Virtual CRA Meetings and Public Participation

In response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, on March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. The Order allows government bodies subject to the law to meet using remote participation, without presence of members of the general public, the chair, or a quorum of the public body in a physical location.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor, the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) is authorized to continue to use remote participation for their public meetings through 2024. In accordance with the Order, the CRA is holding this meeting virtually via Zoom webinar, with the ability for the public to access and participate either through a computer, smart phone, or by calling in via a telephone.

While we realize that Zoom Webinar is a more structured and formal meeting arrangement than standard Zoom Meetings, there are various reasons why the CRA chose this approach and your flexibility is appreciated. In this format, all attendees, except panelists, will have their video suspended and be muted unless specifically unmuted by the host. There will be opportunities for public comment, at the start of this meeting and during the meeting at the discretion of the Board Chair.

To provide public comment please press the "raise hand" icon at the bottom of your screen, and you will be called upon to speak. Once you are called upon, you will also need to unmute yourself. After speaking, you will be re-muted by the host.

Alternatively, you can use the Q/A function to type your question or comment. Comments will be read by the host during the public comment sessions. Comments may be read at other times during the meeting at the discretion of the Chair.

If you are calling in via phone and have no access to a computer or smart phone, you can call the CRA's main line at 617-492-6800 and press extension 11. An email to planning@CambridgeRedevelopment.org can also be sent and your question or comment will be sent to the host.