

A Guide to the Riverside Visioning Open House

Sunday, February 10, 4–6:30pm

Williams Elementary School

141 Grove St, Auburndale

The first Riverside visioning session will be a city-wide Open House, organized by CivicMoxie, the consulting group hired by the city to lead the visioning process. The meeting will focus on listening to the community's ideas about what we'd like to see at the site and how it should be designed. **(Note that this meeting won't be about the current Robert Korff/Mark Development proposal.)**

We urge you to attend and make your voices heard. You are welcome to stop by for whatever amount of time you can. Here's a preview of how the meeting will be organized.

Presentation

At 5:00pm CivicMoxie will present a brief explanation of the overall visioning process, the site, and its history, highlighting the previously approved 2013 Normandy development plan and what has changed since then.

Interactive Workstations

From 4 to 6:30pm there will be 5 workstations organized by topic set up around the gym. You can visit them at any time during the visioning. Here are some things you may want to think about beforehand:

1. **Community Benefits and Amenities:** This area will ask about public/community spaces you would like to see at Riverside, such as: community center, indoor and outdoor recreational space, (basketball courts, soccer fields), nature paths, fountains, cafes, shops, restaurants, etc.
2. **Economic Development:** This area may explore the use of the site to create jobs and generate tax revenue for the City, and whether generation of tax revenue should be the priority in deciding what should be built there.

3. **Housing:** This area may include questions about choices for housing at the site: mixed-use or all residential; types of housing (low income, moderate, luxury); percentage of each type; number of units; style (modern, historical); and the size, density, and height of the buildings.).
4. **Transportation:** This area may explore the transit services we'd like to see, such as: express buses to Boston; improved T service; shuttles to the commuter rail or other locations; a direct connection to other parts of Boston; more/less parking, etc. Other transportation issues include potential conflicts between development at the site and the potential for expansion of public transit services.
5. **Design and neighborhood context:** This station will address questions such as: the importance of parks and recreational space, how the site should be laid out, building height and density; set back from Grove Street, and how development at Riverside can/should connect with the nearby neighborhoods (socially, politically, aesthetically, etc.).

Evaluation: There will be an evaluation sheet to fill out for feedback on the meeting itself, as well as additional opportunities for comments about the site.

SEE YOU THERE!

The LFIA Riverside Committee