

COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKING GROUP

Friday, 9/17/2021 – 8am, Borough Hall

Attendance: Council President Jack O'Brien, Joe Frederick, and Borough Manager John Davis. Ben Bell attended the meeting remotely.

The **Minutes** from the August 20, 2021 and September 3, 2021 meetings were approved.

Street Closures and Outdoor Dining Update: John provided an update on the remaining two street closures, which are planned for September 24/25 on East State Street and October 15/16 on West State Street. Outdoor dining has ended, and all restaurants involved have complied. Domani Star is interested in an outdoor dining plan for next year and The Doylestown Inn is also interested, although they have not formally agreed. There is work to be done regarding a new ordinance to allow it, as well as gaining approval from PennDot. Pag's Pub is interested in placing tables in the access area next to their building, which will need approvals as well. Rick Lyons would like to expand outdoor seating into his parking area for HopScotch, although that will require approval from the Zoning Hearing Board as well as the Liquor Control Board.

Fall Pedestrian Events: The Arts Festival was largely successful without any major issues. It was noted there were fewer people than 2018 and more than 2019; the Bike Race also seemed to be a bit less-attended than previous years. Upcoming events include the Book Fest at the end of September, and then the Halloween events will be next, as well as Pine to Pink events. At this point, there have not been any recommended changes from the CDC regarding outdoor events.

Latest Update on COVID 19 Precautions: John noted masks will be required in Borough Hall effective on Monday. Front office staff has been made aware of that, and have been asked to not confront visitors to Borough Hall who will not wear masks, but to report that to management. It appears most meeting attendees have been wearing masks recently. Most community businesses appear to be remaining with a 'mask optional' plan.

Ben suggested installing bike racks near the locations of outdoor dining, which John will look into.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary