

Newtonville Area Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2018  
Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Members in attendance:

Tarik Lucas  
Susan Reisler  
Peter Bruce  
Dana D'Agostino  
Thomas Kraus

Public in attendance:

Fred Arnstein

Following the area council swearing-in ceremony, a meeting was held with a single agenda item of discussing the upcoming "Envisioning Washington Street" Charrette and resident survey.

Terik provided an update of the proposals of the Envisioning Washington Street working group, which had met in December and January, with additional input from Susan.

- Location and time: Senior Center, February 15, starting at 7:00 PM
- 6-7 tables for group discussions, with proposed topics of
  - Transportation
  - Parking
  - Business Mix
  - Physical Character
  - Housing
  - Schools
- Participants would be grouped at the tables, with one recorder and one facilitator
- Participants would discuss the subject of the table for a determined period of time, and then either the participants would rotate to the next table, or the subjects of discussion would rotate through the tables with participants stationary.
- A seventh table could be added for miscellaneous subject to be determined
- Requires roughly 16 "staff" members to record and facilitate discussions

The group discussed possible publicity measures, and possible methods of dealing with a larger than anticipated turnout from the public. There was a sense that a table could handle at most 8-10 people, so a plan needs to be developed if more than ~60 people attend. A recommendation was made that groups could self direct if specific instructions were provided. The consensus was that recording should be visible, such as on flip-charts. There was some discussion of whether "schools" was an appropriate topic, since impact on the schools is a side effect of housing, and not directly involved in a "vision" of the Washington Street Corridor.