

PLAN: Downtown

Advisory Group List – Updated February 8, 2023

Advisory Group Members

	Name	Affiliation(s)
1	Barbara Boylan	The Druker Company —Property Owner Representative and Architect Downtown Boston BID—Member Member of the Downtown Workforce
2	Paul Chan	Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England Chinatown Master Plan Implementation Committee—Member Downtown Resident
3	George Coorsen	Downtown Boston Residents' Association —Co-founder Friends of the Public Garden—Member Beacon Hill Civic Association—Member Downtown Resident
4	Alison Frazee	Boston Preservation Alliance —Director of Advocacy Member of the Downtown Workforce City of Boston Resident
5	Arturo Gossage	Chinatown Resident Association —Treasurer Chinatown Master Plan Implementation Committee—Member Downtown Resident
6	Gilbert Ho	Chinatown Main Streets Chinatown Master Plan Implementation Committee—Member
7	Peggy Ings	Emerson College —Vice President Government and Community Relations Downtown Boston BID—Board Member Friends of the Public Garden—Member Back Bay Association—Member Downtown Boston Residents' Association—Member Member of the Downtown Workforce
8	Karen LaFrazia	St. Francis House —President & CEO Downtown Boston Residents' Association—Member Downtown Boston BID—Member Mayor's Leadership Council to End Chronic Homelessness Member of the Downtown Workforce
9	Susanne Lavoie	Wharf District Council —Executive Director Greenway Conservancy Board —Board Member Downtown Resident
10	Joshua Leffler	Beacon Hill Civic Association —Board Member City of Boston Resident
11	Angie Liou	Asian Community Development Corporation —Executive Director Chinatown Master Plan Implementation Committee—Member Member of the Downtown Workforce City of Boston Resident
12	Lydia Lowe	Chinatown Community Land Trust —Director Chinatown Master Plan Implementation Committee—Member
13	Herb Lozano	Roxbury Innovation Center —Events and Marketing Manager City of Boston Resident

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14	Beatrice Nessen	Friends of the Public Garden —Board Member & Common Committee Chair Boston Preservation Alliance—Board Member Old South Meeting House—Board Member City of Boston Resident
15	Mary Ann Ponti	Saint Anthony Shrine —Director of Outreach Programs Downtown Boston Residents’ Association—Member Downtown Resident
16	Seth Riseman	Boston Society of Architects —Urban Design Co-chair Urban Land Institute —Member Handel Architects—Urban Designer and Architect Downtown Resident
17	Joyce Sanchez	Boston University —Graduate Student & Full-time Employee BU Urban Planning Association—President City of Boston Resident
18	Rishi Shukla	Downtown Boston Residents’ Association —Co-founder & Head Dock Square Equity—Managing Partner & Co-founder Beacon Dental Health—CEO & Co-founder MA Science & Engineering Fair—Board Chairman Downtown Resident
19	Tony Ursillo	Downtown Boston Residents’ Association —Member Boston Preservation Alliance—Board Member Member of the Downtown Workforce Downtown Resident
20	Lauren Campbell	Associate Director of External Affairs, Suffolk University

Ex-Officio Members

	Name
1	State Representative Aaron Michlewitz
2	State Senator Lydia Edwards
3	City Councilor Ed Flynn
4	Roger Mann, Senior Director of Real Estate at the MBTA

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Advisory Group Roles, Responsibilities, & Objectives

The Advisory Group (AG) will assist the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and other City agencies in creating a long-term vision for the PLAN: Downtown initiative. The primary goal of the study will be to develop a new framework for the preservation, enhancement, and growth of the Downtown area of the City of Boston, while balancing the importance of livability, daylight, walkability, climate change, access to open space, affordability, and a dynamic mix of uses, among others.

Members of the AG should attend all public working sessions and meetings during the duration of the planning process. Between public meetings, there will be AG-specific meetings in which all members should attend and participate. Advisory Group meetings are open to the public and are also an opportunity for deeper conversation with members.

Advisory Group Objectives

- To be an ambassador for the community
- To promote excellence in planning, urban design, and development
- To provide deep understanding and expertise about planning issues specific to Downtown Boston
- To be a sounding board for the community's needs and aspirations
- To be a solution generator

Advisory Group Roles + Responsibilities

- Assist with outreach and spreading the word about the planning initiative.
- Encourage excitement and participation around planning for the future.
- Communicate information back to neighborhood groups and other affiliations.
- Assist with facilitation of PLAN: Downtown events.
- Advise on the planning process and Downtown-specific issues.
- Bring topical expertise and perspective to discussions, work sessions & meetings.
- Review the consultant's tasks and findings.
- Participate in the development of a vision, goals, and principles for the future of Downtown Boston.
- Assess development scenarios and their associated impacts.
- Propose viable recommendations that will ultimately inform new urban design and development guidelines and potential zoning regulations.

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Advisory Group Time Commitment and Term of Service

- Members will remain active for the entirety of the planning process.
- The time commitment is approximately one meeting every 4–6 weeks through summer 2020. Meetings will last 1.5–2 hours, depending on the agenda.
- Members are expected to be active participants at all PLAN: Downtown events.

Rules of Engagement

- This Advisory Group is specific to the PLAN: Downtown process.
- All meetings are open to the public and sponsored by the BPDA.
- Members agree to treat all participants of the study with respect and actively listen.
- Actively support all voices so that they may be heard.
- State comments and questions plainly and up-front followed by any necessary commentary.