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THOUSANDS MARCH WITH THE RAINBOW RESISTANCE



Photos by Keiko Hiromi

The 48th Boston Pride Parade, shown here marching on Clarendon Street went off without a hitch on a beautiful Saturday afternoon on June 9. Here, to brighten up the scene, William Yepes donned a colorful cape on the parade route.

Dozens of Mayors march at the 48th Boston Pride Parade

By Jonathan Chang

Music blasted from speaker-installed trucks as thousands, decorated in a rainbow of colors, lined up from Copley Square to the City Hall Plaza.

With the police sirens came a roar from the crowd: It was time for the 48th Boston Pride Parade.

As the city of Boston celebrated its 48th Boston Pride Parade on Saturday, June 9, the event, the 350-plus registered contin-

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Zoning Board okays Haddon Hall's plans to become a luxury residential unit

By Jonathan Chang

The Haddon Hall controversy came to a quiet conclusion at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Tuesday morning, June 12, with former opponents speaking in favor of the new configuration.

The revised residential plan

faced no opposition, instead garnering several supporters.

"Our neighborhood association is very pleased that 29 Commonwealth Ave. (Haddon Hall) will be converted to residential use," said Susan Prindle, of

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City Council adopts amended short-term rental ordinance

eliminates investor units, leeway on owner-occupants

By Seth Daniel

The Boston City Council voted late Wednesday afternoon to adopt Mayor Martin Walsh's amended short-term rental ordinance by a vote of 11-2, eliminating the controversial investor units that have been described as "de facto hotels," but also giving some new leeway to owner-occupants to rent out their units for short-term platforms.

"We have eliminated the investor units that are putting pressure on our housing market, and we're also allowing this industry to

operate and grow," said Councilor Michael Flaherty, who chaired the committee that looked at the new effort. "Next year will be a learning experience. The members of the City Council can come back and revisit any part of this if we need to. Not everyone is going to be completely pleased, but I believe we've found the middle ground."

Mayor Martin Walsh introduced his second effort earlier in the year, and the most important part of that ordinance – which was preserved on Wednesday – was

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Emerald Necklace Conservancy to celebrate 20 years with art exhibition

By Lauren Bennett

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy turns 20 this year, and to celebrate, they have proposed a 12-week art exhibition in the parks. This is one of three initiatives the Conservancy is pursuing to honor the anniversary.

Exhibition Curator and Project Manager Jen Mergel presented the proposal at a Boston Art

Commission hearing on June 12.

Mergel said that they went through a review process last summer to choose the artist they thought would best represent Emerald Necklace designer Frederick Law Olmsted's vision of these parks as a connected system.

They chose Japanese artist Fujiko Nakaya, who, according to

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NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR AT FENWAY VICTORY GARDENS



Photo by Rachel Martin

Fenway Garden Society President Elizabeth Bertolozzi laughing with Mayor Martin Walsh while presenting him with his own tomato plant courtesy of Fenway neighbors. The unexpected gift came during the Mayor's annual Coffee Hour in the Fenway Victory Gardens on Tuesday, June 12.

EDITORIAL

A GREAT DAY FOR ALL BOSTONIANS

Saturday's Boston Pride Parade, in which mayors from across the nation and coast-to-coast joined with our Mayor, Marty Walsh, in showing their support for the Rainbow Resistance, was a manifestation of the depth of support for the LGBTQ community throughout the United States.

This show of strength is needed more than ever because it is evident that the hard-earned and long-sought rights of the LGBTQ community are under attack in Washington, where President Donald Trump has committed himself to appointing judges who will do what they can to roll back the rights that only within the past few years have become accepted as part of our political and social landscapes.

The sad, but terrible reality is that just one vote -- one more Trump appointee -- on the U.S. Supreme Court could bring us back to the medieval days before the Stonewall riots that took place almost 50 years ago (just as could happen to *Roe v. Wade*, which also is almost 50 years old).

This is why it is important that local governments show their strong support for the LGBTQ community, because regardless of what happens in Washington, the day-to-day protection of rights for all Americans rests largely in our cities and towns. If all politics is local, so too is respect for every individual in our society.

