



Arlington Economic Recovery Task Force

Draft Minutes

Date: Tuesday May 26, 2020
Time: 2:00-3:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
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Present: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager; Jennifer Raitt, Dept. of Planning and Community Development; Ali Carter, Dept. of Planning and Community Development; Rachel Zsembery, Arlington Redevelopment Board; Cristin Canterbury Bagnall, Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture; Michelle Casey, Marchelle Salone; Alyssa Clossey, Support Arlington Center; Tom Formicola, Arlington Center for the Arts; Erik Kondo, Broadway Athletics; Adam Kurowski, Information Technology; Heather Leavell, Cyrus Dallin Museum; Beth Locke, Arlington Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Morgan-Wu, The Object of Stories; Bootsy Mullans, Town Tavern; Janet O’Riordan, Old Schwamb Mill; Emily Shea, Kickstand Café; Dorothy Zahir, Leader Bank; Bob Bowes, Bowes Real Estate; Leland Stein, Regent Theater

Minutes

1. Public Health Update: Adam Chapdelaine reported 295 COVID-19 cases and 38 deaths in Arlington; the Town has partnered with AFC Urgent Care in Arlington Heights to provide testing for residents; conducted 230 tests in a single day last week
2. May 18th revisions to Governor’s orders: Ali reported that we have incorporated Task Force feedback into the framework of the Task Force to make recommendations to the Select Board and the Park and Recreation Commission that align with each phase of the reopening guidelines.
3. Recommendations to Town Boards and Commissions by Phase
 - a. Phase I recommendations
 - i. Suspend paid parking in Arlington Center for period of Phase I (extension or parking fee suspension can be reviewed prior to advancing to subsequent phasing by Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

- ii. Designate 15-minute parking areas in business districts
 - b. Phase II Recommendations
 - i. Accommodate additional outdoor dining/ expanded sidewalk café permitting process
 - c. Phase III
 - i. Parking lots (Russell Common, Water Street, and private lots)
 - 1. Allow drive-in movies (to be managed by Capitol Theater, Regent Theater, or nonprofit groups as fundraising events)
 - ii. Parks/ Open Spaces
 - 1. Allow outdoor fitness classes (to be managed by local fitness business owners, Boys and Girls Club, or other nonprofit service providers)
- 4. Next steps
 - a. Draft memo to Select Board to implement Phase I recommendations.
 - i. Include map of designated parking spaces to be reserved for 15-minute timeframe based on locations of currently operating retail and restaurant storefronts doing curbside pick-up service
 - ii. Include recommendation to suspend parking payment for duration of Phase I. To be reevaluated at the start of each phase.

Next meeting on Tuesday June 2nd at 2 pm via Zoom.