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INFORMATION:

LGBTQIA+ Historic Context Study

Staff Resource: Erin Morton Pugh, Planning and Development, 996-2632, erin.morton.pugh@raleighnc.gov

The Planning and Development Historic Preservation Unit has hired a new consultant (Mdm Historical Consultants) to complete Phase II of the [LGBTQIA+ Historic Context Study](#). Phase II will build on the initial research, interviews, and a preliminary roster of historic places provided by the Phase I consultant and deliver a final written report for public use by the end of the year.

The report will include a context statement of Raleigh's documented LGBTQIA+ history, identify historic spaces (existing and lost) important to Raleigh's LGBTQIA+ community, and provide criteria to evaluate the significance of places identified in the future. Additionally, it will suggest future research and implementation strategies for recognizing these spaces outside of traditional historic designation. This project is the first of its kind in North Carolina and is intended to serve as a starting point for future planning efforts.

A Phase II community kickoff meeting to introduce the consultant to the public will be held on **July 23 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm** at the Halifax Community Center (1023 Halifax St). The NC Office of State Human

Resources (OSHR) also invited City Preservation Planning staff to present the project to State staff as part of their Pride Month programming.

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Yard Waste Center No Longer Allowing Commercial Yard Waste Loads July 1

Staff Resource: Maine Johnson, Solid Waste Services, 996-6886, maine.johnson@raleighnc.gov

The [Raleigh Yard Waste Center](#) is restructuring its business processes to better align services to support City of Raleigh residents. These process improvements require changes in what will be accepted by commercial vendors and customers with large yard waste loads.



Effective July 1, 2024, the Yard Waste Center will no longer accept:

- Pallets
- Any Commercial loads
- Any yard waste load larger than a single axle, non-dumping utility trailer measuring 5 feet wide, 8 feet long, and 2 feet deep.

Yard Waste Center personnel have identified eight other dumping facilities in the area. Commercial vendors are advised to investigate alternative options for dumping needs after July 1.

The service update will allow the City to accommodate the volume of leaves collected by Solid Waste Services' biweekly curbside collection and the Transportation Department's annual loose-leaf collection program. These service changes will not impact customers' ability to purchase the high-quality compost and mulch products that the Yard Waste Center continues to offer. These products will remain readily available.

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Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

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Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow Up from the May 21 Council Meeting

Moore Square Community Refrigerator Request

Staff Resource: Doug Porter, Parks, 996-4362, douglas.porter@raleighnc.gov

During the public comment session, a community member requested that the City place a community refrigerator at Moore Square. Staff at Moore Square do not support placing a refrigerator within the park boundaries, primarily due to concerns regarding public health and sanitation, management and responsibility for the refrigerator, disputes among users, damage over time, and vandalism. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum prepared in response providing additional details.

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Follow Up from the June 4 Council Meeting

R-Line Ridership (Mayor Baldwin)

Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation-Transit, 996-4040, david.eatman@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting, Council asked staff for details on the ridership of the GoRaleigh R-Line. On May 5th of this year, the R-Line returned to service after a long shutdown due to the Covid pandemic. This service was part of a large bus service implementation in May that helped GoRaleigh achieve pre-pandemic levels of service that were cut due to a CDL bus operator shortage experienced during the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic, the R-Line averaged a little over 10,000 trips per month. This was lower than when the route was originally first implemented; however, it was still one of GoRaleigh's more productive services. Out of 35 GoRaleigh routes, it would rank in the top 15 regularly on ridership.

At the beginning of 2019, a revisioning process began for the R-Line with stakeholders from across the downtown area. A partial list of agencies participating as stakeholders included the DRA, Downtown Living Advocates (DLA), Campbell University, Raleigh Convention Center, Visit Raleigh, and Wake County (End Homelessness Now). The service was re-visioned from the "downtown loop" that ran from 2009 – 2019; just prior to the start of the pandemic in March of 2019. The re-visioned service transitioned to a new bi-directional service that operates today. Ridership in the first three weeks was slightly over 10 percent of the pre-pandemic totals. A press release and social media marketing the service was originally released on April 8. Transit staff met with representatives of the DRA, DLA and Visit Raleigh on Friday, June 7th to discuss

additional marketing ideas and begin a collaborative effort to ensure that all downtown businesses and residents are aware that the new R-Line service has returned.