As long as our mayors and local officials hold true to the essential principles on which this country was founded -- that all persons are created equal and entitled to the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness -- the effects of what happens in Washington can be minimized and mitigated.

We congratulate Mayor Walsh for being willing to stand front and center on this issue. We trust that all Bostonians will join with members of our LGBTQ community in supporting the goals of the Rainbow Resistance each and every day.

GLENDA JACKSON -- A TRUE INSPIRATION

Glenda Jackson, the brilliant British actress, is 82 years old.

Yet despite being an octogenarian, she won the Tony Award for Best Leading Actress in a play Sunday night.

Performing on the stage on Broadway is grueling work -- eight shows a week -- for anyone, let alone a person who is well beyond what usually is full retirement age (65 years old) for most of us.

We congratulate Ms. Jackson on this amazing achievement -- and we know we speak for all of us who are approaching the latter stages of our lives in thanking her for demonstrating that the older generation still is capable of achieving great things.

A TRAGEDY WITH A LESSON FOR ALL OF US

Most of us probably never heard of Charlotte Fox, who was the first American woman to ascend three, 26,000-foot or higher mountains, including Mt. Everest.

Yet she tragically made the news recently when she was found dead at her home in Telluride, Colorado, apparently from a fall while she was descending a steep flight of stairs inside the house.

Needless to say, the circumstances of the 61 year-old Ms. Fox's passing are tragic, but they also are highly-ironic.

Her tragedy bears a lesson for all of us, namely, that every person, even a world-class mountain climber, is susceptible to injury and even death from accidents in our home as we go about our everyday lives. Falls -- on stairs, from roofs, and tripping over something -- are responsible for more injuries to senior citizens than any other cause.

Our personal safety is our own responsibility. We need to take care in everything we do.



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Mergel, describes her own work as "a conversation with nature." Nakaya is known for her "fog sculptures," which Mergel says Nakaya has created 80 times. Instead of art that can just be looked at, the fog sculptures can be walked through, breathed in, and touched. Nakaya has experience creating both temporary and permanent installations, and has done projects on the surface of water and in tree canopies, both of which are features of the Emerald Necklace parks. Nakaya's work will heighten these natural features of the parks by interacting with the different facets they have to offer.

The project will be called Fog x FLO, for Frederick Law Olmsted. Mergel says that Nakaya's "fog sculptures" are created from pure, potable water, and spectators are invited to interact with the artwork. To create the sculptures, Nakaya uses a series of hoses and pumps that are pressurized. She patented a nozzle for fog art in 1989, and Mergel passed around a sample of the nozzle to the commission members.

Mergel said that Nakaya has chosen five sites along the necklace parks that she hopes would connect people as Olmsted envisioned. People can travel from park to park and see all five installations as a connected experience. These five sites would also mark the five decades of Nakaya's career.

Some of the sites include Leverett Pond at Olmsted Park, where fog would float and morph over the water, and Jamaica Pond

Park, where the fog would encompass the bridge so visitors would be able to walk through the vapor.

Mergel said that Nakaya's sculptures are the most popular with children and dogs, and there's no need to worry about scalding because the water is at air temperature.

Nakaya has also created partnerships through performance in the past, according to Mergel. She has often collaborated with dancers and musicians to enhance her artwork and is looking to do the same with this project.

"We've been in dialogue with local artists," said Mergel. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy hopes this installation will bring visibility to both Boston parks and Boston arts. Mergel said they're also hoping to work with partners to create events to draw between 800,000 and 1 million people to the parks.

The committee reacted positively to this design, and "enthusiastically" voted to approve it at the hearing. The exhibition will run

from August to October of this year.

The following pieces of public art were also discussed at the hearing:

A Father's Lullaby, a sound installation in the South End, was approved by the Commission with the condition that feedback would be provided by the staff.

The Cocoanut Grove Memorial honoring the 492 people who died in the 1942 fire and those who responded to it was not voted on.

