



Newtonville Area Council - Meeting Agenda

August 8, 2019. 7:00 - 9:15 PM

Meeting Location: Rom 211, Newton City Hall

President: Peter Bruce; Vice-President: Tarik Lucas; Secretary: Maura Harrington; Treasurer: Dana D'Agostino; Other members: Marc Kaufman, Colleen Minaker, Susan Reisler, Helene Sroat, Martina Jackson.

7:00 – 7:10 **Review and approval of June and July minutes**

7:10 – 7:35 **Burning issues:** (Open to the public to raise issues)

- a) Where's Newtonville? Is City Hall redrawing boundaries while ignoring history?
- b) MBTA Upgrades: What's being proposed. What we need.

7:35 – 7:45 **Village Day updates**

7:45 – 8:10 **City Council and School Committee debate preparations**

- a) Sharing the work with other area councils.
- b) We'll host debates for all competitive races in Wards 1-4 on October 20, late afternoon. What is the best scheduling order for the various races? What's the best way of generating questions?
- c) Getting a moderator or two.

8:10 – 8:45 **5th Public Draft Vision (7/29) for Washington St: Where do we go from here?**

- a) What are the most important changes since 4th Draft?
- b) Specificity vs. vagueness; the 10-story cap: Debates at the last ZAP meeting.
- c) How workable is the new Plan?
- d) Importance of the September 4 *Zoning and Planning Committee* meeting.

8:45 – 9:15 Writing a newsletter expressing key concerns for ZAP's 9/3 meeting and general info:

- a) Re: Planning Department response to public opinion as expressed in our survey.
- b) Report on "how to do a referendum" meeting co-sponsored by NAC.
- c) Explore setting up community forum re: Washington Street Visioning.

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