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JP Neighborhood Council to meet with other groups, electeds to discuss Whole Foods report

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

At a special meeting of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Tuesday night, members voted to meet with fellow community groups and area elected officials to discuss and hear feedback on an ad-hoc committee's recently-completed, [69-page report](#) concerning Whole Foods' arrival to the neighborhood.

The council also voted to schedule a meeting with Whole Foods at the earliest possible date the company's representatives can meet. The council's chair noted that Whole Foods' regional president is on vacation and won't be available until August.

At the next JPNC meeting at the end of July, council members will report back on those two approved motions.

There was also a motion proposed for the council to "pursue a community benefits agreement" with Whole Foods. But that measure was withdrawn before being voted on because the council decided it wants to meet with other groups and elected officials first before making such a motion.

The ad-hoc committee, a sub group of the council, [recommends](#) in its report that the council ask Whole Foods to sign on to a CBA.

One council member, Ben Knappmiller, resigned because he's moving out of the neighborhood for work-related reasons.

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