The R-Line will be evaluated monthly for productivity benchmarks. Should the R-Line not meet these benchmarks, the Raleigh Transit Authority will make a recommendation for reallocating the services hours to a more productive service meeting the goals for Downtown mobility.

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Midtown - Downtown Microtransit (Mayor Baldwin)

Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation-Transit, 996-4040, david.eatman@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting, Council asked staff for additional information on bus service between Midtown and Downtown. In 2022 the Transit Division advertised an RFQ for microtransit services for the City. Microtransit is a point-to-point app-based service usually using small sedans in lieu of buses. The service is commonly zone based and links areas of lower transit productivity to frequent transit routes. The study kicked off in 2023 and included a 10-month timeline and looked at the following.

-A phased approach of microtransit zones that could replace existing/low performing fixed route service to remain budget neutral.

-Additional options for microtransit services on top of and surrounding existing fixed routes services.

Included in the RFQ was a request to examine and propose a microtransit solution for a Midtown to Downtown connection. Transit is in the final month of the microtransit study which includes addressing the Midtown to Downtown connection. Due to the extensive distance between Midtown and Downtown, the consultant did not recommend microtransit to facilitate this connection. The consultant pointed to a long linear distance as the primary reason microtransit would not be suitable for a Midtown to Downtown zone. However, the consultant did provide recommendations for microtransit zones covering the Midtown area. These zones were predicted to be high ridership zones that would complement the existing fixed route service in Midtown. The proposed zones would address challenging east west connections in the Midtown area and increase the number of potential riders utilizing the existing fixed route services providing service to downtown. All the additional proposed zones, if not funded with existing underperforming service, would require funding before they could be implemented.

GoRaleigh's fixed route network currently has two routes connecting Midtown to Downtown: Route 8 and Route 2. Route 8: Six Forks, serves the North Hills Mall via Lassiter Mill and Six Forks Rd. and is a 30-minute peak route and hourly for the rest of the day. Route 8 was identified in the Wake Transit Plan for frequency improvements; however, those improvements are not proposed to occur until FY28. Route 2: Falls of Neuse covers the eastern side of Midtown via the Wake Forest Rd corridor currently at 30-minute frequencies all day. Route 2 was identified for high frequency service in the Wake Transit Plan Bus Plan. The route is slated to become high frequency beginning in FY26, bringing 15-minute fixed route service to the Wake Forest Rd/Falls of Neuse corridor. Route 24L: North Crosstown Connector provides an east and west connecting service between Route 8 and Route 2, this route is currently on a 30-minute peak and hourly service for the remainder of the day. The 24L was also identified for improvements in the latest bus plan update, and it is scheduled to receive 15-minute frequency in FY29.

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, June 21 – Thursday, June 27

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Permitted Special Events

[Attun: Public Art Celebration](#)

Stone Houses at Dorothea Dix Park

Friday, June 21

Event Time: 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: S. Boylan Avenue between Tate Drive and Umstead Drive, and Umstead Drive between S. Boylan Avenue and the lower Chapel parking lot will be closed from 8:00am until 9:00pm.

[Out! Raleigh Pride](#)

Fayetteville Street District

Saturday, June 22

Event Time: 11:00am - 7:00pm

Associated Road Closures: The following roads will be closed and facilities will be used from 4:00am until 11:00pm:

- Fayetteville Street between Morgan Street and the south end of City Plaza
- Hargett Street, Martin Street, Davie Street, and South Street between Salisbury Street and Wilmington Street
- Market Plaza, Exchange Plaza, and the eastside Performing Arts Center parking lot between South Street and Lenoir Street

[The Soul Picnic](#)

Flowers Field at Dorothea Dix Park

Saturday, June 22

Event Time: 12:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Dawkins Drive will be closed from 7:00am until 10:00pm on 6-22-24. Flowers Field will be used from 7:00am on 6-20-24 until 10:00pm on 6-24-24.

