



**Economic Development Subcommittee Steering Committee Meeting
Agenda & Meeting Packet
August 10, 2022**

Meeting will be held at the **Municipal Building**
2nd floor, Council Chambers
355 East Central Street
6:00 PM

A NOTE TO RESIDENTS: All citizens are welcome to attend public board and committee meetings in person. Additionally, in an effort to maximize citizen engagement opportunities, citizens will be able to continue to participate remotely via phone OR Zoom. The meetings will also be [live-streamed by Franklin TV](#) and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29.

- **Link to access meeting:** August 10, 2022 EDC + Steering Committee Meeting Link [HERE](#) -- Then click "Open Zoom"
 - Or copy and paste this URL into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87840945089>
 - **Call-In Phone Number:** Call **1-929-205-6099** & enter Meeting ID: **878 4094 5089** then press #

Agenda:

1. Discussion: "Franklin For All" MAPC Study Conclusion & Committee Recommendations
 - a. Staff Memo
 - b. [Franklin For All Executive Summary and Final Report](#)
 - c. [Franklin - DHCD Approved Housing Production Plan](#)

This is a meeting of the Franklin Town Council Sub-Committee; under the Open Meeting Law, this subcommittee is a separate "public body" from the Town Council. Therefore, unless the Town Council has separately notified and posted its own meeting, Councilors who are not members of this subcommittee will not be permitted to speak or otherwise actively participate @ this meeting, although they may attend and observe. This prohibition is necessary to avoid the potential for an Open Meeting Law Violation

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

August 2, 2022

To: Economic Development Committee (EDC+) Steering Committee
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Re: **“Franklin For All” Executive Summary**

The *Franklin For All* MAPC study reached its conclusion! The Town has been working with MAPC over the past year to come up with strategies for the revitalization of Franklin’s downtown area; this June MAPC completed its executive summary and analysis of their findings.

Over the course of FY22, MAPC hosted several public forums and discussions, and also created and helped to distribute a survey open to all community members to collect input, ideas, suggestions and opinions on how the downtown revitalization process should proceed and to determine what aspects of the revitalization had the largest priority amongst residents and other stakeholders. The members at MAPC provided several recommendations to the Town regarding zoning improvements based on the existing strengths and areas for improvement in the downtown area.

The full executive summary and results of the MAPC study can be found here:

[Franklin For All Executive Summary and Final Report](#)

EDC+ Steering Committee Meeting Goals and Actions:

1. Review and/or discuss downtown revitalization and re-zoning suggestions resulting from the MAPC study.
2. Identify and outline the top three priorities for downtown revitalization. Each one of the seven members of the committee will have three (3) votes each to prioritize the recommendations from the MAPC study.
3. Discuss a timeline and plan for the implementation of the three highest determined priority items.

** Once the top three priorities are identified for downtown revitalization based upon the MAPC study, the EDC + Steering committee will present the Town Administrator with the list of priorities and the town administrator will work with all relevant municipal staff to start the process of implementing these priorities. The EDC + Steering committee will meet periodically to discuss the status and estimated timelines for complete implementation of their priorities. Going forward, the EDC + Steering Committee will reassess their priority list and add new goals on an annual basis or as needed.**

Also for reference and related, the Franklin Community Planning and Development office has been working closely with the Town Council Economic Development Subcommittee, Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, Franklin Housing Authority, and Franklin Residents and staff to create a housing production plan for the town. They submitted their draft housing production plan to DHCD in April of 2022, in May of 2022 DHCD approved the Housing Production Plan. This plan will help the Town implement strategies to enable the community to reach its affordable housing needs and requirements by law.

The complete, DHCD approved, housing production plan can be found here: [Franklin - DHCD Approved Housing Production Plan](#)

With both of these studies and plans complete, the Town staff now have many updated strategies toward the issues of housing, affordable housing, zoning and many other subsequent issues.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.