



Arlington Economic Recovery Task Force Minutes

Date: Tuesday June 30, 2020
Time: 2:00-3:00 PM

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Present: Jennifer Raitt, Dept. of Planning and Community Development; Ali Carter, Dept. of Planning and Community Development; Rachel Zsembery, Arlington Redevelopment Board; Michelle Casey, Marchelle Salone; Alyssa Clossey, Support Arlington Center; Tom Formicola, Arlington Center for the Arts; Erik Kondo, Broadway Athletics; Beth Locke, Arlington Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Morgan-Wu, The Object of Stories; Janet O’Riordan, Old Schwamb Mill; Dorothy Zahir, Leader Bank; Bob Bowes, Bowes Real Estate; Leland Stein, Regent Theater; Tim Haley, Ellenhorn; Emily Shea, Kickstand Café; Bootsy Mullan, Town Tavern

Minutes

1. Public Health update: Ali Carter reported 306 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 18 probable cases; 44 deaths in Arlington
2. Park and Recreation Commission draft regulations and application process: Ali went through the application process and regulations for Temporary Outdoor Fitness Licenses that will go to the Park and Recreation Commission tonight; new regulations were drafted based on feedback received from the commission at their last meeting; also done in consultation with Director of Health and Human Services and Recreation Director; allows outdoor workouts in 8 different locations in town with wide ranging timeframes. Simple application process and fast review process.
3. Arlington Center Sidewalk Project and outdoor dining: Arlington Center sidewalk project will begin next week. Select Board approved outdoor seating in parking spaces on western side of Medford Street and north side of Broadway last night. Sidewalk work will prioritize these areas first to give business owners time to plan

and apply for outdoor seating. Ideally sidewalk work will be finished by the time temporary outdoor dining licenses are approved for these business and they can operate with pristine sidewalks for the rest of the season.

4. Discussion: What else can we do to save more businesses?
 - a. Sanitary facilities (e.g. sanitizer, handwashing stations, portable toilets in public spaces)
 - b. Astroturf on roadway in seating areas, umbrellas, and other placemaking amenities
 - c. Pairing volunteer support with business needs
 - d. Deliver flyers with information to businesses
 - e. Work with landlords
 - f. Anonymous survey for business owners
 - g. Understand residents' financial situation at this time
 - h. Technical assistance
5. Next steps: At our next meeting we will have an in-depth discussion of next steps for Task Force

Next meeting on Wednesday July 8th at 2 pm via Zoom.