

Reimagining Railroad – Public Meeting #1
March 26, 2014
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Gloucester City Hall, Kyrouz Auditorium
9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA

MEETING AGENDA

Time	Topic	Who
6:00PM	Open House and Interactive Stations	All Participants
6:30PM	Introductory Presentation	Gregg Cademartori, Gloucester Eric Halvorsen, MAPC
7:00PM	Facilitated Table Discussions	All Participants
7:50PM	Report Outs from Table Discussions	Table Representative
8:00PM	Next Steps, Adjourn	Eric Halvorsen, MAPC

The goals of this meeting are to:

- Provide information on the project and create an understanding of the geography and character of the area
- Identify and understand the opportunities and issues in the area
- Discuss and uncover common themes that will help inform the vision and any recommendations for this area



Group Discussion Questions:

1. What do you value most about the Railroad Avenue area and the adjacent neighborhoods?
2. Given regional and national housing trends, where are the best opportunities for adding housing in this area?
3. What types of businesses could support the Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods?
 - Where might these businesses be located?
4. What transportation improvements could be made within the study area and to better connect this area to the Downtown and Harbor?
 - Specifically, what improvements could be made for pedestrians, cyclists and/or transit users?

Suggested Ground Rules:

1. Listen as an ally with respect and without interruptions or personal attacks.
2. One person speaks at a time. Avoid dominating the discussion so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute. Try to defer to an existing conversation thread.
3. Express your own views and do not attempt to speak for others.
4. Share information to help inform MAPC recommendations and City of Gloucester decisions. Ask questions of others to understand what they are saying and why.
5. It is perfectly OK to disagree, but remember, this is a discussion...not a debate. It is more important to help MAPC understand different perspectives than persuade someone else to agree with you.
6. Raise your hand to signal the facilitator(s) you wish to be recognized. Facilitators will do their best to take note of order in which members asked to be recognized.

Keeping Informed:

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