[City Market Seasonal Festival](#)

City Market

Sunday, June 23

Event Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Parham Street between Martin Street and Wolfe Street, and Wolfe Street between Blount Street and Blake Street will be closed from 10:00am until 11:00pm.

[Live After 5](#)

City Plaza

Wednesday, June 26

Event Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza will be closed from 11:00am until 11:00pm.

Other Upcoming Events

[Norman Builds A Park](#)

Friday, June 21

Walnut Creek Wetland Park

[Ryan Adams](#)

Friday, June 21
Meymandi Concert Hall

[Cody Jinks](#)

Friday, June 21
Red Hat Amphitheater

[Moore Square Vintage Market](#)

Saturday, June 22
Moore Square

[Justin Willman: Magic For Humans In Person Tour](#)

Saturday, June 22
Meymandi Concert Hall

[Space, Henny: Summer Triangle Pride Symphonic Band Concert](#)

Saturday, June 22
Fletcher Opera Theater

[Tim McGraw](#)

Saturday, June 22
PNC Arena

[Dream Moore Market](#)

Sunday, June 23
Moore Square

[Summer Concert Series](#)

Sunday, June 23
Fred Fletcher Park

[Strike and Stay: The Story of the Plott Hound](#)

Sunday, June 23
City of Raleigh Museum

[Yuri](#)

Sunday, June 23
Memorial Auditorium

[Outlaw Fest](#)

Sunday, June 23
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

[Future Islands](#)

Monday, June 24
Memorial Auditorium

[Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice 2024](#)

Tuesday, June 25
The Chapel at Dix Park

[Red Hot Chili Peppers](#)

Wednesday, June 26
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

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[Pride Day on the Lawn](#)

Thursday, June 27
Pullen Park Community Center

[Social Equity Book Club – Perfect Peace: A Novel](#)

Thursday, June 27
Virtual

[Alanis Morissette](#)

Thursday, June 27
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Public Resources

[Event Feedback Form](#): Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

[Road Closure and Road Race Map](#): A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

[Online Events Calendar](#): View all currently scheduled events that impact city streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park.

Council Member Follow Up

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Stephen Bentley, Director – Raleigh Parks
From	Douglas Porter, Historic Sites Program Director
Department	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
Date	June 18, 2024
Subject	Moore Square community refrigerator request

Background:

During the Public Comment period of the May 21st City Council session, a community member requested that the City of Raleigh place a community refrigerator at Moore Square. The refrigerator would be a location where unhoused individuals, and others in need, could safely store and access food at no cost.

Staff Assessment and Considerations:

Moore Square staff is not supportive of installing a community refrigerator in the park. A community refrigerator would introduce new challenges to Moore Square, specifically concerns related to adequate management of the refrigerator, disputes among users, damage over time, and vandalism. A community refrigerator will also increase public health and sanitary concerns already present at Moore Square due to unpermitted food distribution which regularly takes place.

Multiple groups and individuals currently use Moore Square as a food distribution point despite City Code Section 9-2022 (b) which prohibits food distribution in City Parks. Distributions escalated in 2020 as the pandemic forced the temporary closure of support services to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Since that time, the City has chosen not to enforce the ordinance at Moore Square.

Food distribution within the park presents significant challenges to PRCR staff and raises concerns related to food safety. Distributions often result in large amounts of trash that is improperly disposed of, including abandoned food, food containers, and associated serving materials. Further public health and sanitary concerns stem from the risk of groups distributing undercooked, expired, and/or unsafe food.

Staff recommends that distribution groups work with community partners equipped to provide food, services, and outreach to individuals in need. As able, Moore Square staff encourages food distributors to contact and partner with Oak City Cares which would ensure food that is served in a managed and dignified manner, and in a location

designated for this purpose. Currently, staff is considering other viable options to work with nonprofits to support the most vulnerable community members in the Square. Moore Square staff has notified the Raleigh Rescue Mission about interest in a community refrigerator and the possibility of providing a community refrigerator in their facility.