

Did You Know

Did you know on February 10, 2017, Allston Yards (60 Everett St) submitted their Letter of Intent to the Boston Planning & Development Agency? The proposal calls for a mixed-use, transit-oriented, multi-phase master plan project.

<http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/allston-yards>

Did you know that Cabot, Cabot & Forbes on January 11, 2017 filed their Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) for 159-201 Washington St (St. Gabriel's) and that comments are due March 27, 2017?

<http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/159-washington-street>

Did you know that Farah Raslan Haniff from the Winship Elementary School in Brighton won Boston's tenth annual BCYF Citywide Spelling Bee at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square? Organized by Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF), the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency, and sponsored by the Boston Bruins Foundation, the winner now goes on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May. Also participating in the competition was Malaika Wasim from the Edison K-8 and Joseph Doherty from Jackson/Mann K-8.

Did you know that the newest student housing report from the City of Boston is now available?

https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/boston-student_housing_trends_ay16-17.pdf.

Did you know that Friday, March 24, 2017 is the deadline for our application to the Boston Neighborhood Slow Streets program? Please customize the letter below and send it to SlowStreetsAllston@gmail.com by Wednesday, March 22, 2017 to add your voice in support. The recently released Boston Bike Counts report found that 26% of all vehicles on Franklin Street are bikes! This is more than twice the next highest location and reinforces how important it is to make the streets of North Allston safer.

March 23, 2017

Boston Transportation Department
ATTN: Stefanie Seskin
1 City Hall Square, Room 721
Boston, MA 02201

RE: Neighborhood Slow Streets - North Allston

Ms. Seskin:

I write to express my support for the North Allston Neighborhood Slow Streets application submission.

I am [identify your relationship to the project - resident, business owner, elected official, etc].

[Describe why you or your group supports slower traffic and safer streets in the neighborhood]

[If applicable, describe what role you or your organization will play in building support for the project and participation in meetings and events]

I strongly encourage you to prioritize the application for this project.

Sincerely,

[name]

[street address]

[email address]

Articles

After 54 Years, Martignetti Liquors is Closing its Doors (Will Norris, Boston Magazine: March 3, 2017)

<http://www.bostonmagazine.com/restaurants/blog/2017/03/03/martignetti-liquors-closing/>

Additional Events

Earned: Women in Business & Labor

Unbound Visual Arts, Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture

March 8 – April 7, 2017

Gallery Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm., Monday – Friday

Unbound Visual Arts' display of art highlighting Women's History Month

The Scollay Square Gallery

Boston City Hall

Boston Licensing Board

Special One-Day Liquor License Applications hearing

Thursday, March 23, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Special 1-Day All Alcohol

Montserrat Aspirers

Manager: Claudette Barzay

Has applied for a(n) Reception and Birthday Party

358 Washington St., Brighton

Date and time: 04/01/2017, 8:00 pm – 1:00 am

Date and Time: 04/08/2017, 8:00 pm – 1:00 am

The Jesuit Collaborative, Inc.

Manager: Joseph Herilhy

Has applied for a(n) Fundraiser

188 Foster St., Brighton

Date and time. 04/06/2017, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Special 1-Day Malt Wine

HBS Blades

Manager: Ian Tallet

Has applied for a(n) Reception

65 N Harvard St., Allston

Date and time: 03/24/2017, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Room 809A, 8th Floor

Boston City Hall

Email Contact: Michael.Palladino@Boston.Gov

116th Saint Anthony's Parish Show

“A Timeless Tradition”

April 8, 9 & 10, 2017

57 Holton St, Allston

Afro-Cuban Musical Traditions: Lukumí Bàtá Concert

Saturday, April 15, 2017, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Join the Harvard Ed Portal for an incredible evening with some of today's greatest players and singers in the Afro-Cuban bàtá tradition! Afro-Cuban bàtá masters from across the country join Harvard's own Director of Jazz Bands Yosvany Terry in a concert and celebration of Cuban tradition. You won't be able to keep from dancing to this percussive, dynamic music! This concert is co-sponsored by the Cuba Studies Program, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies; the Harvard University Center for African Studies; the Afro-Latin American Research Institute at the Hutchins Center; the Observatorio Cervantes at Harvard University; and the Instituto Cervantes.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/afro-cuban-musical-traditions-lukumi-bata-concert-registration-32417658088>

Be sure to check out the [companion film screening](#) happening the night before this concert!

