



The City of
WORCESTER

Planning Board

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER**

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Worcester City Hall – Levi Lincoln Chamber,
with remote participation options available via WebEx online at
<https://cow.webex.com/meet/planningboardwebex> and
call-in number 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 1601714991).

Board Members Present: Albert LaValley, Chair
Edward Moynihan, Vice Chair
Adrian Angus
Conor McCormack
Brandon King

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Stephen Rolle, Department of Transportation and Mobility
Michelle Smith, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services
Steve Cary, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services
Sean Quinlivan, DPW

Call to Order

Board Chair LaValley called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Other Business

1. Now | Next - Worcester's Citywide Plan – Update #2

Michelle Smith provided an overview of where in the process the citywide plan is.

Zoe Taft Mueller, on behalf of the consultant Utile, gave a presentation on survey, data gathering, and public engagement feedback that has been collected thus far as part of Phase I Engagement.

Ed Moynihan asked clarifying questions about the Economic Opportunity slide; Ms. Muller clarified.

Ms. Muller continued the presentation, describing the final steps of Phase I Engagement.

Mr. Moynihan asked whether consultants had engaged with colleges; Ms. Muller explained the outreach efforts thus far and stated that representatives from the colleges are in working groups.

Ms. Muller described the proposed final report structure by chapter and discussed graphic design, noting an emphasis on telling human stories; described next steps for engagement, including feedback on place-making; described data gathered on transit capacity.

Mr. Moynihan noted that transit capacity map makes clear that mass transportation is held up by Holden's unwillingness to participate in the WRTA; asked Ms. Muller to send graphics to Board members via email.

Ms. Muller summarized where in the overall timeline the process is and described the transition to Phase II in the fall; described the content and timeline of Phase II Engagement, including scenario planning, stakeholder interviews, and working groups; described questionnaire format.

Mr. Moynihan thanked Ms. Muller for the presentation and stated he was impressed with the amount of work that has been done so far.

Mr. McCormack echoed Mr. Moynihan comments and stated he was glad to see the level of interest.

Sean Quinlivan asked about outreach conducted in regard to utility-related stakeholders; Ms. Muller described efforts; Ms. Smith also provided insight; Stephen Rolle provided comments on feedback that has been received in regards to transportation infrastructure.

Mr. LaValley echoed other Board comments.

Ms. Muller noted that she has encountered a lot of enthusiasm from people in participating in this process.

Ms. Smith asked the Board to confirm their availability for the October 12 meeting; all 5 members said they were available.

Mr. Moynihan made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. McCormack; the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm.