

Community Development Committee
July 16, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes
2:00 PM City Hall Auditorium

Present: Karl Albrecht; Claire Berkowitz, Gretchen Jaeger; Jennifer DeChant, Andrew Francis, Farrington Fochesato

Absent: Chris Marks

Staff Present: Misty Parker

1. Welcome – Albrecht reflected on work accomplished during his time on CD: Equity statement, public art, playground projects, and other efforts. He then shared his resignation notice with the Committee and that he would not be reapplying for another term on the Committee. The group thanked him for his service to the Committee.
2. Approval of June Minutes- tabled.
3. Bath at Play Request- Bath at Play has reached out regarding the process to add two other percussion pieces to the Bridge Park display. It was asked if it is within existing location or new location? Checklist mentioned but may not all apply entirely. The Committee advised using the draft policy as a test and directing him based on this. Areas to be considered:
 1. What specific instruments- no mouth instruments.
 2. What is noise level of combined instruments at property line
 3. Physical placement
 4. Confirmation of location vetted by Public Works and Parks and Rec
 5. MSB Design Committee recommendation
 6. Abutter Bridge Park Committee, Freight Shed, and Customs House okay with proposals.
 7. Costs of ongoing maintenance
 8. Confirmation of donation then transfer of ownership.

No trial. No survey. No assessment of physical aspects and technical work. Jaeger and Parker to review past criteria used to determine other relevant additions, then request Bath at Play to provide information to the Committee to make a recommendation.

4. Bath Century Club- The Committee was informed that an application is being prepared for a nomination. Due to summer committee schedule it was agreed, an email vote will be utilized once the application is submitted and shared with the Committee.
5. Equity Assessment – YMCA July 25th Family Fun Friday open to the public and may be opportunity to table. Busiest periods are 7-11am and 4-6pm. Volunteers agreed to help 4-6pm July 25th and Tuesday August 5th 9-11.
Set for Success was suggested as another option.
Bath Housing Survey, Main Street Survey to property owners, merchants and flyers for YMCA grocery program for parents before the end of August.
6. Zoning Code Update Process- Comp Plan provides direction for areas the Committee may want to focus.

Community Involvement Day is in October. Need timeline. September 17th is CD Meeting and will need information in advance.

Public Art Policy- Process moving forward. Should have draft policy ready to the committee before the end of fall.

YMCA- Leadership change. The current COO was named the interim CEO until January. Interview process has started for new CEO. Effort increasing to re-engaging the community. Construction has started on early learning center addition. Site work has started.

Jaeger motioned to adjourn, Francis seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting September 17th