

Town of Lexington **Center Streetscape Design Review Ad Hoc Committee**

Monday November 14, 2016

**PARKER ROOM on the ground floor of the Town Office Building,
1625 Mass Ave., Lexington, MA
8:00 am to 10:00 am**

Committee Members: Victoria C. Buckley (Disability Commission), Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti (Planning Board), Anne L. Eccles (HDC), Margaret S. Enders (Bicycle Advisory), John W. Frey (Tree), Jonathan A. Himmel (Tourism), Wendall C. Kalsow (Historical Comm), Timothy D. Lee (Design Advisory), Howard L. Levin (Chair), Pamela F. Shadley (Center Committee),

Liaisons: Elaine Doran (Garden Club), Wendy Manz (Capital Expenditures), Glenn Parker (Appropriations), Eric J. Michelson (Retailers Assoc), David. Wells (Hist. Society), Ada Wong (Chamber)

Invitees: John Livsey (DPW), Michelle Ciccolo (Board of Selectmen), Melisa Tintocalis (EDD), David Pinsonneault (DPW)

Next Committee Meetings

Center Streetscape Committee Meetings, all at 8-10 AM in the Parker Room unless otherwise noted:
>>>Next meetings: Tuesdays, November 22nd, November 29th [tentative, Estabrook Hall]

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes for Meeting on 11-08-2016
2. Presentation by Nadene Worth of Landscape Forms concerning street furniture (*25 min*)
3. Presentation by Andy Balon of Bartlett Tree Experts on urban soils, trees, and maintenance (*30 min*)
4. Presentation by Mehdi S. Zarghamee, Ph.D., P.E. of SIMPSON GUMPERTZ & HEGER on using cement concrete for sidewalks, including advantages/disadvantages, best practices, and sidewalk construction. (*40 min*)
5. Brief discussion of *focus and direction* of Reports to the BOS: Renewal, renovation, revitalization of mid-century modern landscape? Exceptions from that theme?
6. Time permitting, Open discussion of recommendations to be made (votes as appropriate). Subgroup leaders requested to outline critical decision points for drafting tier reports, including but not limited to: layout and site design; bicycle accommodation; landscaping, irrigation, street furnishings, buffers and edges; educational and interpretive elements; wayfinding; consideration of partial use of mixed cement with brick border sidewalks for cost control purposes; oversight and project management.

SUMMARY OF UPDATED TIER SUBJECTS AND SUBGROUPS:

Tier 2:

- Overall layout and site design: pedestrian, bicyclist, and driving experience
- Landscaping (trees, shrubs, structural soil)
- Irrigation and infrastructure
- Street Furnishings
 - Benches, Tables and Chairs
 - Bicycle Parking
 - Trash Receptacles/Recycling
- Roadway features: Crosswalk and median materials
- Buffers and Edges (Thin planters, Stone walls, bollards, Edging)
- Stormwater including Infiltration basins

Tier 3:

- Interpretive and Educational Elements
 - Imbedded in and along sidewalk
 - Interpretive signage and markers
 - Materials (posts, plaques and markers)
 - Interface with Grain Mill Alley (activity area?)
- Signage and Wayfinding
- Disruption, budgeting and cost control strategies
- Committee Follow-through
- Oversight and Project Management

Tier 2 Subgroup:

Tim Lee (Chair), Peggy Enders, John Frey, David Wells, Elaine Doran. (General Public expressing interest in participation: John Flynn, Mark Connor, Gerry Paul.)

Tier 3 Subgroup:

Anne Eccles (Chair), David Wells Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti, Eric Michelson. (General Public expressing interest in participation: Fred Johnson, Elizabeth Brach.)