Alexandria Waterfront Commission
Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
1108 Jefferson Street
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Re: Waiver to the Special Event Policy at the Interim King Street Park at the Waterfront

At its May 15, 2018 Waterfront Commission meeting, the Commission unanimously supported the staff recommendation of a waiver to the Special Event Policy to allow for programs and events on consecutive weekends at the interim King Street Park at the Waterfront in support of the City's King Street Corridor Initiative. It is the Commission's understanding that the interim King Street Park at the Waterfront will open in mid-fall 2018.

As recommended by staff, the Commission would support City Council's approval of this waiver for a period of one year beginning on October 1, 2018 and continuing through September 30, 2019 to allow for staff to fully evaluate the potential impact to residents, visitors and business in the Old Town District. In addition, the Commission requests periodic staff updates during this trial period.

Sincerely,

Stephen Thayer, Chair
Alexandria Waterfront Commission

cc: Waterfront Commission members
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