

Minutes

Boylston Street Corridor Study Committee

May 27, 2021 12:00PM

Held remotely via Zoom

Committee members (in attendance noted by Y/N):

John VanScoyoc, Chair	Y	Wendy Friedman	Y	Tom Nally	Y
Rachna Balakrishna	Y	Joe Gaudino	N	Carlos Ridruejo	Y
Deborah Brown	N	Wendy Machmuller	Y	Mark Zarrillo	N

Staff present: Kara Brewton

Meeting materials included: agenda; minutes for April 5, 12, 16, 23, 29; May 5, 10, 20, 24

Guests included: Charles Osborne, Paul Saner, Jennifer Gilbert

John VanScoyoc opened the meeting, noting that it was being held remotely on the Zoom platform due to COVID, and after checking that all participants' audio/video were working well, and Kara announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Preparation for Public Forums

In getting ready for the Public Forums, the Committee thought the presentation should include:

- What has changed since the Visioning Process work ended, such as: property owner interviews; the recommendations will include specific zoning changes and concepts for Boylston and updated design guidelines; ongoing private development along the corridor including the Cameron Street neighborhood.
- Detailing a timeline for steps that will take longer, such as infrastructure, as well as the process leading up to Fall Town Meeting for the zoning articles.
- Emphasizing the Madris site's current zoning at 0.5 FAR, which basically means nothing else could happen there.
- Emphasizing the scale of buildings we are thinking about for infill rather than specific zoning proposals
- Opportunities for wider sidewalks or street trees through redevelopment opportunities
- Desire for Cypress Street to not become canyonized

[Rachna Balakrishna had to leave the meeting.]

Approval of Minutes

The Committee unanimously approved the full Committee minutes for April 5, May 10, and May 24 (in favor: TN, RB, WM, JVS, WF). Members of the Public Participation Subcommittee then approved the Subcommittee minutes for April 16th, 29th, and May 20th (in favor: JVS, WF, RB, WM). Members of the Urban Design & Massing Subcommittee then approved the Subcommittee minutes for April 5th, 12th, 23rd with a clarification about which site was being

referred to in the paragraph referencing Walnut Street, April 29th, May 5th (in favor: TN, JVS, WF except for April 5th and 12th, CR; abstained: WF for April 5th and 12th).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:33 pm.