



CITY OF CONCORD
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Community Development Department

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Carlos P. Baía, Deputy City Manager for Development
DATE: December 2, 2020
SUBJECT: Winter Farmers' Market at City Parking Lot on Storrs Street Under Loudon Road Overpass

Recommendation

Accept this report and determine if Council wishes to direct the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with the Winter Farmers' Market to occupy City property on Storrs Street under the Loudon Road overpass.

Background

The Downtown Winter Farmers' Market has been housed over the last few years in the atrium of 7 Eagle Square. The building, however, has new occupancy which will no longer allow the market to be hosted in that space.

The owner of 7 Eagle Square, Steve Duprey, is attempting to find a new home for the winter market. He inquired as to the possibility of the City allowing the non-profit Concord Winter Farmers' Market to use the area on Storrs Street underneath the Loudon Road bridge. This property has been used over the last several years to provide free parking to the public.

Mr. Duprey's proposal would be to erect limited structures on the site consisting of storage trailers and greenhouses. As part of a later phase, Mr. Duprey is contemplating the installation of brightly colored lights under the bridge that would not only illuminate what is today a dimly-lit corridor, but also make for what could be a signature attraction for Concord.

Discussion

Council is being asked to determine if it wishes to issue a license for the Winter Farmers' Market to use the property in question. As part of the "reports" section of the agenda, the City Manager will brief the Council on the details known to date regarding this request.