

Canton Master Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting

April 11, 2019, 7-9 pm

Canton Public Library – Aldrich Meeting Room

786 Washington St

MINUTES

Present: Horsley Witten Group: Nate Kelly, Krista Moravec; McMahan Associates: Christi Apicella, Gary McNaughton
Master Plan Steering Committee: David McCarthy, Gerald Carmichael, Michael McMahan, John McSweeney, Sonja Grauds, Emilio Mauro, Tom Theodore, and Tonja Mettlach

Staff: Laura Smead, Town Planner

Citizen: Steve Bonica

Not present: Meredith McLoughlin

		Discussion/Homework
1. Welcome/Late Arrivals	7:00-7:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting minutes from March unanimously accepted, 8-0 • Next meeting dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 23rd meeting date cancelled since Horsley Witten Group will begin writing the plan ○ June 11th 2019, 7-9pm ○ July 17th, 2019, 7-9pm ○ August 27th, 2019, 7-9pm
2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes Next meeting date	7:05-7:10	
3. Public Outreach & Communication: Open House Follow Up Survey	7:10-7:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey had 105 participants • Survey captured a younger audience, and one that has lived in Canton for less time on average than the in-person workshops • Survey responses the same in almost all areas as the in-person workshops with the following exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Less favorable for flexible parking requirements (no parking/shared parking) – some thought that people didn’t understand what this was... at the workshop an in person staff is able to explain ○ Less positive about new on-street parking time limits and enforcement, maybe people misinterpreted this to mean meters ○ Less positive about some of the images overall on the Route 138 visual preference survey; harder to do these online with no explanations ○ For Route 138 survey respondents were most positive about mixed use destination shopping, and indoor/outdoor recreation (same as in-person workshop) ○ Online survey much more positive about increasing housing around Canton Junction station than the in-person workshop group, with 56 supporting, 16 unsure, and 30 disagreeing ○ Survey group a little bit more favoring of

		<p>mixed use/top of shop and townhouses than the in-person group for Town Center, Route 138, and Canton Junction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirmation that people really want more “third-spaces”/ gathering spaces like restaurants, indoor/outdoor recreation, bookstores, food stores, entertainment, etc. in Canton ○ Same top funding priorities as in-person workshop, with desire for more pedestrian infrastructure and amenities, investing in downtown streetscape, and improving recreation facilities (not necessarily in that order)
4. Transportation Focus Areas	7:20-8:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Detailed discussion by Christi and Gary about the in-depth traffic studies of the Pleasant Street/Washington Street intersection and the Washington/Church/Neponset Street triangle ● Pleasant/Washington Street could be improved with signal timing optimization – especially after the Washington Street/Randolph Street signal is installed, a don’t block the box painting and signage, changing from an exclusive pedestrian phase to a leading pedestrian interval, and the addition of an exclusive left-turn lane on Pleasant Street; however, it was thought that the rights-of-way and utility pole issues means that the work/expense of actually doing a turn lane is probably not worth it. The situation would already be greatly improved with the first two (much less expensive measures). ● Washington, Church and Neponset Street intersection could be improved in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signal timing optimization ○ Use of on-street parking lane on Washington Street for additional northbound travel lane during PM peak ○ Relocating the Church Street stop bar ○ Signal optimization and one-way Plymouth Street at Church Street, Plymouth, Street, and Neponset Street
5. Proposed Master Plan Annotated Outline	8:15-8:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>How do you feel about the structure? Does it flow well?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee liked the structure; there was a suggestion to title one main section “Quality Living” rather than “Healthy Living” – <i>Are there issues not addressed or wouldn’t have a home in this structure?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laura Smead had several comments she will type up and send to Krista for discussion
6. Public Outreach & Communication	8:45-9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Op eds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April (David) ○ May (Mike)