Harvard Ed Portal

224 Western Ave., Allston

Updated Events

Boston Planning & Development Agency Board of Directors' Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 3:30 pm

Tentative & Final Designation/Extension

9. Request authorization for the Final Designation of Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly III, Inc., as Redeveloper of 132 Chestnut Hill Avenue for the affordable housing project; and, to take all related actions. **(Lance Campbell presented. Financing for the project is complete, drawings and design signed off, closing scheduled for June 1, groundbreaking scheduled**

for mid-June and maintenance agreement worked out with Boston Fire Department who is a direct abutter. Motion to approve was accepted.)

Article 80 Development/IDP – Not Open To Public Testimony

18. Request authorization to issue a Certification of Approval in accordance with Article 80E, Small Project Review of the Zoning Code for the construction of 29 condominium units, including 4 IDP units, 1,045 square feet of commercial retail space and 32 parking spaces located at 212-214 Market Street; and, to take all related actions. **(John Campbell presented. Community benefits include \$4,000 for the Friends of Daly Field for field and facility improvements, \$5,000 for the Boston Police Athletic League for youth soccer, \$5,000 for Faneuil Gardens Apartments for their onsite Youth Center and \$10,000 for the Oak Square Summer Camp Scholarships. Board asked if zoning relief was consistent with future plans for the neighborhood. BPDA expressed confidence that it was. Motion to approve was accepted.)**

19. Request authorization to issue a Determination pursuant to Section 80A-6 of the Zoning Code in connection with the Notice of Project Change for 101-105 Washington Street for the construction of 70 rental units, including 9 IDP units, 70 parking spaces; to enter into an Affordable Rental Housing Agreement and Restriction; and, to take all related actions. **(Lance Campbell presented. Motion to approve was accepted.)**

Public Hearings – Open To Public Testimony

32. 5:30 p.m.: Request authorization to issue an Adequacy Determination approving the Boston College Institutional Master Plan Amendment for the construction of a 115,700 square foot Field House; to petition the Zoning Commission to approve the Fourth IMP Amendment;; to consider the Project a Development Impact Project; and, to take all related actions. **(Gerald Autler presented. The Chairman (Timothy Burke) recused himself. Over \$1,000,000 of linkage payments to the Neighborhood Housing Trust and the Neighborhood Jobs Trust. Drainage issues were discussed. The Board asked about the urgent need for on campus housing and asked why the 550 beds that have been in the plan for the past eight years still had not been built. Boston College explained that they did two housing projects (2150 & 2000 Commonwealth Ave), three athletic projects and will do an academic project next. Undergraduate enrollment has stayed steady at 9000 since 1972. They are at 85% on campus housing. Boston College Task Force and Carpenters Union all in favor. Motion to approve was accepted.)**

Administration & Finance

35. Request authorization to expend \$295,000 from the Boston College funds to four non-profit entities in Allston-Brighton; and, to enter into grant agreements. **(Gerald Autler presented. The Chairman (Timothy Burke) recused himself. Out of ten applications, six were approved, two of which there are still ongoing discussions. Didn't want to hold up approval of the other four. Motion to approve was accepted.)**

36. Request authorization to expend \$1,900,000 from the Harvard Allston Public Realm Flexible Fund to the Boston Parks and Recreation Department Smith Field. **(Gerald Autler presented. Funds will be used to help finance Phase 1 of the reconstruction of Smith Field scheduled to begin later this year. Motion to approve was accepted.)**

Please note that meeting agendas are subject to change. While no additional items can be added, items can be removed prior to the meeting.

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Boston City Hall

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