

Master Plan 2023
Community Services, Facilities, and Circulation Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2025, 6:00 PM
Remote Meeting

This meeting was available to be attended by members of the public remotely via phone and Zoom. The meeting was also live-streamed by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. Recordings have been made available on Franklin TV’s “Franklin Town Hall TV” YouTube channel.

Introductions -

Committee Members in Attendance:

Committee Members Absent:

Others / Members in Attendance via Zoom: Chair Cobi Frongillo, Member Erin Gallagher, Member Ginelle Lang,

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:15 pm.

1. Approve Last Meeting Minutes

Chair Frongillo stated that he was ready to approve minutes unless the other Subcommittee Members had any requested changes, to which no other Members responded with requests.

2. Discuss Public Comments

Chair Frongillo and Member Lang discussed ideas of how to reword their goals that focused on pedestrian travel to be more inclusive of accessibility in response to comments on the matter. Member Lang stated that she had heard from a member of the public who had previously commented on the matter in prior meetings that *pedestrian* includes individuals traveling with mobility devices, and thus would accept the term. They agreed to replace the term “walkability” in the Master Plan with “pedestrian-friendly”.

3. Revise Objectives & Implementation

The Subcommittee then discussed the topic of education on bicycling and whether or not to include it in the Master Plan. Member Gallagher questioned the effectiveness of trying to make bike education a Town priority. Chair Frongillo suggested adding bike education to a goal under the topic of improving, expanding, and maintaining the Town’s bicycle facilities. Member Lang inquired about making a recommendation of a bicycle committee to keep track of the Town’s

efforts to improve bike usage, to which Chair Frongillo said that it would fall under the action of establishing a volunteer Complete Streets Committee who would work with the Department of Public Works.

The Subcommittee Members continued discussion of the Final Draft Report, specifically focusing on outdated information regarding school redistricting and building statuses. They agreed to add a sentence and a link to the upcoming redistricting plan in the Inventory and Assessment section. The Subcommittee then discussed the necessity of having a precise budgetary figure for what the Town should be allocating towards maintenance of its schools to ensure they are adequately supported. They also considered the potential need to sustainably fund chorus, band, and theater programs, with Member Gallagher mentioning that police details frequently need to be paid for to provide security at such large public events. The Subcommittee agreed to place their focus on improving academic achievement in Town without specifying test score or ranking metrics.

Chair Frongillo then listed off remaining ideas they had previously discussed, including technology to help residents find parking spaces, shuttle buses for hotels, and public health programs being added to community services. They also covered the idea of having student-designated non-voting seats on certain Boards and Committees to engage the youth, citing ones that are focused on Arts and Culture as examples. The last idea the Subcommittee discussed was using GATRA maps to better understand the needs and circulation of the community. They agreed to share any additional ideas or suggestions with each other by email if they should think of them after the meeting.

**Community Services, Facilities, and Circulation Subcommittee- next meeting
TBD**

**Motion to adjourn meeting- seconded. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned
at 7:28 PM.**