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Newtonville Area Council - Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September, 2020 7:30 - 9:45 PM

Meeting Location: Online via Zoom Note: We're starting later than usual!

No registration or account is required. If you want to speak, use a device with a microphone.

Meeting ID = 854 6495 7480 Password = 842063

To participate click on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85464957480?pwd=ODFITHJhZlp0LzN2WFAzZWx5Ri9XQT09>

7:30 – 8:10 Burning issues in the community

- 1) Closing Bram Way to ensure pedestrian safety and create a bigger plaza (with Scott Oran, principal, Austin Street partners)
- 2) Discussion: Reviewing data on the racial composition of Newton's public housing residents. Are current policies fair to Blacks and Latinos?
- 3) Are our "local preference" policies in awarding affordable housing in large private developments fair to minorities?
- 4) Update: Changing fatality rates and public policies in Newton's long-term care facilities.

8:10 – 9:10 Rezoning Basics (with City Councilor Pam Wright)

- 1) The current pause in the planning process for rezoning. You can read about it here: <http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/105685/08-31-20%20Cancellation%20Notice.pdf>
- 2) Progress so far, and reasons for the pause. Rezoning single-family zoning – a tough issue.
- 3) Reassessing goals and projects: The survey. NAC members, please read: <http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/105567/08-11-20%20Planning%20Memo#88-20.pdf>
- 4) Basic concepts. Context-based zoning; frontage; setbacks; house types, etc.
- 5) Their application in our village, especially the proposed R1 through R4 categories.

9:10 – 9:30 Theory and practice of transit-oriented development (continued from July)

- 1) What policies and practices can most effectively mitigate climate change?
- 2) Whither the MBTA?
- 3) TOD in Newton: Class, race, and distributive justice

Recommended Reading: Ta-Nehisi Coates, "The Case for Reparations," *The Atlantic*, Sept. 2014. (Online)

9:30– 9:45 Administrative Issues

- 1) Review and approval of June and July minutes.

- 2) New donation to Food Pantry?
- 3) Revising the 7-day rule for approving minutes.

