hall.

I am writing because I believe the new policy charging non-resident volunteers for parking on Parrott Avenue is discriminatory. The Music Hall is a significant economic driver for Portsmouth and the surrounding region, and it could not operate without its volunteers. Many of us are older or retired and live on fixed incomes; adding a recurring parking expense will discourage volunteerism or reduce the frequency with which people can help.

For example, if I volunteer 2–3 times per week during a 40-week season and pay for three hours each visit, I would spend roughly \$240–\$360 per year out of pocket. That cost is real and burdensome for many volunteers.

I propose one of two simple remedies: either allow regular volunteers to register their license plates with the city to avoid fines on Parrott Avenue, or issue a visible volunteer permit (a placard or window sign) that signals the vehicle is parked while volunteering. Either option would preserve the vital contribution volunteers make to The Music Hall without imposing an undue financial burden.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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PPAF Support Covered Stage approval.....

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79 Peninsula Drive

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Message

A note in support of the proposed stage improvement at Prescott Park. The festival has been a vital part of the Seacoast Community for many years. So visionary of the city to support such a great asset to the cultural summer events of a thriving community. A long with The Music Hall, its a significant partner in providing access to children of all ages to musical plays, theater operations, etc in addition to the various MUSICAL EVENTS, rising stars, festivals, etc. The city wisely provides an event location, incredibly picturest, praised by performing artists of all levels along with audiences of all ages. A SELF FUNDED festival it

needs the opportunity to improve its presentsation environment to continue to achieve its development. The covered stage fits that bill. Artists get paid whether it is clear and beautiful or not!!! Life of an outdoor festival. I've been attending events there since 2000. A main reason drawing me to this beautiful and historic seacoast city. Nothing more inviting than attending an evening .event at the park , Navy yard lit up with a tanker fully lit cruising up the river P under the Memorial Bridge. Wow!

The festival lives on donations, attendance is free to all. Please approve this non Financial request to ensure this cherished event for future generations. Thank you!!

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Prescott park arts festival stage

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Message

Please vote in favor to build the Prescott park festival stage! I've been coming to the park since moving here 13 years ago and immediately became a season/ family passholder and a 'people of the park' member. The summer program is a unique and beautiful part of Portsmouth and the people who provide all the services deserve a safe stage.

This has been discussed for so many years. It's time to act! Every person working in any way to create our wonderful summer entertainment deserves a safe, well built stage. It would create a much safer place for all staff, crew, entertainers - everyone involved in the summer activities. A safe, well built stage would be an asset to all involved and create an even more magical place for the whole community to enjoy.

Please vote yes!

Thank you and see you at the park!

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Working with PPAF to fundraise for upgraded stage

Address

47 Orchard Street
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Message

Dear Councilors,

I am a Portsmouth resident and professional theatre artist who served on the now sunsetted Blue Ribbon Committee to implement the new master plan for Prescott Park. Ever since then I have led many visitors, neighbors and friends through the Park and explained the master plan for its future. Every time I see the current stage, I cringe. It is not only a decrepit eyesore in the middle of our beautiful park, it is a dangerous liability hazard and a disgrace to this city that prides itself on being a cultural hub for the state. The awkward placement of the current stage greatly reduces space for audiences and increases the dangerous blockage of sidewalks and pathways during performances. Every summer Prescott Park Arts Festival provides free programming to thousands of residents and visitors, including nationally known musical acts and a high-quality theatrical production. They do this on a decaying, uncovered stage that has to be repaired every year and means that 30% of presentations are cancelled due to weather issues. Portsmouth deserves better than this. I

wholeheartedly support the motion by Councilors Cook and Tabor for the city to partner with the Festival to fundraise for an upgraded stage and support system. This is a win-win proposal. PPAF will raise the funds privately at no cost to the city. And Portsmouth will have a cultural landmark that is a jewel in the beautiful crown of Prescott Park. I urge you once again to support this motion, Genevieve Aichele, NH State Artis Laureate.

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Upgraded Stage for PPAF

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15 Indian Ridge Road
East Hampstead, New Hampshire. 03826

Message

I am writing to express my support for Prescott Park Arts Festival in it's hope to work in partnership with the City of Portsmouth to plan and fundraise for an upgraded stage and support structures. As a close collaborator with PPAF, The Music Hall understands more than most what it takes to put on successful concerts/events. The community deserves a stage that satisfies the incredible programming that PPAF produces and presents. It is long overdue.

Thank you very much,
James Paone
Senior Director of Programming & Front of House
The Music Hall

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Subject

New Stage for Prescott Park

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203 Tallwood Drive
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Message

I understand that the subject of a new stage in Prescott Park will be brought before the city council meeting next Monday. We strongly support the need for a new stage and will contribute to its construction if the opportunity arises. Diana and I spend July and August at a cottage on Lake Winnepesaukee and attend as many of the concerts in the park as we can. We have been supporting the PPAF for many years and will definitely support the construction of a new stage. We love visiting Portsmouth and often bring visitors with us when we attend a concert, as well as have dinner before the concert. Prescott Park is such a jewel and a new stage is a worthy investment.

