



## Newton City Council

### Committee of the Whole Agenda

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

The City Council will meet in a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

**The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting and in-person in Room 204. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/83851512910> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 838 5151 2910**

#157-24      **Discussion on the findings from the Community Dialogue Working Group**  
Councilors Bixby, Krintzman, Micley, Lobovits and Oliver, acting as the Community Dialogue Working Group, requesting time to present and discuss findings from the responses to the survey and public comment session. The conversation will include recommended actions for the council to evaluate, approve and act on.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marc Laredo, President**

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The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: [jfairley@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfairley@newtonma.gov) or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.



To: City Council, Mayor Ruthanne Fuller, Superintendent Anna Nolin, and the School Committee  
From: Community Dialog Working Group  
Re: Report from the CDWG on March 27th  
Date: March 22, 2024

Colleagues,

Below is a link to the content of the presentation we will be delivering on March 27th. There are 4 tabs in this file:

1. Questionnaire responses. These are the un-edited comments collected from the public-facing questionnaire that we created and launched almost one month ago.
2. Themes. This working group synthesized all of the responses into a series of themes in order to make them manageable and actionable. This portion of the work is relatively subjective process, but we have taken every measure to capture all of the voices we heard in the responses.
3. Full list of Recommendations. The group then worked together to create a list of actions that we believe will help to resolve the issues identified within the themes.
4. Final Recommendations to City Council. The full list of recommendations was then prioritized to arrive at a smaller list of actions that we believe are actionable, would be impactful to our mission.

On March 27th, during the city council's Committee of the Whole meeting, we will talk through this content with a focus on recommendations. The purpose of that meeting is to discuss and agree on these recommendations, to continue to move to implementation.

We encourage everyone to read the responses from the public, and consider which recommendations might have the most impact for the city council to act on.

Thank you for your support.

- Community Dialogue Working Group

Link to the materials :

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Q\\_AOCnbQPGM7WwPYTuzqG\\_bM4VJIQ5bLjrs8xlcAZ1Y/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Q_AOCnbQPGM7WwPYTuzqG_bM4VJIQ5bLjrs8xlcAZ1Y/edit?usp=sharing)



The image shows a screenshot of a Google Spreadsheet with multiple columns and rows of data. The spreadsheet appears to be a data table with several columns, likely representing different questionnaire questions and their corresponding responses. The text is small and difficult to read, but the structure is that of a standard data table.

## CDWG\_Report Out

Questionnaire responses Timestamp, How did the recent NTA strike affect you and your family?, During the strike, what questions did you have, or what information did you need?, Did you get that information? Where did you find it? (eg., city, NPS websites, news, FB, friend / neighbor), Did you trust ...

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