

Minutes

Boylston Street Corridor Study Committee

April 7, 2022 5:00 PM
Held remotely via Zoom

Committee members (in attendance noted by Y/N):

John VanScoyoc, Chair	Y	Wendy Friedman	Y	Tom Nally	Y
Rachna Balakrishna	Y	Joe Gaudino	N	Carlos Ridruejo	Y
Deborah Brown	N	Wendy Machmuller	Y	Mark Zarrillo*	Y

**arrived late/left early*

Staff & consultants present: Kara Brewton

Meeting materials included: agenda, draft design guidelines

Guests included: Wendy Wang, Hugh Mattison, Zoraida Fernandez

Kara Brewton opened the meeting, noting that it was being held remotely on the Zoom platform due to COVID, and after checking that all participants' audio/video were working well, and Kara announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Today's meeting will vote on design guidelines with a final draft that Committee members have already had an opportunity to review. Kara shared a link in the chat with all materials being reviewed.

Design Guidelines Final Review

John Van Scoyoc, Chair, provided context for work to date on design guidelines, and the goal of voting on design guidelines by end of the meeting today. The Committee has previously had an opportunity to review the equity language added.

Tom Nally voiced that he liked the additions. He's concerned about the detail here regarding equity, and the lack of similar detail for other important topics. He questions whether this detail belongs in design guidelines. The equity goals in the first section are very important, but that the further language maybe doesn't belong in design guidelines. Carlos Ridruejo suggested that we add "Equity Considerations Reflected in the BSC Design Guidelines" as an attachment as the end of the design guidelines or in the final Report. Mark Zarillo felt that Planning Board was not in a position to review the worksheet proposed in this section and therefore is inappropriate. Everything except the Equity Goals language was removed and tables for future conversation, specifically with the Planning Board.

Wendy Friedman offered some small grammatical edits.

Move to accept the design guidelines as reviewed on Monday, with the addition of the Equity Goals (in green in draft document), and some minor edits by roll call: MZ, TN, WM, WF, CR, RB, JVS.

John asked that Mark, as a member of the Planning Board, ask that the Planning Board consider equity in design in the future.

Comments from the Public

There were some general questions in the chat.

Next Steps

The next Writing Committee is tomorrow, 4/8, at 1pm, and there will be a walking tour on Sunday at 1pm.

Closing

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm.