LONG-TERM OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM UPDATE

Public Works Department

Land Use, Sustainability, and Resilience Committee
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BACKGROUND

Item	Date	Action
1	2/8/21	Committee provides preliminary feedback on a Request for Proposals to develop an Outdoor Dining Program
2	6/15/21	State reopens to full capacity, demand for Temporary Outdoor Flex Space program diminishes.
3	7/12/21	The City issued the initial Temporary Outdoor Flex Space order to help establish outdoor dining facilities.
4	9/1/21	The Southern California Association of Governments initiates its "Curbspace Management" study alongside Riverside staff
5	9/27/21	Proposal received for Outdoor Dining RFP – cost exceeds approved budget

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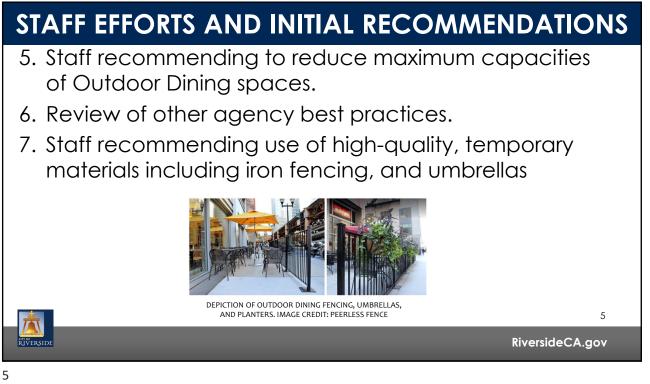| Item	Date	Action
6	10/8/21	Governor signs SB 314, SB 389 and AB 61 – extending state level approvals associated with Outdoor Dining and to-go sale of alcohol.
7	4/25/22	Staff receive pilot recommendations for Curbspace Management – include recommendations for outdoor dining and sidewalk space programming.
8	5/15/22	Staff commence public briefings on Curbspace Management and engagement surrounding Long Term Outdoor Dining.
9	6/13/22	The LUSRC presentation of this item was continued to a future meeting resulting from a scheduling conflict. Staff have continued to engage with businesses regarding outdoor dining in the interim.

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STAFF EFFORTS AND INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Staff have initiated engagement with stakeholders
2. Staff have issued a poll to all Temporary Outdoor Flex Space participants
3. Staff reviewing State legislation and its applicability in Riverside
4. Staff recommending to transition many elements of the Temporary Outdoor Flex Space program to the long-term program

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STAFF EFFORTS AND INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Staff recommending to reduce maximum capacities of Outdoor Dining spaces.

6. Review of other agency best practices.

7. Staff recommending use of high-quality, temporary materials including iron fencing, and umbrellas

DEPICTION OF OUTDOOR DINING FENCING, UMBRELLAS, AND PLANTERS. IMAGE CREDIT: PEERLESS FENCE

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STAFF EFFORTS AND INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Staff have reviewed dozens of hours of video footage of the pedestrian mall. Recommend permanent shade opportunities, close review of pedestrian access.

SCREEN CAPTURES OF PEDESTRIAN MALL VIDEO ANALYSIS

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Land Use, Sustainability, and Resilience Committee receive a report on staff's progress in adopting a Citywide Long-term Outdoor Dining Program.

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