



NEIGHBORHOOD & LONG TERM PLANNING, PUBLIC FACILITIES, ARTS & CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING

~ MINUTES ~

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

2:00 PM

Sullivan Chamber
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the reappointment of Kathleen L. Born to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) for a term of 5 years, effective June 26, 2022, and to receive an update to the CRA's Strategic Planning Process.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Dennis J. Carlone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alanna Mallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

A public meeting of the Cambridge City Council's Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. The meeting was Called to Order at 2:00 p.m. by the Chair, Councillor Carlone. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022 adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was hybrid, allowing participation in person, in the Sullivan Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA and by remote participation via zoom.

Chair Carlone called the meeting to order. The call of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing on the reappointment of Kathleen L. Born to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) for a term of 5 years, and to receive an update to the CRA's Strategic Planning Process.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Chair, Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Present/Remote

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Present/Remote

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Present/Remote

Present-5, Absent-0. Quorum established.

Also present in the Chamber was Councillor Paul Toner.

The City Clerk informed the Chair that no one had signed up to participate in the public hearing.

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The Chair made brief remarks noting the accomplished record of Kathleen Born including as a former City Councillor and Vice Mayor. The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Kathleen Born and CRA Executive Director Tom Evans and asked that each make an opening statement.

Ms. Born noted the tremendous change in the City over the past 10 years and highlighted the work of the CRA and its transformation to become a transparent organization. Ms. Born noted that she was proud of the accomplishments of the CRA and that she looked forward to serving another term.

Tom Evans further highlighted Ms. Born's role in the transformation of the CRA and spoke about the CRA's strategic planning process and their work in Kendall Square.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Vice Mayor Mallon who thanked Kathleen Born and Tom Evans for their work and offered comments noting the tremendous opportunity in the City. The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Councillor McGovern who thanked Kathleen Born for her work noting her integrity and thoughtfulness in making decisions.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Councillor Nolan who offered comments supportive of the reappointment.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone made comments supporting the reappointment noting Ms. Born's positive way, optimism and sincerity in doing things correctly.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Tom Evans for a presentation on the draft CRA 2022 Strategic Plan: Vision and Mission. Copy attached.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Councillor Nolan for comments and questions related to the climate crisis and the role of the CRA in environmental and social justice issues.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Councillor McGovern for comments and questions around the CRA's role in affordable housing, including moving forward with smaller projects.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Vice Mayor Mallon who also commented on the need for creative approaches around affordable housing.

Tom Evans and Kathleen Born responded to the comments and questions posed by Councillors.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone commented noting that he greatly appreciated the creativity of the CRA over the past 10 years to solve problems. The Chair, Councillor Carlone also commented on the need for more open space and more Pre-K space throughout the City.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone made a motion to send the Reappointment of Kathleen L. Born to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a 5-year term to the Full City Council with a favorable recommendation.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Chair, Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes

Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes

Yes-5, No-0. The motion passed.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone made a motion to adjourn.

City Clerk LeBlanc called the roll.

Chair, Councillor Dennis J. Carlone – Yes

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon – Yes
Councillor Marc C. McGovern – Yes
Councillor Patricia Nolan – Yes
Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan – Yes
Yes-5, No-0. The motion passed.

The Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee adjourned at approximately 3:13 p.m.

Attachment: Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, 2022 Strategic Plan: Vision and Mission, draft dated September 19, 2022.

A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Kathleen Born as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term of five years, effective June 26, 2022.

A communication was received from Tom Evans of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, transmitting a presentation regarding the CRA Strategic Plan Vision.



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG
City Manager

October 3, 2022

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby recommending the reappointment of Kathleen L. Born to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) for a term of 5 years, effective June 26, 2022.

Ms. Born currently serves as the Chair of the Board, and has remained a central figure in the CRA's organization development and strategic growth. She has been instrumental in the launching of new initiatives with the City, most recently the delivery of the MXD substation alternative location.

Ms. Born has been actively engaged in local development and city planning issues for years, and brings a technical perspective on urban design as well as a thoughtful community lens to project review and decision making regarding redevelopment programs.

Ms. Born's leadership is critical to the work of the CRA and her reappointment is strongly supported by the Executive Director.

Therefore, in accordance with Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws, I am submitting Ms. Born's name for City Council confirmation as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. I am further requesting that this recommendation be forwarded to the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebrations Committee or other suitable committee for a public hearing as outlined in City Council Rule Number 32C.

Very truly yours,

Yi-An Huang
City Manager

