Minutes of the MBTA Task Force Subcommittee on Communications and Outreach

April 11, 2024

April 11, 2024 2:30 p.m. Hybrid and In-Person, Room 7, Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandy Bodmer-Turner, Gar Morse, Chris Olney, Susan Philbrick

STAFF PRESENT: Tiffany Marletta, Communications Director; Marc Resnick, Town Planner

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

Mr. Resnick led a discussion of the proposed MBTA zoning districts based upon explanatory documents created by Mr. Olney and Mr. Resnick. These should be used as basis for public discussion on the proposed districts. Should be ready for final presentation to PB/Task Force on 4/18.

Ms. Bodmer-Turner discussed the advantages of continuing to engage residents on the Desmond Street parcel as an alternative to balance number of potential new units in the Limited Commercial District.

Mr. Resnick reiterated rationale for selecting certain properties based upon their current density and current hurdles to redevelopment.

The requirement of contiguity was discussed, and Mr. Resnick suggested ways to explain to residents how parcels must be connected in order to satisfy the acreage requirements in the Law.

The size and the disturbed condition of the Calben property was discussed.

Public Forum: April 27

- Short presentation of progress: where are we now
- Guiding principles
- Four districts
- Design guidelines
- Maps, tables
- Take questions as we go through each district
- Correct Innes handout with erroneous numbers of existing residences
- Media room
- Ms. Innes can print out full-sized maps Mr. Resnick will supply maps to Innes.
- Distribute FAQs

A working session revising the FAQs as drafted by Ms. Marletta took place, with previous edits prepared by Mr. Olney, Ms. Bodmer-Turner and Ms. Philbrick. Ms. Marletta will compile a final version of the revised FAQs and will distribute for final comments before printing for distribution at Town Meeting.

Next Meeting: April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Morse moved to adjourn, Ms. Bodmer-Turner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.