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Public workshops set for downtown master plan

Newton residents are invited to attend two special community workshops to discuss the future of the downtown area.

A consultant group, Skinner Design Studios, is working with the City, the downtown design committee, downtown businesses, and the community to create a design that embraces the railroad and the city's history and creates a "wow" factor downtown. The result will be a Redevelopment Master Plan for the Downtown Corridor.

The workshops are designed to solicit ideas for what residents want downtown Newton to be. Discussion topics will include the community's heritage and unique culture, needed amenities or facilities, and the aesthetic appearance of downtown.

A public brainstorming session will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 in the Commission chambers at City Hall, 201 E. Sixth St. All community members are invited to come and share their ideas.

The consultant will then take those ideas and prepare some preliminary design concepts and drawings. A second workshop from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 at City Hall will allow residents to give feedback on the concepts created.

More public meetings and presentations are planned for the later phases of the master plan process. The completed plan will be reviewed by the downtown design committee before coming before the City Commission for final approval this summer.

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