

DATE: Monday, February 29, 2016
LOCATION: Malden Government Center, Room 421
SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of Master Plan Steering Committee



The meeting started at 6:10 pm.

Committee members in attendance:

Burke, Deborah, Executive Director of Malden Redevelopment Authority
Francis, Karen, Citizen member
Hayes, Patrick, Planning Board member
Ioven, Chuck, Planning Board Chair
Kinnon, Neil, Ward 6 City Councilor
Luise, Maria, Special Assistant to Mayor Gary Christenson
Matheson, John, Ward 3 City Councilor
Romero, Michelle, City Planner
Schmidt, Heidi, Citizen member
Weldai, Adam, Citizen member

Ioven chaired the meeting. Francis, Schmidt and Weldai were each given a copy of the *Master Plan*.

Ioven gave an overview of the planning activities conducted to collect input used to create the *Malden Vision*, namely the Citywide workshop, Community Survey and Ward Workshops. Romero gave an overview of the planning processes undertaken for the *Malden Vision* through to the *Master Plan*.

Kinnon presented his concerns that the *Malden Vision* and *Master Plan* do not accurately reflect the opinions of those who participated in the visioning and master planning activities and that the documents were written to promote the pro-housing development agenda of the MAPC, which assisted the Planning Board to conduct the visioning and master planning activities and produce these documents. In particular, Kinnon questioned and the Committee reviewed the summary of challenges prioritized at the Citywide Workshop and Community Survey (page 13, *Malden Vision*); the Community Survey questions and results (Appendix D, *Malden Vision*); and the summary/comparison of the four Alternative Residential Development Scenarios (page 245, *Master Plan*).

After discussion of the value and validity of the *Malden Vision* and *Master Plan*, the Committee decided to follow its charge to review the recommendations, goals, recommended actions and next steps of the *Malden Vision* and *Master Plan* and to prioritize implementation.

The Committee began to review the Implementation Matrix (G2), Chapter 9, Recommended Actions and Next Steps, *Master Plan*, populated with information by Romero and with additional information/notes/revisions provided by Burke and Luise.

Regarding Recommendation T.1.1, Identify and Map Areas of Concern (Section T.1.1, *Master Plan*, Transportation Recommendations and Actions, Recommendations for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods.), Burke will request an updated (2016?) Top Crash Locations Report from the MassDOT and Kinnon will request data from the Malden Police Chief.

For the next meeting, each Committee member will review the Implementation Matrix and identify his/her top three priorities in the Recommendations and Actions for each component of the *Master Plan*: Transportation; Residential Development; Economic Development; Community Facilities and Public Services; and Natural and Cultural Resources.

Committee members provided the following updates:

- Burke reported that the city's open space will expire next year and is required to obtain funding/grants.
- Burke provided the update that the City is awaiting a response on its grant application made to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council through its District Local Technical Assistance its DLTA grant application for funds to produce a Housing Production Plan.
- Kinnon confirmed that next week the City Council Finance Committee will review the responses received for the "moratorium study" (Request for Proposal for Citizens Engagement and Data Gathering & Analysis issued by the City Council (C.C. Order 638-15): related to the moratorium on multifamily residential development).

Ioven proposed a "data library," in which studies/reports referenced in the *Master Plan* and subsequent studies and report will be made accessible to members of the Committee; Romero can provide paper copies and/or post studies and reports to the existing dropbox link already set up for the Master Plan

Next scheduled meeting of Committee: Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.