LandWave: At the May 8 hearing, the Commission voted to remove the two LandWave Sculptures at Peters Park. They have since received a letter from the lead artist who expressed requests for how to move forward with the removal and how to preserve the artwork in a different form. The Commission did not come up with a formal agreement at this hearing about what would be done, and said that they'd like to talk more with the artist about the future of the work so it can be handled appropriately.

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MLK memorial expanded, Mayor Walsh says

By Lauren Bennett

On June 8, in response to community feedback from 14 public meetings held across the city, Mayor Walsh and non-profit MLK Boston announced an expansion of the project commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, according to a press release issued by the mayor's office.

The release said that the project will include a memorial on the Boston Common, as well as an "immersive educational experience in Dudley Square." It also said that the project intends to include funding for programming in conjunction with the Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury.

The memorial will honor the international legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work, as well as his work in Boston. The memorial

will function as a "call to action" for the community to face various social justice issues, including racial and economic inequality. It will also be evidence of Coretta Scott King's belief in art and her "struggles against militarism, poverty, discrimination, racism, and sexism," according to the release.

"The public has been instrumental by sharing their feedback, ideas and hopes for the memorial, and I want to thank everyone that has contributed to this process," Mayor Walsh said in the release.

"It is vitally important that this memorial is accessible to the people of Boston. Dr. King dedicated his life to fighting for civil rights, racial equity, and economic justice, so it is fitting to have Dudley Square, in the heart of Roxbury, as a location for this memorial, in

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Neighborhood Association of Back Bay (NABB). "We've come to this point because hundreds of neighbors expressed concern in writing and in person about how this building was to be used, but because the developer was willing to hear those concerns, we congratulate her and them on what we believe will be a positive outcome for everyone."

Last September, local philanthropist Sandy Edgerley had hopes to turn the Haddon Hall on Commonwealth Avenue into a private social club. The plans were dropped this past January after pushbacks from Back Bay residents and the Neighborhood Association of Back Bay (NABB), and now there's new plan.

Hexagon Properties, a residential development company ran by Edgerley, proposed a plan to turn the currently existing office space into a multifamily residential dwelling. The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) reviewed and approved the plan on Tuesday, June 12, at the Albert L. O'Neil Hearing Room.

The new plan includes nine residential units with nine parking spaces within an automated basement parking system. Featuring mostly three-bedroom, family-size rooms, the building will contain a 4,000 square-foot unit, seven 3,000 square-foot units and a single four-bed, 6,000 square-foot unit. There will also be a roof terrace privately accessible only to the top unit of the building.

Some of the board's questions

regarded the parking system. "My concern is: How do you get the ninth car out?" ZBA member Anthony Pisani asked.

The basement parking will operate as an automatic system where the driver parks the car into a "cabin," exits the car and enters a code into the machine, which will then drop the car down to the basement on a scissor lift, architect Guy Grassi explained.

Due to the uniqueness and the current use of the building, the automated parking system is the only way to feasibly put in nine parking spaces, said Mike Ross, who represented Hexagon Properties.

"There is actually several being proposed or being installed at this moment in the Back Bay and in Boston," Grassi said of the automated parking system.

"It's been around for a couple of decades but newer to this region," said applicant Patrick Mahoney, who also noted there is currently one of these systems already installed in East Boston.

Boston Groundwater Trust Executive Director Christian Simonelli confirmed that the plan received an approval from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC), and that the automated system will result in no additional excavation.

Edgerley's hopes for a social club isn't quite over yet, however, as she is in the process of purchasing the Algonquin Club, 217 Commonwealth Ave., to restore the property for that purpose, Ross said.

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gents represented a variety of organizations including tech giants (Amazon, Google), universities (Boston University, Northeastern University) and professional sports teams (Bruins, Red Sox and New England Revolution). Unique to this year's parade were the dozens of mayors that came from across the country.

With the U.S. Conference of Mayors lining up with the Pride Parade this year, Mayor Martin J. Walsh invited all mayors in attendance to join him at the march.

