

PHASE II DOWNTOWN FOCUS GROUP  
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This meeting of the Phase II Downtown Focus Group was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. via remote participation via ZOOM video conferencing pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c. 30A, section 18, and the Governor's March 23, 2020 Order, as amended, imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place.

Present: Michael Moonan (BL Companies), Kyle Alfred (BL Companies), Keith Caruso, Laurie Connors, Rich Hamilton, Judy O'Connor, Kristen Livoti, Conor McCormack, Mike Kennedy, Mary Lou Mulhane, Laura Wellington, Hillary King (MVP Regional Coordinator)

Absent: Dave Delaney, Vinod Kalikiri and Bob Roy

Mike Moonan of BL Companies shared his screen showing the Focus Group updates to the preliminary site plan that were completed since the last Focus Group meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Moonan explained that the plans are now 80% complete and that he plans to submit the Stormwater Management Permit application to the Planning Board the following day, May 27<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the soil evaluator has been scheduled to perform test pits within the municipal parking lot and that he is working with the DPW to pin down the exact date.

Discussion ensued about appropriate placement of two rapid charging stations within the municipal parking lot and whether there had to be an accessible route to the charging station versus an ADA-compliant parking space. Mike Kennedy responded that the height of the charger needs to be accessible- within 48" of ground level- and there must be an accessible route to the charger, but there doesn't need to be an ADA-compliant parking space.

Kristen Livoti asked and Mr. Moonan confirmed that the wall along the Asa Waters Mansion frontage will not be impacted in any way.

Keith Caruso expressed concern about the radius of the bumpout at the School Street intersection. Mike Moonan said that they will check the radius.

Laurie Connors updated the group on grant activities. She explained that the Planning Department was prepared to submit the MassWorks/Housing Choice Grants by the deadline on June 4<sup>th</sup> and that MVP Action Grant and Shared Streets and Spaces Grant were submitted in May. She explained that she no longer planned to submit a Section 319 Non-point Source Pollution Grant application to MA DEP because the project couldn't meet the program's minimum phosphorous removal goal.

Ms. Connors alerted the group that because the design plans are largely complete, she does not foresee another meeting of the Focus Group at this time. Written feedback on the Preliminary Plans are welcome, however. Members of the Focus Group can examine a full scale set of plans borrowed from the Planning Department or the plans can be examined on the project webpage.

The next important meeting and opportunity to provide public comment will be the Planning Board's public hearing on the Post-Construction Stormwater Management Permit, which will likely take place on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm.