

Resort Casino Engagement



Public Engagement Opportunities

The engagement process follows 5 phases outlined below. All materials, meeting links, and digital workshop links will be shared on www.rva.gov/economic-development/resort-casino

1 Share & Listen

February 26 – April 4, 2021

Purpose: Evaluation panel listens to the community. Community will have the opportunity to learn about resort casino developments across the nation, receive an overview of the 6 proposals, ask questions about the proposed projects, and answer questions about benefits, revenue, and mitigation.

Overview Period

Starting February 26, one-page summaries of each proposal written by each operator are available on www.rva.gov/economic-development/resort-casino

Virtual Meetings: Process & Precedents

Held via MS Teams, community members will learn about 1) the community engagement process and 2) the community benefits a resort casino may provide, how communities have used resort casino revenues, and how a resort casino may mitigate negative impacts. Meetings will be recorded and posted on the website. All meeting links will be posted on www.rva.gov/economic-development/resort-casino

- **City-wide Meeting:** March 9, 6 P.M.
- **City-wide Meetings:** March 10, 12 P.M.
- **Community Meetings:** TBA

Digital Workshop 1: Benefits, Revenue, & Mitigation

Open from March 9 - April 4 and held on Konveio, the community can view examples of precedents from other communities and provide comments and ask questions related to:

- **Benefits:** What are meaningful community benefits for the city? Your community?
- **Revenue:** What would you do with new revenue?
- **Mitigation:** What concerns you about a casino in Richmond? How can those concerns be mitigated?

Virtual Meetings: Proposal Videos

Held via MS Teams, community members will learn more details about the proposals. Meetings will be recorded and posted on the website.

- **City-wide Meeting:** March 23, 6 P.M.
- **City-wide Meeting:** March 30, 6 P.M.
- **City-wide Meeting:** March 31, 6 P.M.
- **City-wide Meeting:** April 1, 6 P.M.
- **Community Meetings:** TBA

Digital Workshop 2: Proposals

Open from March 22 – April 4 and held on Konveio, the community can view short videos of the proposed projects and provide comments and ask questions about the project.

Canvassing

Canvassing team will engage community members to spread awareness about the proposed project, and encourage the community to submit feedback digitally on Konveio or email.

2 Report

April 8 – 9, 2021

Purpose: Evaluation Panel reports what they heard during Round #1.

Virtual Meetings

Held via MS Teams, community members will hear a report of the input received in Round #1. Meetings will be recorded and posted on the website.

- **City-wide Meeting:** April 8, 6 P.M.
- **City-wide Meeting:** April 9, 12 P.M.
- **Community Meetings:** TBA

3 Recommend

May – June, 2021

Purpose: Evaluation panel shares the recommended location, operator, and terms of the deal.

Virtual Meetings

Held via MS Teams, community members will learn the location, operator, and terms of the deal. Meetings will be recorded and posted on the website.

- **City-wide Meetings:** TBA
- **Community Meetings:** TBA

Council Meetings

Council meetings will be held to consider legislation related to the recommended operator and location.

4 Engage & Inform

June – November, 2021

Purpose: Continue to engage and inform the community about the details of the proposed resort casino project.

Details to be announced.

5 Voter Referendum

November 2, 2021

Purpose: Voter referendum on the ballot to vote on the resort casino site and operator.

Vote at your precinct on November 2, 2021

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