

PLAN: Downtown

Advisory Group Meeting #8—December 18, 2019

Overview

Building on past studies, the primary goal of the study will be to develop a new framework for the preservation, enhancement, and growth of Downtown Boston, while balancing the importance of livability, daylight, walkability, climate change, access to open space, affordability, and a dynamic mix of uses, among others.

Agenda

6:00–6:15 pm	Advisory Group Update
6:15–7:00 pm	PLAN: Downtown Goals & Strategies Breakout Groups
7:00–7:30 pm	Report Back & Discussion

Next Advisory Group Meeting

AG #9 Scenario Update & Urban Design—

February 12, 2020 (*snow date 2/26/20*)

AG #10—March 18, 2020

(*snow date 3/19/2020*)

AG #11—April, 29, 2020

Next Public Meeting

Development Scenarios & Urban Design—January 30, 2020, 6–8 pm

Sargent Hall, First Floor, 110 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108

(*snow date 2/6/20*)

Other Upcoming Outreach

Targeting Mid-January 2020

Focus Groups

- Property Owner, Developers, & Institutions
- Preservation & Open Space
- Chinatown Master Plan Implementation Committee

Residents Association Updates

- Chinatown Residents Association
- Downtown Boston Residents' Association
- Wharf District Council

Questions, Comments

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The Advisory Group (AG) will assist the BPDA and other City agencies in creating a long-term vision for the PLAN: Downtown initiative. Nominations for the AG were publicly solicited in December 2018. Members were appointed by Mayor Martin J. Walsh in February 2019 and will serve for the duration of the planning process.

Advisory Group Members

Rob Adams, Boston Society of Landscape Architects

Barbara Boylan, The Druker Company

Paul Chan, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England

George Coorsen, Downtown Boston Residents' Association (DBRA)

Alison Frazee, Boston Preservation Alliance

Arturo Gossage, Chinatown Residents Association

Gilbert Ho, Chinatown Main Streets

Peggy Ings, Emerson College

Jung Shen Kuo, Josiah Quincy Upper School & Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC)

Chuck Labins, Tufts Medical Center

Karen LaFrazia, St. Francis House

Suzanne Lavoie, Wharf District Council & Greenway Conservancy Board

Joshua Leffler, Beacon Hill Civic Association

Angie Liou, ACDC

Lydia Lowe, Chinatown Community Land Trust

Herb Lozano, Roxbury Innovation Center

Beatrice Nessen, Friends of the Public Garden

Mary Ann Ponti, Saint Anthony Shrine

Seth Riseman, Boston Society of Architects

Joyce Sanchez, Boston University

Rosemarie Sansone, Downtown Boston Business Improvement District

Rishi Shukla, DBRA

Ann Teixeira, Downtown Resident

Theresa Tsoi, Chinatown Business Association

Tony Ursillo, DBRA

Jason Wright, Suffolk University

Ex-Officio Members

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz

State Senator Joseph Boncore

City Councilor Ed Flynn

Captain Kenneth Fong, Boston Police Department

Roger Mann, Senior Director of Real Estate, MBTA

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Public Process Events Completed to Date

- **PLAN: Downtown Open House** December 3, 2018
- **Downtown BID Update** December 3, 2018
- **Focus Groups**
 - Downtown Boston BID February 2, 2019
 - Chinatown MPIC February 14, 2019
 - Preservation & Conservation February 19 & March 7, 2019
 - Institutions February 19 & March 19, 2019
 - Landowners & Developers February 20 & March 20, 2019
 - Business Owners March 20, 2019
- **Advisory Group Meeting #1** March 7, 2019
- **Advisory Group Meeting #2** April 24, 2019
- **Vision Workshop** April 30, 2019
- **Advisory Group Meeting #3** May 22, 2019
- **SPARK Boston Council Update** June 3, 2019
- **Advisory Group Meeting #4** June 20, 2019
- **Advisory Group Meeting #5** July 17, 2019
- **Pop-up Engagement**
 - Leventhal Park July 19, 2019 & August 23, 2019
 - Downtown Arts Market July 25, 2019 & August 22, 2019
 - Chin Park August 23, 2019
- **Walking Tours**
 - Chinatown Walking Tour w/ACDC July 27, 2019
 - Downtown Alleys Tour w/Alice Brown August 14, 2019
- **Advisory Group Meeting #6** September 25, 2019
- **Community Priorities Workshop** October 24, 2019
- **Advisory Group Meeting #7** November 20, 2019
- **SPARK Boston Council Update** December 2, 2019
- **Downtown BID Update** December 9, 2019
- **Municipal Research Bureau Update** December 18, 2019