



Charge for Citizens Advisory Committee

November 18, 2015

The Lawrence Redevelopment Authority (LRA) seeks to appoint fifteen to twenty members of the Lawrence community to a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to assist with the preparation of a new urban renewal plan for the City of Lawrence.

Membership

The members of the CAC can be residents, property owners, members of community organizations, and/or business owners within Lawrence. The LRA is looking for people with a commitment to the economic revitalization of the City. Familiarity with factors that influence property development is helpful but not required. Applicants to the CAC will be reviewed for City of Lawrence tax compliance and code enforcement actions.

Committee Charge

CAC members will work with the LRA, their in-house consultant, Maggie Super Church, and their consultant team, led by The Cecil Group, during the process of creating the urban renewal plan. Their responsibilities will include the following:

- Provide input on the topics related to the urban renewal plan
- Review and comment on materials prior to the public meetings
- Review and comment on results received from the public meetings
- Review and comment on the draft urban renewal plan
- Reach out to other community members to inform them of the process and encourage them to participate in the public workshops

Time Commitment and Process

Members should expect to attend three-four meetings between January and June 2016. Materials will be provided in both English and Spanish one week before each meeting so members have time to review them prior to discussion.

Application Process and Deadline

Please send your name, phone number, email, address, and a paragraph stating why you would like to be on the Citizens Advisory Committee to Anne-Marie Doherty at ADoherty@cityoflawrence.com by **December 10, 2015**. Members will be appointed at the December 16 meeting of the LRA.

There will be a briefing for those interested at the end of the first Public Form on **November 18, 2015 from 7-9 pm at the El-Hefni Center, 414 Common Street, Room LC 301.**

Purpose of the Urban Renewal Plan

The Lawrence Redevelopment Authority (LRA) is currently embarking on the process of creating a new Urban Renewal Plan for the City of Lawrence. The LRA will develop this plan with significant community input as well as technical information prepared by a team of consultants led by The Cecil Group, Inc., planning and urban design firm based in Boston.

The Plan will identify action steps that the LRA and other public and private partners can take to advance four key goals:

- Economic development
- Job creation
- Improved quality of life
- Fiscal stability

Community input will be an integral part of the planning process, and there will be numerous opportunities for comments and feedback. The LRA will also create a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to help guide the planning process.

The final Urban Renewal Plan must be approved by the Mayor, City Council, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. In addition, the Lawrence Planning Board must agree that the Urban Renewal Plan is consistent with existing relevant plans for the city.

The project is expected to be complete in 2016, with the following schedule:

- Summer 2015-Fall 2015 – Community Outreach and Existing Conditions Analysis
- Winter 2016-Spring 2016 – Definition of Urban Renewal Plan boundaries and Refinement of Plan Elements
- Summer 2016-Fall 2016 – Draft Report and Approval Process

Additional Information

More detailed information about the project is available at:
<http://www.LawrenceTBD.com>

For additional information, please contact: Maggie Super Church, Project Manager for the LRA, at mpschurch@gmail.com.