

Franklin Cultural District Committee Meeting
Massachusetts Cultural District Initiative Site Visit
Franklin Cultural District, Franklin, MA

Thursday, September 20, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Massachusetts Cultural Council Attendees:

Anita Walker, Executive Director, Mass Cultural Council
Meri Jenkins, Program Manager, Mass Cultural District Initiative
Luis Cotto, Mass Cultural District Initiative
Lisa Simmons, Program Manager, Communities, Mass Cultural Council
Mina Kim, Program Officer, Communities, Mass Cultural Council
Charlotte Cutter, Program Officer, Communities, Mass Cultural Council
Arreen Andrews, Program Officer, Communities, Mass Cultural Council
Justina Crawford, Program Officer, Communities, Mass Cultural Council
Anita Lauricella, Site Advisor, MA Cultural District Initiative

10:30 - 11:20 a.m. Round table with Municipal Leaders

Ben Franklin Meeting Room, Franklin Public Library, 118 Main Street

Participants:

Town Council: Tom Mercer, Vice Chair & Econ. Dev. Subcommittee Chair; Deborah Pellegrini
Administration: Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator; Jamie Hellen, Deputy Town Administrator
Franklin Cultural District Committee (FCDC): Phillip Regan, Chair; John LoPresti, Vice Chair &
Marketing Subcommittee Chair; Nancy Schoen, Clerk & Partnership Subcommittee Chair; Kit Brady,
Goals Subcommittee Chair; Tyler Warren, Social Media.
Franklin Cultural Council: Stacey David, Chair (also FCDC member)
Historical Commission: Mary Olsson, Chair
School Department: Dr. Sara Ahern, Superintendent
Council on Aging: Karen Alves, Senior Center Director
Franklin Public Library: Felicia Oti, Director
Planning & Community Development: Bryan Taberner, Director

Call to Order. Phillip Regan, FCDC Chair

10:30 a.m.

Anita Walker, MCC Executive Director

Agenda:

- o Introductions
- o Background to MA Cultural District Initiative
- o Response to Site Advisor Questions

11:20 a.m. - 2:20 p.m. Tour of District

Participants:

Representative Jeffery Roy, Phillip Regan, John LoPresti, Nancy Schoen, Stacey David, Kit Brady,
Tyler Warren, and Bryan Taberner. Jeffrey Nutting, Roberta Trahan, Lisa Piana and others will join the
Group for portions of Tour.

Tour Route:

1. **Franklin Public Library**
Felicia Oti, Director; Caleigh Keating, Youth Services Librarian
2. **Main Street, North.** Jeffrey Nutting
Town of Franklin Revitalization Initiatives
National Register Historic Districts

11:20 a.m.

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| 3. | Franklin Town Common, Main & High
Farmers Market
Concerts on the Common | 11:35 a.m. |
| 4. | Main & Pleasant
Ben Franklin Classical Charter School
Veterans Monuments | |
| 5. | Main & Church
Brick School House
Church Street
Oak Street
O'Reagan Early Childhood Center
Oak Street Elementary School
Horace Mann Middle School | 11:40 a.m. |
| 6. | Franklin High School , Dr. Sara Ahern; Dr. Joyce Edwards
Oak Street | 12:00 p.m. |
| 7. | Franklin Senior Center , Karen Alves, Director
Oak Street
Union Street | 12:25 p.m. |
| 8. | Franklin Town Common, Union & High
Union Street | |
| 9. | Union & West Central
Davis Thayer School
Dean College
CCMC Property, Hayward Mills,
Ray Memorial Cemetery
West Central | 12:35 p.m. |
| 10. | West Central & Emmons
Horace Mann Statue
New Development
Franklin United Methodist Church | |
| 11. | Dean College. <u>Campus Center</u> : The Main Stage & Guidrey Center.
Dr. Paula Rooney, President; Paul Resten, Dean of School of Continuing Studies, Assoc. VP of Business Development; Tracy Lane, Assistant to the Dean, Palladino School of Dance & School of the Arts; John Rooke, Director, Center for Business, Entertainment & Sport Management | 12:45 p.m. |
| Break For Lunch , Dean College Campus Center | | 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. |
| District Tour (Continued) | | |
| 12. | Main Street, South . Roberta Trahan & Lisa Piana
Dean College, Dean Hall
Downtown Streetscape Improvements | 1:45 p.m. |
| 13. | Franklin School for the Performing Arts
Raye Lynn Mercer, Founder & Director; Kim Rezendes, Asst. Dir.; Hallie Wetzell, Asst. Dir. | 1:50 p.m. |
| 14. | Teddy Gallagher's Irish Pub | |
| 15. | Emma's Quilt Cupboard and Sewing Center | |
| 16. | The Little Shop of Olive Oils
Culinary Arts and Franklin Center Restaurants
MBTA Commuter Rail Station
East Central Street
New Development | |
| 17. | Franklin Downtown Partnership , Roberta Trahan; Lisa Piana
West Central Street | 2:10 p.m. |
| 18. | THE BLACK BOX
Alan Mercer, Director of Advancement; Raye Lynn Mercer, Executive Director | 2:20 p.m. |
| 19. | Franklin Historical Museum , Mary Olsson | 2:30 p.m. |

2:40 - 3:25 p.m. Round table with Partnering Organizations & Stakeholders

Franklin Historical Museum, 80 West Central Street

Participants:

Philip Regan, FCDC Chair
John LoPresti, FCDC Vice Chair
Nancy Schoen, FCDC Clerk
Kit Brady, FCDC
Tyler Warren, FCDC
Stacey David, Franklin Cultural Council Chair & FCDC
Bryan Taberner, Planning & Community Development
Roberta Trahan, Franklin Downtown Partnership, President
Lisa Piana, Franklin Downtown Partnership, Executive Director
Pandora Carlucci, Franklin Downtown Partnership
Paul Resten, Dean College
Raye Lynn Mercer, Franklin School for the Performing Arts
Alan Mercer, Franklin Performing Arts Company
Mark Plukas, Circle of Friends Coffeehouse
Mary Olsson, Franklin Historical Commission Chair
Susan Sheridan, Franklin Art Association
Peg Munson, Franklin Art Association
Karen Alves, Senior Center Director
Felicia Oti, Franklin Public Library, Director
Caleigh Keating, Franklin Public Library, Youth Services Librarian
Christopher Nayler, Franklin Public Schools (FPS), Director of Lifelong Learning Institute
Brenna Johnson, Franklin High School Art Department
Diane Plouffe, Franklin Public Schools, Director of Music and Performing Arts
Dr. Joyce Edwards, FPS Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Dr. Sara Ahern, FPS Superintendent
Peter Fasciano, Franklin TV-Franklin Radio
Ken Norman, Franklin TV-Franklin Radio; Council on Aging
Steve Sherlock, Franklin Matters
Kris Russell, The Drummers' Studio
Phil Hall, Live ARTS
Jim Schultz, Franklin Resident, Folk Alliance International
Lisa Ostrow, Encore Music Academy & Recording Studios
Patrick Dreier, Encore Music Academy & Recording Studios

Questions from Press and Public

3:25 p.m.

Adjourn

3:30 p.m.

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

For Additional information, contact:

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