



Newtonville Area Council - Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:00 - 9:15 PM

Meeting Location: Online via Zoom

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Meeting ID = 872 5920 6299 Password = **732385**

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7:00 – 7:10 Burning issues in the community

7:10 – 7:25 Adding beauty and community to Newtonville Center

- 1) Street beautification and dining
- 2) Drive-ability? Is Walnut Street wide enough for safe car and bike passage?
- 3) Mural competition and possible drive-in concert
- 4) Other community benefits NAC and residents could push for

7:25 – 7:45 Race, policing, and the budget

- 1) Community experiences
- 2) Would Newton benefit from having a chapter of the NAACP?

7:45 – 8:35 Theory and practice of transit-oriented development

- 1) What policies and practices can most effectively mitigate climate change?
- 2) What difference can TOD make with and without an effective transit system?
- 3) Whither the MBTA?
- 4) California as a case study: The failure of major TOD bills
- 5) TOD, gentrification, and the centralization of power
- 6) TOD in Newton: Class, race, and distributive justice

8:35– 9:15 Administrative Issues

- 1) Protocols for communications
- 2) An August break?
- 3) Review and approval of May and June minutes

