Wharf District Council
September 20, 2022 – Zoom Meeting Notes

AGENDA

The October 18 meeting will be in-person at the Levanthal Center and on zoom.

Boston Police A-1 Monthly Report - Given by Officer Frances Ciampa

Columbus Park - multiple noise issues with the street performers entertainment, police are aware and are staying on top of it.
9/11- 2am at 1 Liberty Square assault & battery in progress.
9/9 - 5:30pm at East India Row Avis car rental dispute.
9/18 - 11:30 1 PO Square - 2 males in construction zone on 15th floor breaking & entering & trespassing arrest
9/12 - 7pm 110 Atlantic Ave - 2 men fighting & chasing around the carousel with a knife. Individual arrested
9/4 - at 177 State St. (7/11) assault - store owner was punched over an individual trying to steal a candy bar.

Central Wharf Park's new art project – Kate Gilbert, Now + There, Executive Director

New Exhibit in the Central Wharf Park - Called 5 Marble Leaves

- Swiss Artist Claudia Comps
- Shipping delays have pushed the date but they hope it is completed by the end of next week.
- 5 Marble Leases is inspired by the pin and red oak leaves in the park
- Made from Carrara marble carved with a chainsaw.

Q: How long will they be there?
- Hoping for one year.
Q: Are they going to be "climbable" Incase children climb on them?
- Yes they are built to withstand climbing

Tatte Bakery & Café at 125 High Street – Daniel Brennan, Attorney & Kevin Vargas, construction manager presenting

- new location in the Wharf District neighborhood. 125 High St, former Cosi
  - 150 interior seats
  - 46 exterior seating under the overhang
  - small restroom in space & public restrooms in building lobby
  - 7am - 8pm M-Sat & 7am- 7pm Sunday
  - no exterior music
  - Early December opening.
  - 46,000 square feet space

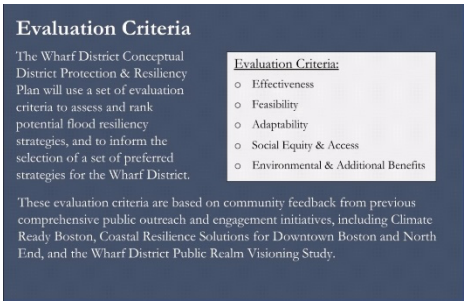
  - Requests neighborhood support for a Common Victual license

New England Aquarium – Rick Musiol Jr, Vice President External Affairs Presentation moved to the October 18 WDC meeting .

- Update on NEAq today and on planning for the future will be moved to next month

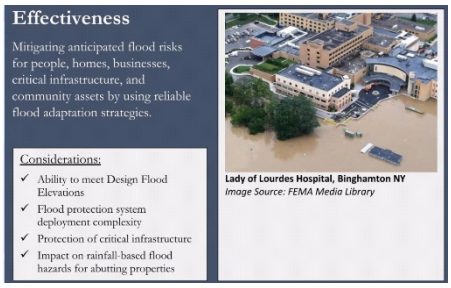
Climate Resilience Project – Derek Anderson, Arup, Associate

2022 Project Update
Due diligence phase is wrapped up.
Reaching out to stakeholders & engaging with property owners.
Evaluation criteria:



Let us know feedback

Effectiveness



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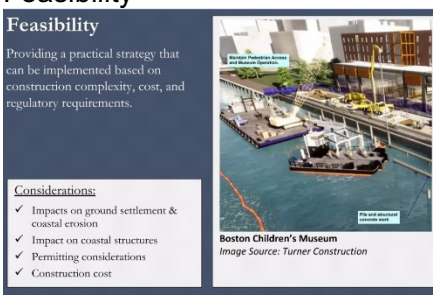
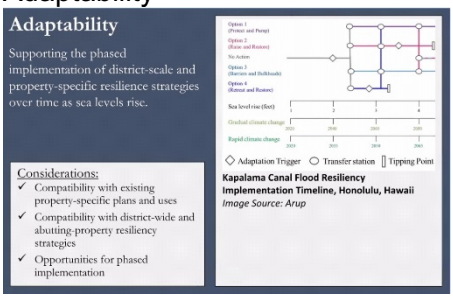
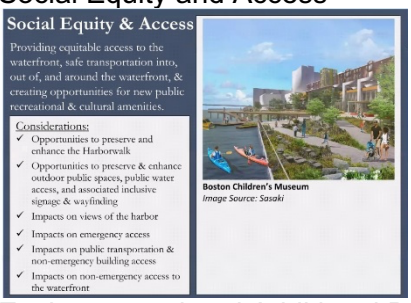


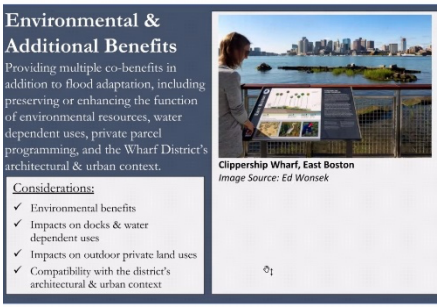
Adaptability



Social Equity and Access



Environmental and Additional Benefits



Q: How will rank the strategy effectiveness?
- High, Medium/moderate or low.

*This presentation will be on the website and we encourage everyone to review in more detail. Please share comments as well.
Rowe's Wharf is the first meeting coming up

Q: Is there a requisite to meet the standard for government funding?
-We are looking at designs to meet the standards for government funding.

This part of the study is proposed to be completed by January.

We are in line for another earmark with help from Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and thanks to Susanne for an additional $250,000 available in January

Boston Wharf District Updates

- State St Redesign Project - Working with Councilor Ed Flynn on meeting with city councilors but nothing has been scheduled
- Christopher Columbus Park is having Octoberfest on Sat Oct 15th - detail to come
- Next WDC meeting is October 18 in-person
- Meeting at city hall this Thursday 9/22 @6pm councilor Coletta sponsored this meeting for harbor planning. Contact Councilor Coletta's office for details

Executive Committee

- WDC vote on Licensing Board letter for Tatte Bakery & Café
    - Vote to support Tatte.

- Vote to support Moon Love Cafe on State St to add takeout.

- WDC wrote a letter to the Boston Cannabis Board (BCB)reiterating our position that there are too many dispensaries in the Wharf District neighborhood and could not support the proposed dispensary in Faneuil Hall on North Market Street, to be located in the old Durgan Park Restaurant location. THE BCB did not rule on the application before them.
    - A copy of the WDC letter is located on this the WDC website.
    - People are encouraged to write letters to the BCB, requesting that no additional cannabis dispensary applications be approved for this neighborhood.