



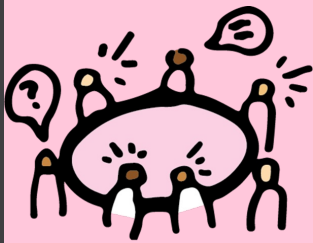
Zoning Redesign: Village Centers

The City of Newton's project to redesign the zoning code



Image Description: Reimagine Union Square (Somerville) Pop-Up engagement effort, an inspiration for future Zoning Redesign engagement

Apply to Join the 'Community Engagement Network' for Zoning Redesign: Village Centers!



TL;DR [Click here to apply](#) for the Zoning Redesign 'Community Engagement Network' - applications are due by the end of Sunday, April 10th! The network aims to be a space where community members and city staff work together to bolster engagement efforts carried out in the Fall for the second phase of village center zoning updates. Read below for more details & a blurb you can share with your neighbors!

What the Zoning Redesign 'Community Engagement Network' is

Based on the takeaways of the 2021 community engagement, consultant Utile will create [development scenarios for both small and large village centers](#) for the second phase of village center zoning updates. While ZAP will review these scenarios, we will also test and vet them with the community in the Fall. The Fall engagement will be similar to the first phase with one new addition: a 'Community Engagement Network'!

The Network will be a space for community members who want to engage as much of Newton as possible and make the engagement material fun and accessible. Over a course of four meetings, network members will give feedback on the engagement material drafted by staff, workshop engagement skills, and collaborate. ([Check out the application](#) to see the calendar of the Network's meetings and their topics; dates and times are TBD.)

Friendly reminder: the Network will not be a platform where feedback on zoning content or the Zoning Ordinance will be solicited. That will take place during the Fall engagement. This is a platform for city staff to work with community members to strengthen the Fall engagement.

How do I join the network?

You can become a member of the Network if you agree with the commitments listed below and [submit this application](#) by the end of Sunday, April 10th. You do not need to be an expert on Zoning Redesign and we encourage all interested to apply! Want to encourage friends or neighbors to apply? Copy-and-paste the blurb listed in 'Concrete Next Steps!' below.

Commitments to be an active member of the network:

- Are curious about a wide range of opinions
- Committed to wide-reaching, inclusive & equitable engagement
- Act as a conduit for your respective group (a 'group' can be as informal as a group of friends who meet for coffee regularly or as formal as a neighborhood association); max of 2 representatives per group
- Attend all 4 network meetings *or* send feedback / updates via email or a brief phone call

Concrete Next Steps!

Apply to join the network here: <https://tinyurl.com/ZRNetwork>

Application deadline: April 10th at midnight

Blurb to share with your community spaces: "Apply to join the 'Community Engagement Network' for Zoning Redesign: Village Centers! The Network will be a space for community members to collaborate with city staff on making engagement material & efforts as fun and accessible as possible - for the phase II of [village center zoning updates](#). [Click here](#) for the application and full details; applications due by midnight on Sunday, April 10!"

[Click here to see](#) the presentation staff gave about the engagement strategy for phase II to ZAP on 3.14.22. And if you have any questions about the network or Zoning Redesign, please email zoningredesign@newtonma.gov!

Upcoming ZAP Meeting on March 28

(agenda items are not finalized and subject to change)

Review past meeting reports, and find the March 28th ZAP Zoom link, at [ZAP's website](#).

March 28th, 2022 at 7:00pm

- #126-22 Requesting technical amendments to Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30 (Public Hearing)
- #127-22 Request for amendment to the Zoning Code to regulate "last mile" delivery services (Discussion)
- #39-22 Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance regarding village centers (Discussion)



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