"It's really important for minority groups to be represented, and for the mayors to be doing that is great because they're the public figure people look up to, to figure out where their direction is," said Dahn Bi Lee-Hong, who identifies

as part of the LGBTQ community.

Tyler Henderson-Neal, who said it is his third time at the Boston Pride Parade, said he's conflicted when he sees political figures at these types of events.

"Are they here to actually support us or are they here to push their agenda?" he asked.

"The fact that they're here still means a lot, and I appreciate their presence here," Henderson-Neal added. "I appreciate just knowing that they're here enough to support us, and that's all we can ask for."

By the time the first wave of marchers—Riders Motorcycle Club Boston (RMCB)—reached the finish line, the crowd's roar silenced any other questions to be had. The parade, both to those

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eliminating the investor short-term rentals. Those units were described as putting pressure on the housing stock due to anecdotes about corporations and entities buying up apartment buildings and evicting the tenants to provide short-term rentals for tourists and visitors.

This was particularly a problem in the downtown neighborhoods such as Chinatown, the South End, Back Bay and South Boston.

With those eliminated, the discussion shifted to what to allow, and the consensus was to allow owner-occupants to rent out empty bedrooms in their own units for short-term up to 365 days a year, and also to be able to rent out short-term an adjacent unit for 365 days per year.

That was the new twist, and it was controversial because many believe that the new ordinance will protect the downtown neighborhoods, but transfer the problem to two-families and three-family homes in the outer neighborhoods.

Councilor Matt O'Malley introduced an amendment that would have capped the adjacent unit at 120 days, but it was shot down on a 6-7 vote.

"I am a fan of the game Jenga," he said. "I reference that because I think it's analogous to crafting legislation; if you pull the wrong block, it all collapses. I think this new draft is in jeopardy of pulling the wrong block and making this all collapse. I say that because we are removing the 120-day cap and allowing the 365 days."

Councilor Michelle Wu reversed her previous thinking on the matter, which was to allow the 365 day provision. She said corporations and companies are moving faster than government to upend the protections.

"I am going to be voting to err on the side of the more restrictive legislation," she said.

Those voting for the 120-day cap

on adjacent units were Councilors Anissa Essaibi-George, O'Malley, Ayanna Pressley, Wu and Josh Zakim. Councilor Ed Flynn initially voted against the cap, but later changed his vote – making it a 6-7 vote.

Many other amendments and configurations were proposed by councilors, but in the end only three passed.

O'Malley was able to get an amendment to collect data for an annual report on short-term rental activity.

Councillor Wu passed an amendment on an 8-5 vote that would require the homeowner to be present in the home to rent out their unit and the adjacent unit. She said she didn't want someone leaving town for 90-days and turning their units into a "de facto hotel."

She and Councilor Frank Baker also passed an amendment that allowed for sunseting of existing units until September so that those renting out units now prohibited could finish out existing bookings. That passed 11-2.

Councilor Kim Janey said she was happy with the final product.

"We've eliminated the investor units, and that's important to me," she said.

Councilor Flynn said he supported the regulation of short-term rentals, and recalled taking a walk last year through Chinatown to see buildings that had been purchased by investors for short-term rentals – effectively displacing longtime working-class residents.

"I support the regulation of short-term rental so we aren't displacing people like in Chinatown and investors aren't pushing out long-time working class residents," he said. "Regulation of short-term rentals is not anti-innovation."

In the end, the vote for the ordinance went through easily 11-2, with only Councilors Baker and Mark Ciommo voting against it.

familiar and new, is an occasion for the city to gather and celebrate pride, Boston Pride president Sylvain Bruni told the Sun last week—the people's reaction reflected it.

"It gives us an opportunity to be visible in the community, to say that we're here even if we're not always this visible," Henderson-Neal said. "Now that we're given the chance, this is what it looks like, and this is what it means to be queer and LGBTQ in the City of Boston."

Added Paris, "They were young, old; black, white; gay, straight; and everything in between. The common thread was that everybody was smiling and joyful, and I'm sharing their love. It was beautiful."

The reaction from Airbnb was one of disappointment.

