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**Park, Arts & Culture Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2015 5:30 – 7:00PM
Contois Auditorium, City Hall**

Participants

Committee Members:

- Councilor Dave Hartnett, Chair, North District (DH)
- Councilor Selene Colburn, East District (SC)
- Councilor Karen Paul, Ward 6 (KP)

Staff:

- Kath Laing, Strategic Development, FFL (KL)
- Jesse Bridges, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront (JB)
- Kirsten Merriman Shapiro, Special Projects Manager, CEDO (KMS)
- Nate Wildfire, Assistant Director, CEDO (NW)
- Sara Katz, Assistant Director, BCA (SK)
- Doreen Kraft, Director, BCA (DK)
- Richard W. Haesler, Esq., Assistant City Attorney (RH)

Others:

- James Lockridge
- Mark Naud
- Ken Braverman

1. Approval of agenda & draft minutes from 7/21 & 7/27 (5 min)

Motion to approve agenda and draft minutes (KP/SC); approved.

2. Public Forum (5 min)

No comment.

3. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Update (Bridges) (10 min)

- Penny for Parks has completed 100 projects, more than \$2M total. 82% of it in the last three fiscal years.
- Parks Master Plan is coming to fruition, 2 year project. And the first every Parks Master Plan. Work of Parks staff and consultants. DH suggested a role for PACC in the Parks Master Plan, as part of the municipal development plan.

- Summer camps: increased funding for recreation and nutrition with Burlington School Food Project (BSFP); Champ Camp worked with Body Resolution. JB to provide PACC with the Parks spreadsheet quarterly.
- Recreation reorganization is complete.
- DH commented on the need to have all Athletics run through Parks (as done in Essex Junction).

4. Fletcher Free Library Update (Simon) (10 min)

- Rubi Simon sent apologies, unwell and unable to attend.

5. BCA Update (Kraft) (10 min)

- Festival of Fools – successful, date has been set for future years. Marketplace wifi showed it to be the second busiest time of year. Comedy has been expanded. DH asked about feedback from parking from Festival of Fools, the City's move to credit card was noted as appreciated.
- BTV South End: upcoming meetings further engagement, David White preparing executive summary.
- Development Director recruitment process moving forward, possibly by next week.
- NNE - DK talking to the constituency standing in for the Mayor at the Bagel in 'Mornings with Miro'.
- Listening campaign – drafting a plan to develop new and preserve cultural assets in the City; surveying musicians to understand what they are looking for studio / rehearsal space, etc; currently exploring a business investment opportunity for space.
- In 30-60 days, the City will have a report of the structural needs of Memorial Auditorium. A full assessment of keeping Memorial Auditorium in business and structurally sound will be shared with City Council. Programming to be continued over fall and winter. Working toward a new education complex, with a capital campaign to complement City budget. Timeline 5-10 years, collaborative. James Lockridge inquired if this future project for Memorial Auditorium will be included in a PIAP process. NW responded affirmatively.

6. CEDO / PIAP Update (Wildfire) (10-30 min)

- Transition – Nate Wildfire's last meeting. Ken Braverman introduced, consulting with the City for over a year; developing MoUs and due diligence process and documents; leading New Moran, Marina and Sailing Center processes. PIAP questions should go to KMS, RH and Ken Braverman. Resume review for NW's position starts following week. Estimated to be filled by mid-October. SC will ask PO about Selection Committee members.
- New Moran – Milestone schedule will be available in October. Tours of site are available for all councilors. DH insists on transparency, doubtful of \$11M fundraising goal being achieved in 11 months, he feels nervous and recommends having all discussions about New Moran in open sessions. DH feels it is important for this project to be completed, and not at the expense of the taxpayer.
- Marina – Due diligence report has been delivered to CEDO and DPW by developers. Currently being analyzed. The development agreement will be negotiated with input from report. Scheduled to return to PACC this fall regarding the development agreement.

- Sailing Center – CEDO working closely with Mark Naud and team to define terms of agreement. Mark Naud establishes that he has the support of his full Board.
 - Move to go into executive session to discuss City development agreement negotiations, premature disclosure of which would put the City at a disadvantage (KP/DH).
 - Motion to go into Executive Session (KP/DH)

Prior to moving into Executive Session:

7. Other items (5 min)

BCA Board recruitment process has 5 applicants. Selection Committee meets on Sept 9th from 5-7pm. SC will confirm if she can sit in on interviews, if not KP and if not DH.

8. Confirmation of next meeting date (5 min)

The next meeting will be September 29th from 5:30-7:00pm.

Executive Session commenced at 6:35pm.

Public meeting resumed at 7:08pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.