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GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL  
**SPECIAL Planning & Development Committee**  
Monday, July 13, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.  
**REMOTE MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

*(Items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Committee)*

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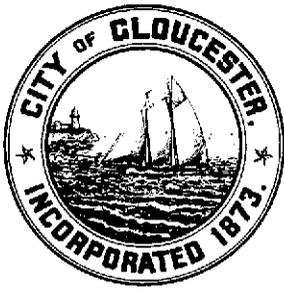
1. Special Event Permit Application: request to hold the Shop, Dine and Stroll (formerly Gloucester Block Party), to be held on July 18, 2020

**COMMITTEE**  
**Chair, Councilor Valerie Gilman**  
**Vice Chair, Councilor Jen Holmgren**  
**Councilor Barry Pett**

CC:

Mayor Theken  
Joanne M. Senos  
Vanessa Krawczyk  
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**The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.**



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning & Development Standing Committee

FROM: Joanne M. Senos, City Clerk *JMS*

DATE: July 10, 2020

RE: Special Events Application – Revised Plan – Shop, Dine and Stroll (renamed Downtown Block Party) on July 18, 2020

Please be advised that on July 9, 2020, Susan Coviello and Ken Riehl, organizers for the above event, appeared before Special Events Advisory Committee.

Permission was granted to hold the above referenced event on Saturday, July 18, 2020. This event will required street closures.

## **Block Party Covid-19 Revision**

**Event Date: July 18, 2020**

**5-9PM**

**Background:** the original plan calls for three weekend evenings where Main Street is closed to car traffic from 5-10PM so that restaurants, food vendors, retailers, non-profits and entertainers may all enjoy a festive time downtown. It is a night that traditionally sees 1000+ people walking up and down Main Street. This July's event is designed to lower that number by holding a scaled down version principally to support the downtown Main Street businesses.

**Re-plan, C19 style:** Ongoing conversations between the City and the Chamber during the planning stage for the Block Party, as well as careful monitoring of the Governor's phased approach to reopening the state have necessitated major changes to the format of the first summer Block Party. The new evening will be billed as a Shop, Stroll and Dine evening, focusing on locals. Main Street will be closed from 5PM-9PM so that only Main Street restaurants and Main Street shops can spread out into the parking spaces in front of their establishments. There will be no live music, no other form of entertainment, and no outside vendors in order to minimize the number of people congregating in one place. This prohibition includes other Gloucester-based businesses and non-profits that usually take a space along Main Street. Masks will be required inside any business and strongly encouraged for people walking Main Street.

**Street closures:** Main Street from Pleasant Street to the West End. Side street closures including Hancock, Short, Center and Porter Streets.

**Trash, bathrooms:** We will need trash receptacles, but fewer than in years' past. We would like to discuss access to public restrooms.

**Postpone application for Aug, Sept:** the plan is to postpone approval of the Aug 15 and Sept 4 dates until another SEAC meeting closer to the dates. We would like to add elements into the next two events provided we can comply with all state C19 regulations in place at the time.