

# Portsmouth Listens Wentworth Group

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## Points of Discussion

Portsmouth's Artist Community

Culture and Night Life

Small Business Development

Federal Building Development

Affordable Housing

Transportation Issues

Group Credits

# Portsmouth's Artist Community

- **Provides commerce**
  - **Unique to Portsmouth**
  - **Should be considered an asset**
  - **Provides a tourist draw to the city**
  - **A community arts center would be beneficial in further promotion and development of our artist community**
- \* Note: A group concern was pricing the artist community out of the city due to high rental costs**

# Culture and Night Life

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- **There is a need for more than just the existing bar and restaurant scene**
- **Promote the return of dancing venues i.e. lounge, electronic, jazz, blues, or chemical free juice bar/night club**
- **There is a need for teen oriented entertainment venues (other than the mall)**

# Small Business Development

- **Promote Portsmouth's tech community**
- **Stop or slow "brain drain"**
- **Encourage diverse small business in downtown**
- **Note: A group concern was pricing the small business community out of the city due to high rental costs**

# Federal Building Development

- **Combined use of 2.2 acres:**
  - **Cultural market pavilion for local and world goods (i.e. Quincy Market, Boston; Camden Town Market, London)**
  - **Community arts center**
  - **Small business center (including limited office space)**
- \*Supports local community needs and provides additional tourist draw**

# Affordable Housing

- **Why does Portsmouth need affordable housing?**
  - Promotes a diverse community
  - Attracts young professionals
  - Allows for healthy arts community
  - Helps small business
  - Slows “Brain Drain”
  - Insures stability for the elderly

# Transportation Issues

- **No direct bus service to Manchester Airport or Nashua**
- **Interest in commuter rail transportation (i.e. Boston and Portland)**
- **Concerns about traffic patterns during construction**
  - **Insure good traffic flow by monitoring and scheduling construction to allow for multiple detours to relieve possible congestion**

# Group Credits

- Bilodeau, Ray - McMillan, Barbara
- Carringer, Joseph - Prince, Francesca(Mallory)
- Forbes, Jamie - Salotti, Nicole
- Gawron, David - Schnaittacher, Gwynne
- Hawthorne, Allen - Shaughnessy, Bob
- Haynes, Richard - Walker, Ann
- Maneche, H.C

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