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****Location Change 7/30/18: The location for the 5:30 session has changed to the Norfolk Public Library (308 W. Prospect Ave)**

CITY SEEKING CITIZEN INPUT FOR DESIGN OF RIVER POINT SQUARE

Last fall, the City of Norfolk was awarded a \$350,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to be used for the continuation of an existing façade improvement program and the development of a gathering space. Now, the City is asking for input from citizens to create a concept for the designated River Point Square.

During the grant application process, citizen input was vital. A series of stakeholder meetings and several public open house sessions were held to engage community members in compelling conversations about the opportunities, challenges, and aspirations they have for Norfolk's downtown.

Numerous ideas were discussed, but the most prominent of them all was the creation of the River Point Square. River Point Square will be located at the south west corner of Third Street and Norfolk Avenue beside the Johnny Carson Mural.

Citizens are invited to attend a working session and open house on Tuesday, July 31 with Ochsner Hare & Hare, a design studio of Olsson Associates, to share their ideas and vision for River Point Square.

At 12:00 p.m. there will be a working session open to stakeholders for casual conversation and review located at the **City Administration Building** (309 N. 5th Street). At 5:30 p.m. there will be an open house and presentation of the conceptual design of River Point Square located at the **Norfolk Public Library** (308 W. Prospect Ave).