

Newton Next: Comprehensive Plan Community Voices Team

WELCOME AND EXPECTATIONS



Thank you for your interest to serve on the **Newton Next: Comprehensive Plan Community Voices Team (CVT)**! You have the opportunity to take a detailed look at City of Newton and help shape the vision for their future by participating in discussions, activities, and community engagement opportunities this year. Please review the following information to understand CVT member expectations. The CVT is the sounding board for the comprehensive plan effort. The CVT will be utilized throughout the process to provide insight and information, assist us (the Planning Team) in the direction and recommendations of the plan, and hopefully be advocates for the plan.

We recognize that this is YOUR PLAN. We are here to listen, analyze, provide technical insight, and ultimately develop a plan that executes the community's vision. We do not take that charge lightly and truly appreciate the time and effort you will give us. Thank you for being willing to participate in this process.

GROUP EXPECTATIONS

As a member of the CVT, you are asked to commit to the following:

- **Be honest in your comments and suggestions, keeping the entire city's best interests in mind.**
- **Keep an open mind. Be mindful and respectful of other members' thoughts and values when they differ from your own.**
- **Participate fully in discussions and activities during the entire planning period to help develop the plan.**
- **Respond to information requests and meeting invitations in a timely fashion.**
- **Advocate for the best plan possible and serve as an advocate of the planning effort. Encourage residents to take the community questionnaire and participate in open houses.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following information is subject to change. We request your attendance at the One-Day Visioning Workshop and Two-Day Planning and Design Charrette. You will not be expected to attend the full program, and an official invitation and agenda will be sent out via email prior to the event. Please make every effort to attend both events to maintain consistency in conversation and representation. Please hold the following windows on your calendar:

- **October 7th, 6-8PM | One-Day Visioning Workshop (evening session) | Fire Station 3: 2520 S Kansas Ave**
- **February 3rd & 4th | Planning and Design Charrette (day-one morning session, day-two afternoon session)**

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