



Zoning Redesign

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

Village Center Zoning

- **Next Week! Community Engagement Strategy for Phase II of Zoning Redesign for Village Centers**
- **Full Agenda for March 14th ZAP Meeting**



Descriptions of Images from 2021 Zoning Redesign Community Engagement: On the left, Newton Housing Authority staff and tenants peruse books in Newtonville Books. On the right, four chat bubbles say in English, Russian, Spanish and Mandarin, "What future do you envision for Newton's village centers?"

This Year's Community Engagement Strategy for Village Center Zoning Districts

Last week at ZAP, consultant Utile presented a [comprehensive overview of the work](#) to be carried out for the second phase of the village center zoning district updates ([watch the meeting here](#)). Utile, alongside consultant Landwise who will conduct an economic feasibility analysis, will create 'development scenarios' for large and small village centers. These scenarios will look at what the current zoning allows by-right and by Special Permit, as well as for how they could look in the future under alternative zoning. All scenarios will be built upon their ability to facilitate the engagement takeaways from 2021 and economic feasibility.

Utilizing these development scenarios, staff aim to ask, "Considering economic feasibility and zoning processes, to what extent do these development scenarios align with what you shared with us last summer?" We also hope to use this as an opportunity to collect community members' thoughts regarding MBTA communities.

In addition, staff will kick off a 'Community Engagement Network' to strengthen the reach and diversity of voices involved in this conversation. The 'Network' will have engagement training, provide assistance in designing the engagement material, and facilitate space for community members to learn from one another on how to better engage their neighbors.

Come to ZAP on March 14th to learn about the engagement strategy's goals and how you can

get involved with the 'Community Engagement Network'! See below for how to access the Zoom link. **Can't make the meeting?** We will send a thorough overview shortly after the March 14th meeting - stay tuned!

Upcoming ZAP Meeting on March 14

(agenda items are not finalized and subject to change)

Review January and February's meeting reports, and find the March 14th ZAP Zoom link, at [ZAP's website](#).

March 14th, 2022 at 7:00pm

- #38-22 - Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance regarding village centers (formally #88-20)
 - #42-22 - Citizens petition to amend the village center district (Public Hearing Cont.)
 - #127-22 - Request for amendment to the Zoning Code to regulate "last mile" delivery services (Discussion)
 - #48-22 - Requesting an update on the status of implementing the Climate Action Plan (Discussion)
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