

Minutes

Economic Development Advisory Board

September 12, 2022 7:00PM

Held remotely via Zoom

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

Anne Meyers, Co-Chair	Y	Derrick Choi*	Y	Carol Levin	Y	Marilyn Newman	Y
Paul Saner, Co-Chair	Y	Alan Christ	Y	Ken Lewis	Y	Al Raine	Y
Cliff Brown	Y	Sandi Silk	Y	Tom Nally	Y	Zeina Talje	Y

*Arrived late or left early

Staff & consultants present: Kara Brewton, Meredith Mooney, Victor Panak

Attendees included: Carolyn Thall, Jim Franco, Steven Heiken, David Guzman, John Van Scoyoc, Frances Shedd-Fisher, Diane Sokal, Elton Elperin, Gary Shiffman, John Harris, Jonathan Klein, Lesley Harkins, Linda Pehlke, Patricia Maher, Perry Grossman, Sean Lynn-Jones, Susie Roberts, Charles Homer, Katha Seidman, Mike Toeffel, Paul Harris

Meeting Materials: <https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/Index/2936>

- Resumes for Victor Panak, Aaron Norris, and Zeina Talje
- Presentation: MBTA Communities Act for EDAB – September 2022
- Presentation: Linkage/Impact Fee Programs – September 2022
- Draft Planning Process Study Committee Charge Memo – August 2022
- Selection of articles from the Warrant for Fall 2022 Town meeting

Meeting Recording:

https://brooklinema.zoomgov.com/rec/share/s0nnjHYZt08yU_yKxmeB2sMBNjN9M6UoPYO664IH1QUai_EUbj9-LKcy_uVSq-X.WvsAKqeG1fDpGfWr

Opening Remarks

Anne Meyers opened the meeting.

Introduction of new Economic Development Division Staff and EDAB members

Victor Panak, Zeina Talje, and Aaron Norris introduced themselves to the Board.

Board members also briefly introduced themselves and their backgrounds.

Planning Director Presentations

Possible Commercial Linkage program for Brookline:

Kara Brewton introduced the topic with a focus on the background of linkage fee discussions in Brookline. Victor Panak provided the Board with a brief presentation on linkage fees. Board members

asked some questions, including the cost of a nexus study, impacts of a flat linkage fee, and the purpose of a home rule petition.

Town's Compliance with the MBTA Communities Act:

Kara Brewton provided the Board with a presentation on the Town's compliance with the multi-family zoning requirements for MBTA communities. Board members asked questions about the requirements, including what the consequences of noncompliance might be, where the unit threshold requirement comes from, and whether commercial overlays can be placed over the required multi-family district.

Susie Roberts asked what the role of Town Meeting would be in the process of compliance.

Planning Director Updates

Planning for Comprehensive Plan (Planning Process Study Committee):

Kara Brewton provided a brief update on the Planning Process Study Committee noting that the Select Board approved a charge for the Committee.

Housing Production Plan:

Kara Brewton noted that the public outreach portion of the process has essentially been completed and that a final plan will hopefully be coming out in September/October for adoption by the Planning Board, HAB, and Select Board.

Q&A with Planning Director

There were no further questions.

Discussion of Fall 2022 Warrant Articles and their Relevance for EDAB

Board members discussed what articles they would want to consider and provide Town Meeting a recommendation for.

Mr. Saner suggested the Board look at the articles about hotel trafficking, fossil-fuel-free requirements, one of the marijuana social consumption articles, and possibly snow removal.

Mr. Raine also suggested that the articles dealing with demolition should be discussed.

The Board discussed and agreed to review the hotel trafficking article, the FFF articles, and the marijuana social consumption articles. The Board also briefly discussed the snow removal article and the slate of demolition-related articles. Mr. Saner indicated that he and Ms. Meyers would review the list of articles and finalize a list for EDAB.

Staff Updates – These items were not discussed due to time constraints.

~~ARPA-funded Economic Development projects~~

~~Small Business Development Committee work~~

~~Coolidge Corner BID~~

~~10 Brookline Place Committee~~

Other Updates

Future educational programming:

Sandi Silk provided an update on the idea of an educational series on what generates economic development and how the Town can grow its tax base. Ms. Silk discussed what kind of individuals could be on the panel and recounted her discussions with Lauren Bernard from the Brookline Parents Organization. The Board discussed other possible participants.

Upcoming Brookline Day event (Sunday, September 18 in Coolidge Corner):

Ms. Mooney announced details about Brookline Day.

Review and approve draft 6/13/2022 meeting minutes

Mr. Raine moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Meyers seconded the motion. The Board voted 8-0-2 (Brown and Talje abstained) to approve the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned.