

Cleary Square Engagement Debrief

Attendee Sign-in

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Monday, April 8th, 2024

Meeting Agenda

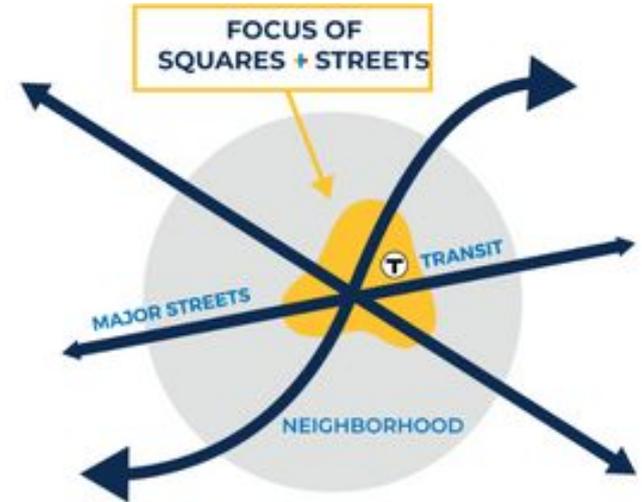
1. Staff Introductions
2. Community Meeting Guidelines and Intro to Squares + Streets (5 minutes)
3. Engagement Storymap walkthrough and live poll (25 minutes)
4. Community and Cultural Asset live poll and survey walkthrough (30 minutes)
5. Q+A and Discussion (30 minutes)

Community Meeting Guidelines

1. **Step-up, Step Back:**
 - a. During the discussion portion of this meeting, please keep comments and questions to 2 minutes or less
2. **Speak from the “I”:**
 - a. Focus on sharing your own perspective, experiences, and knowledge and do not speak for others who may or may not be in the room.
3. **Ask for Help and Clarification along the Way**
 - a. Staff will be monitoring the chat during the meeting to help with any logistical or content-related questions.
 - b. If you have a larger question or want to make a comment that goes beyond clarification, please wait until we reach the discussion portion of today’s meeting
4. **Honor Who is In the Room and Who is Not:**
 - a. There are a variety of experiences, backgrounds, and viewpoints in the room. While disagreement is understandable, rude or offensive statements towards others is not.
5. **Raise Your (Virtual) Hand to Speak and Do Not Speak Over Others**

What We Think of as “Squares + Streets” Areas

- **Transit:** T stops, commuter rail stations, key bus routes
- **Commercial activity:** main streets districts, retail along streets, businesses within walking distance of both transit and housing
- **Neighborhood centers:** central locations where neighborhood residents access local services to eat, shop, spend time, and run errands
- **Mixed use:** either directly above or directly adjacent to these businesses is housing, allowing some residents to get around without requiring a car
- **Places for growth:** existing housing and businesses are well-utilized, with context and market conditions that are suited for additional housing and economic growth
- **Lack of recent planning:** need for analysis of current neighborhood context, investment needs, and how zoning matches built conditions



Why Focus on Squares + Streets?

- Ensure every Bostonian has access to **neighborhoods with everyday resources and services**
- Provide **more housing** to support Boston's current and future residents
- Pair housing growth with areas that supply an abundance of commercial, civic, cultural, and transportation resources to **expand benefits beyond access to housing**
- Focus on developing plans for transit-accessible geographic hubs to deliver **zoning reform** and coordinated, impactful, and visible **investments across City Departments** that address a range of needs



What's Next in the Process

1. The **Cultural Asset Map** will be available online until Monday, April 15
2. **Office Hours** in the Hyde Park Library
 - a. Friday, April 12 (10am - 1 pm)
 - b. Friday, April 19 (10am - 1 pm)
3. **Visioning Workshop**
 - a. Wednesday, May 1 (6 - 7:30 pm) - In-person
 - b. Wednesday, May 15 (6 - 7:30 pm) - Virtual
4. **Focus Groups to Equity Groups**