

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

AUGUST 24, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Aldermanic Chamber

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION

Discussion with Economic Development Director Tim Cummings

Re: Courthouse Oval Project Status Update

Re: Request for Construction - Community Garden(s) on Corner of Pine Street & Heritage Rail Trail

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Sarah Marchant, Community Development Division Director
Madeleine Mineau, Waterways Manager

Re: Park & Ride at 25 Crown Street, Proposed Preferred Preliminary Design

From: Madeleine Mineau, Waterways Manager

Re: R-16-056 Authorizing the City to Enter into a Licensing Agreement for a Public Boat Launch on the Nashua River

PETITIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-16-056

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman-at-Large Daniel T. Moriarty
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderman Sean M. McGuinness
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron

AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR A PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH ON THE NASHUA RIVER

R-16-060

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Tom Lopez

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO DEED COVENANTS RELATIVE TO LAND SOLD TO PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG RADCLIFF DRIVE AND SHORE DRIVE

NEW BUSINESS - ORDINANCES

GENERAL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



THE CITY OF NASHUA

Economic Development Division

"The Gate City"

To: M. Cookson, Alderman, Chair Infrastructure
From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Division Director
Cc:
Date: August 16, 2016
Re: Courthouse Oval Project Status Update

Notification of the Courthouse Oval Project

I write to provide you an update on the progression of the project at the Courthouse Oval that was approved by the Board of Public Works on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 and a project briefing was also provided to Infrastructure Committee on June 22, 2016.

Project Scope

This project scope includes the encumbrance of a travel lane on the northern portion of the Courthouse Oval. The encumbrance eliminates a turn lane and diverts left turns an additional 60' north to the stop sign at the intersection of Walnut and Factory Street. The encumbrance blocks-off vehicular traffic from access in order to create an outdoor space for public use for the period of one year from the date of BPW approval.

Project Purpose

- One of the purposes of this project is to demonstrate how traffic around the Courthouse Oval could be handled in a way that doesn't use as much pavement, and in a way that would expand the development potential of the Courthouse Oval site.
- This will also be a way for us to pilot a squared-off neighborhood block that is better integrated with the established pattern of the surrounding neighborhood. Rob Parsons, who owns the Courthouse Oval building, supports the project and appeared at the BPW meeting to advocate for it.

Project Status Update

To date, there have been no distinguishable impacts on the volume or flow of vehicular traffic aside from intended outcomes.

Intended outcomes included: creating safer conditions for pedestrian crossing of traffic by reducing points of conflict, a reduction of speeds at the point where traffic flows merge (all cars must now stop for left on

to Factory Street versus the previous ambiguous yield condition), and general level of stress entering and exiting seems to be reduced (a visual survey of drivers entering and exiting the Courthouse Oval).

This project involves the assistance of community volunteers and support from a significant number of the abutting land users/owners. The Oval received donations of the following:

- Tables and Chairs from Rob Parsons (Owner of the former courthouse property)
- Roadway Paint from Ace Hardware
- Money donations from Caro Properties and Clocktower Place for landscaping improvements
- Artists' from Positive Street Art worked on the planters

The oval is currently being utilized by Police Athletic League for an art project and the Plus Company for client activities. Future planned activities include a meeting point for a community organized bicycle ride as well as a chamber of Commerce organized costume themed bicycle ride.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this project, please reach out to me.



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To: M. Cookson, Alderman, Chair Infrastructure
From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Division Director
Cc:
Date: August 16, 2016
Re: Community Garden(s) on Corner of Pine Street & Heritage Rail Trail

Request for Discussion:

I am writing to request a discussion with you and the committee relative to the construction of additional community garden(s) near the current site. It would be our intention to outline a concept plan at your next meeting and if appropriate seek approval.

Approval of Construction of Additional Community Garden

It is our sincere hope that the Infrastructure Committee sees fit to approve the construction of additional community garden(s) prior to the United Way Day of Caring schedule September 14th.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.



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August 18th, 2016

Memo to the Committee on Infrastructure

From: Sarah Marchant, Community Development Division Director and Madeleine Mineau, Waterways Manager

Park and Ride at 25 Crown Street, proposed preferred preliminary design

The City of Nashua was awarded a NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT) Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CWAQ) grant to design and construct a new Park and Ride facility located at 25 Crown Street. This Park and Ride facility will allow for ride sharing and would provide parking for a future passenger rail station. The property at 25 Crown Street was purchased by the City in 2012 using funds from this grant for the purpose of developing this Park and Ride facility. Recently, the City contracted with McFarland Johnson Inc. to provide engineering services for the feasibility and preliminary design of the Park and Ride at 25 Crown Street.

A public listening session and site tour was held on July 20th where City staff and consultants shared information about the planned project and requested public input. Several abutters, Make It Labs members, and other interested persons participated. Using public input from this meeting McFarland Johnson prepared three alternative layouts for the proposed park and ride. The three alternatives were presented at a second public meeting on August 16th. At this meeting Alternative 2 was unanimously selected as the preferred layout by participants. That proposed configuration is included with this memo. At the next meeting of the Infrastructure Committee consultants from McFarland Johnson as well as City staff will be present to present information about the planned park and ride and welcome any questions or suggestions the committee may have at this time.

The next phase of the project will be to move forward with completing the engineering study before proceeding to final design phase.



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**CROWN STREET - PARK & RIDE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
NASHUA, NH
ALTERNATIVE 2**



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From: Madeleine Mineau, Waterways Manager

R-16-056 Authorizing the City to enter into a licensing agreement for a public boat launch on the Nashua River.

In an effort to increase and facilitate public access to the Nashua River for boating recreation, the City is proposing to enter into a licensing agreement with the owners of the boat launch located at the Millyard Technology Park. Some public use of this boat ramp is currently allowed, after users complete a registration and waiver form with the private property owner.

The proposed licensing agreement will make public use easier, as the City will install a kiosk on-site to allow for users to complete the registration form any time. The kiosk has already been purchased using FY16 Community Development funds and installation will be done by Parks Department personnel. A dedicated parking area has been stripped with ample parking for boat launch users by the private property owner who will ensure maintenance of the boat launch area.

This boat launch gives access to a 4 mile stretch of the Nashua River between the Jackson Mills and Mine Falls dams. Downstream of the boat launch is the urban downtown area and upstream the River winds its way through Mine Falls Park.