

Newtonville Area Council Meeting
October 4th, 2018
City Hall, Room 211

Members Present:

Peter Bruce, Dana D'Agostino, Maura Harrington, Tarik Lucas, Susan Reisler, & Helene Sroat

Non-Members Present:

Fred Arnstein

7:11pm

NAC Member Marc Kaufman sent Susan Reisler 2 choices of the front cover of the Survey Analysis. It was agreed that we maintain the same yellow-ish color scheme on the front cover. It was also agreed that the word "Report" be removed from the front cover and it should be called Survey Analysis of Washington Street

7:20pm

Peter Bruce introduced his email of October 3rd to the NAC, which contained the substantial edits to the previous versions of the survey analysis.

The first part was the addition of a section near the front of the analysis, called Front Matter. It was agreed that we keep this edit.

There were edits to the Housing: Height and Density section. Helene Sroat objected to the 2nd page 2nd paragraph. Helene suggested, and we agreed that we make additional edits as it relates to architecture and site placement.

Maura Harrington suggested that we eliminate quotes from the open-ended responses that appear in other sections.

7:50pm

Helene objected to how the survey analysis reported on how respondents answered, "Don't Know" and similar answers. Fred Arnstein gave an explanation on why the "Don't Knows" are important, but they must not be in the main part of the chart but listed as a footnote underneath the chart in certain cases.

8:00pm

Maura suggested, and it was agreed that we change the terms in the analysis from "northerners" and "southerners" to "North siders" and "South siders" in all places on the survey. She also suggested that we reference the open-ended responses at the end of the analysis in the appropriate sections.

8:15pm

For the Housing: Affordability and Fairness section it was agreed to by all, that we eliminate the 3rd paragraph on page 15, due to the fact that it was too speculative. Also, on page 16, it was agreed to by all that we eliminate the sentence that contained the words, "Newton's liberal image." And lastly in this section, it was agreed to change the abbreviation from SSHI to SHI, and even then, we need to spell out the abbreviation to Subsidized Housing Inventory.

8:30pm

Maura agreed to re-write the analysis for question 37. The NAC accepted her revision. It was also agreed that we re-do the 2nd chart for question 37. The final column will be changed to "Total 20%+" from "Total 25%+".

Peter Bruce suggested, and the NAC agreed that we eliminate the paragraph in-between the two charts on page 18 for question 37.

9:00pm

Peter continued with his edits. For transportation there was debate on whether we should use the term "Muscle: Walking" and "Muscle: Bicycle". It was agreed that we should keep the terms as is.

This was followed by a brief explanation for the Summary Index column in the chart for question 28.

9:15pm

There were additional slight edits to the Methodology and Data Validity section of the survey analysis. However, there were multiple objections to the "Don't Know" paragraph at the end. This paragraph was re-written, and it was agreed that we eliminate the last sentence.

This concluded Peter's email with edits.

9:40pm

There were comments on the Demographics Section. She noted that the breakdown of the charts might be confusing with the headers of "% Survey Respondents", "% Target Area", and "Difference". Tarik Lucas had to point out that the census website does not track Newton ward data, but only Zip Codes. It was agreed that we change the column header from "% Target Area" to "%Target Area Population" or "% Target Population Area".

10:02pm

Maura wanted to approve the Survey Analysis with the edits that were discussed earlier in the meeting. It was approved 6-0.

10:05pm

There was additional table conversation related to meeting with the Principle Group later this month and possible compensation for Sharon Stout, who helped organize Newtonville Village Day.

10:10pm

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Tarik Lucas