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Subject: RE: Creating a NewVision Plan for Zoning Resign

Peter,

Thank you for this detailed letter regarding Zoning Redesign in Newton.

I wholeheartedly agree with your underlying idea -- robust community engagement is important in updating our zoning.

FYI: the segment that you used from my quotes was not about zoning but rather about comprehensive plans. I think the role of a planning department is quite different in those two processes. Phil Herr, a community member, for example, led Newton's last comprehensive planning effort.

I know that the City Council's Zoning and Planning Committee and the Planning Department have been committed to community input (even in the midst of the pandemic) as they are undertaking their work on Zoning Redesign.

It's been almost a year since I've last met with the Newtonville Area Council. Perhaps in the next few months, I could again join you at one of your monthly meetings.

I'm copying Hattie Kerwin Derrick on this email who can work with you on finding a date if that is something you would find amenable.

Warmly,
Ruthanne