



GMNC Monthly Meeting
February 1, 2021 | 6:30 - 8PM
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Meeting Agenda

Introduction

- Review/approve minutes of the 1/4/2021 Council Minutes

Presenter – John Barros, Chief of Economic Development, City of Boston

This discussion will focus on the steps that communities like Greater Mattapan need for there to be a vibrant and sustainable community through processes based on equity and inclusion. We are not looking to return to business as usual. The pandemic has taught us all, that we need to look to solutions that include deeper community processing and transparency.

- As Chief of Economic Development, how does your cabinet level position engage with the City's departments that determine much about what is developed in our community – *specifically BPDA, BTM, DND and the Main Streets program*? What engagement mechanisms and changes are being done to address issues of "lack of equity and quality of life standards" made ever more glaring now with the pandemic?
- The City is now in a modified version of Phase Two, Step Two of the "Reopening of Massachusetts". For the residents of Greater Mattapan, growing unemployment is a top concern. What are some of the solutions the City currently has underway, and or in the near future to address these concerns through economic development? What efforts have been made to integrate workforce training with job opportunities to address unemployment in our community?
- Last July 2020, WGBH news reported that less than 2 percent of the emergency city-funded COVID-related contracts went to minority businesses. Is the City working or open to working with BECMA (*Black Economic Council of Massachusetts*) to engage with minority businesses?
- Next steps for residents and the GMNC to follow-up

Presenters – Reports from the Working Committees

- Public Service Committee – Matthew Skelly
- Community Benefits Committee – Fatima Ali-Salaam
- Environmental Committee- William King
- Zoning Committee – David Lopes
- Housing & Development Committee – Joy Gary, June Joseph

Announcements

- **February 2nd:** Public Service Committee Meeting
- **February 3rd:** GMNC Community Benefits
- **February 8th:** Environmental, Parks & Energy
- **February 18th:** Zoning Committee
- **February 25th:** Housing & Development Committee

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