Regard,
John and Diana Argersinger

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Tonights Council Meeting Re: Prescott Park Stage

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Message

April 20, 2026

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Proposed Stage Project at Prescott Park

Dear City Council Members,

As a frequent visitor and supporter of Prescott Park, I am writing to share my perspective on the proposal for a new covered permanent stage.

While I appreciate the Council's desire to bring high-caliber talent to our city, I am concerned that the

current plan may inadvertently compromise the very qualities that make this park special. For years, this space has served as a vital sanctuary for smaller, community-focused events. Transitioning to a larger-scale venue risks shifting the park's identity from a local treasure to a commercialized regional destination.

Specifically, I urge the Council to address the following before moving forward:

Infrastructure Impact: Parking and noise are already significant challenges for the surrounding neighborhood. A permanent venue intended for larger crowds will likely exacerbate these issues beyond the current capacity.

Environmental Integrity: As a protected park, the footprint of a permanent structure and the resulting increase in foot traffic deserve a thorough environmental review to ensure the natural landscape is preserved.

Public Transparency: Many residents remain unaware of the scale and speed of this project. A project of this magnitude deserves a robust public comment period to ensure the community's voice is heard. I am not opposed to growth, but I am an advocate for thoughtful growth. I respectfully ask that the Council slow the rollout of this plan to allow for comprehensive traffic and noise studies, as well as a formal public forum.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our city's future.

Sincerely,

Judy Nerbonne
189 Gates Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801

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Subject

New stage for Prescott Park

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Message

Dear members of the City Council,

As longtime supporters of the Prescott Park Arts Festival, we are thrilled to hear that a new covered stage and other improvements will be on the agenda of the next City Council meeting.

The Prescott Park Arts Festival is one of the treasures of our city and certainly makes my family's "summer in the city" very pleasurable. We bring family and friends to the concerts, our granddaughters love the camp, and of course, look forward to the musical every year. We all appreciate the artistic quality of the performances. The Festival brings together our community, old and new friends, just so much fun! It also brings in tens of thousands of visitors from out of town, who eat in our restaurants and shop in the city's stores, an economic windfall.

The Park's stage is an aging structure and in urgent need of replacement, along with other improvements to the facility. A new and improved stage will surely help to attract even more great acts to the Festival.

We have no doubt that the Board and staff of the Festival will be able to raise the funds to carry out their plans and realize their dreams. Prescott Park Arts Festival is a beloved space for our community to gather, and what makes it truly special, is that there are no financial barriers for people to attend. We would like to thank the Council for their support of the Arts Festival.

Sincerely,

Karin and Stephen Barndollar

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Adding Eid to the city calendar

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Message

Dear Members of the City Council, this email is late. But I do not want to fail to thank you for adding the Muslim holiday known as Eid, to the city calendar. This was an important action for many reasons.

One, the mosque became an official part of this community several years ago, and acknowledging the holy days of our residents whose faith is the second largest in the world and also the fastest growing in the world is important to for a city whose slogan is "City of the Open Door".

Secondly, acknowledging the Muslim community this way could not be more crucial given the Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate that has been vicious going as far back as the post 9/11 days, as well as today, as endless violence continues in West Asia under the guise of the often wrought, Global War on Terror.

As someone who travels widely and lived in West Asia, I can assure you of the unfair treatment of the Arab/Muslim communities whose humanity has been stripped by decades of US propaganda. The Arabs and Muslims of this community and around the world are every bit as human as we are.

Again, thank you for taking this important step at making our Muslim residents feel included and seen. And especially to Councilor Kate Cook who made the proposal.

Sincerely,
Karina Quintans

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Support for the upgraded stage and support structures for the Prescott Park Arts Festival

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Message

The Prescott Park Arts Festival is a cornerstone of Portsmouth's cultural identity and a vital economic driver, funneling significant summer revenue into our local restaurants and retail shops. It serves as a community centerpiece that offers accessible, high-quality experiences for residents and visitors alike. However, the current stage has become a liability—it is structurally unsafe, requires constant maintenance, and detracts from the park's beauty when not in use. I fully support the festival's proposal to fundraise for a new, permanent stage to be gifted to the city, ensuring this "gem" remains safe and vibrant for years to come.

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Prescott Park Arts Festival

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Message

I understand a motion will be introduced at this coming Monday's City Council meeting to authorize a partnership with the Arts Festival to begin designing, and ultimately building, a new stage in the park.

The performing arts are very important to us. Portsmouth is unique in the New England area with the verity of venues and diversity of performances. Certainly, Prescott Park Arts Festival is a major contributor to this.

We have been attending concerts and shows at the Festival for more than 20 years. We are at Prescott Park at least once a week and many weeks multiple times a week. We eat at local restaurants and sometimes shop local stores before each performance. We even take a hotel room some nights when we do not feel like making the one hour drive back to Alton.

We believe that a new stage will enhance the customer experience and will attract more people to engage with local businesses.

We urge the council to approve this motion.

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Prescott Park Stage

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Message

Dear City Councilors,

We strongly urge you to support Prescott Park Art Festival's efforts to improve their performance venue. The Arts Festival and it's stage are gems that make Portsmouth special to all of us and our visitors.

We have lived in the neighborhood for almost 40 years now and have always considered the Park and the performances a great asset and good neighbor. Please help them to continue their good work.

Thanks you!

Peter & Lee Vandermark

86 Ridges Court

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