

Chinatown Master Plan 2010 Project Scope

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GOALS

1. To set an agenda for Chinatown that strengthens it as a neighborhood and center for families in the Greater Boston Chinese and Asian American community;
2. To set an agenda for Chinatown that allows for a sustainable social, economic and cultural community;
3. To develop policies to ensure the preservation of existing low-income and affordable housing, and create new mixed-income housing;
4. To reaffirm the points where Chinatown connects to adjacent neighborhoods and develops the positive aspects of these connections;
5. To create a shared vision with the institutions in Chinatown that builds on mutual goals and works towards solutions that all members of the community can embrace.

Phase I: January 2009 – September 2009

I. State of the Community

- A. Gather data and combine the physical, social and economic to assess current state of the community.
 - Existing housing and community facilities
 - Existing businesses
 - Population and demographics
 - Chinatown neighbors (Central Business District, Theater District, etc...)
 - Workforce characteristics
 - Environmental health and quality of life
 - Pedestrian use and traffic patterns

II. Trends

- a. Identify current and existing trends.
 - Continued migration of new immigrants to City
 - New residents moving into Chinatown and evolving 2nd/3rd generation
 - Growth of satellite Chinese communities in Malden and Quincy
 - Future housing developments in Chinatown will be mixed-use and mixed-income
 - Central Business District moving becoming more residential
 - Expansion of Suffolk University and Emerson College
 - South End/Herald Street change from manufacturing
 - Infrastructures

- Emerging trends: Green economy, biotech, etc...

III. Summary Analysis

- a. Pressures on the community
- b. Areas of opportunities
- c. Vacant lands available for development

IV. Visioning Process

- a. Scenario building to examine opportunities and potential development.
 - Large community meetings
 - Alternative scenarios (3)
 - Preferred Scenario

Phase II: October 2009 – June 2010

I. Vision for the Chinatown Master Plan 2010

- a. Continuation of scenarios building from Phase I
 - Identify shared vision and preferred scenario
 - Examine action plans and implementation

II. Actions Plan Meetings

- a. Housing
- b. Commercial, Businesses and Employment
- c. Social Services
- d. Public Space, Parks, and Community Facilities
- e. Public and community health
- f. Other

III. Summarize and Synthesize Information

IV. Production

- a. Publication of Chinatown Master Plan 2010 document