



CITY DOCK ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

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UPDATE



Dear CDAC Team Members,

On behalf of Mayor Buckley, City Manager Mallinoff and Public Works Director Vogel, we would like to thank all of you for your vision and ongoing contributions. This unprecedented undertaking will ensure that our City Dock is a success! Here is a quick update on the progress underway on the City Dock Resiliency Project and the next steps which we will be taking together, starting with a September 20 work session involving the full City Dock Action Committee.

It was exciting to welcome so many of you to the Hillman Garage rooftop celebration, which was a fitting finale to the early completion of this 588 parking space state-of-the-art facility. It represents a major milestone in the development of the City Dock Project, and now the City is ahead of schedule for completion of Phase One of the Project.

CITY DOCK RESILIENCY PROJECT: PHASE TWO

Phase Two of the City Dock Resiliency Project is already in motion. As the largest public project undertaken by the City, this project requires complex coordination across a number of technical disciplines with dozens of stakeholders including elected and appointed officials, community groups, businesses and property owners alike. To continue to meet all milestones during the past six months, the City and it's partner, AMRP, have focused on bringing the four primary elements of the City Dock project forward concurrently:

- Completing Hillman Garage ahead of schedule;
- Integrating and designing the multi-faceted Resiliency Strategy;
- Modifying the initial City Dock Park Design to incorporate improvements suggested by the CDAC; and,
- Developing conceptual plans for the Maritime Welcome Center and Prince George Street Park.

At each stage of the project, the CDAC Design Team and the full CDAC have provided invaluable guidance during the community engagement process. Based on the direction from the CDAC Design Team, the full CDAC, and input from work sessions/outreach meetings, the City Dock Park Design is now dynamic, robust and family-friendly. A central water feature surrounded by walking paths will tell Annapolis' cultural heritage story and bring this space to life. The architects will share this enhanced public park space at our upcoming September work session.





MARITIME WELCOME CENTER

The CDAC has been clear in its direction to provide equitable water access for all Annapolitans. There has also been enormous support for new boater facilities that are befitting a major sailing capital. Those services coupled with the Harbormaster facility will be housed in the new Maritime Welcome Center adjacent to the Burtis House. In April, funding was authorized to commence work on this Maritime Center, providing a true 'Gateway to the Chesapeake Bay' with extensive boating amenities and activities for everyone.

The entire team is looking forward to sharing the conceptual design for the Maritime Welcome Center as we kick-off the next phase of community involvement on this significant aspect of the City Dock Project.

BCT Design Group and Mahan Rykiel Landscape Architects just held a productive work session with the CDAC Design Team architects/landscape architects. They are now in the process of incorporating those recommendations into the Maritime Welcome Center design. As has taken place throughout the City Dock process, these concept plans will be presented in September to the full CDAC, followed by work sessions with City Council, Planning Commission and HPC along with numerous ongoing stakeholder meetings. The site plan for the City Dock Park will also come forward to the Planning Commission this Fall.

MOVING FORWARD

Please hold September 20 at 5 pm for our next CDAC Work Session. Your input continues to be critical. We are eager to hear all of your ideas as we work together to create a town square meeting place that serves all locals and where we can celebrate our shared experiences!

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