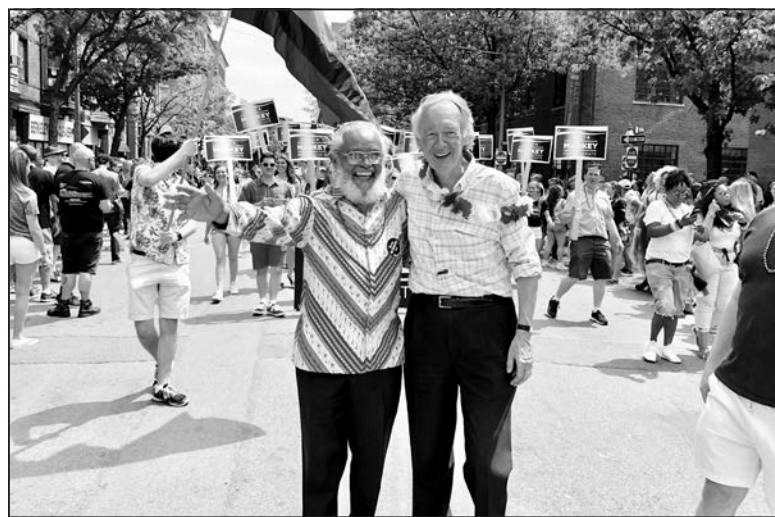
"For two years Airbnb and our Boston hosts have worked closely with the Mayor and members of the City Council to share helpful data and collaborate on fair home sharing policy," read their statement Wednesday afternoon. "Today's disappointing vote is proof that our community's feedback and concerns were not heard. The new ordinance unfortunately creates a system that violates the privacy of our hosts, and prevents Boston families from making much-needed extra income in one of the country's most expensive cities. We're hopeful there will be an ongoing discussion on these topics so that our community can continue to fight for their ability to share their homes and make ends meet."

On the flip side, the Massachusetts Lodging Association CEO Paul Sacco said the new ordinance showed true leadership.

"Today, Mayor Walsh and the Boston City Council demonstrated true leadership by acting to protect Boston from exploitation at the hands of wealthy, out-of-town interests who have been buying up thousands of housing units in order to turn them into illegal hotels," he said. "Today's action preserves the rights of real home-sharers while reigning in the bad actors who are contributing to Boston's skyrocketing housing costs and wreaking havoc on many of our neighborhoods."

ADCO, the alliance of downtown neighborhood associations, did support the revised ordinance in a statement last week.

Many observers pointed out, however, that the next step will be in the State Legislature where frameworks for taxing short-term rentals is still lingering – as well as regulations for health, safety and non-discrimination rules.



State Rep. Byron Rushing is seen with U.S. Sen. Ed Markey.

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addition to the Boston Common," said City Councilor Kim Janey.

In December, the City and MLK Boston asked for submissions from artists internationally. After reviewing 126 submissions from local and international artists, five were selected as finalists. The finalists will create proposals that will be revealed for public comment in September.

"By expanding the reach of this memorial from Roxbury to the Boston Common, we are elevating the Kings' living legacy for residents and visitors across Boston in a way that has never been done before," said Mayor Walsh in the release. "I'm confident that these five artists have the knowledge, experience, and talent to use feedback from the community to create a world-class memorial that honors the Kings' impact on the City and beyond."

The five finalists include:

Barbara Chase-Riboud with Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, who has been creating abstract art for over 50 years and has memorialized Malcolm X.

David Adjaye and Adam Pendleton with FuturePace, a collaboration between architect David Adjaye, who led the design for the Smithsonian Institute National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., and artist Adam Pendleton, who is known for painting, sculpture, writing, film and performance, and for including the "language of civil rights and social justice movements" in his artwork.

Hank Willis Thomas and MASS Design Group, whose work centers around "identity, history, and popular culture", and has been displayed all over the world, including at the International Center of Photography and the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Wodiczko + Bonder and Maryann Thompson Architects, a partnership based in Cambridge, Massachusetts that centers on art and design projects that use public

space as a platform for "issues of social memory, survival, and struggle and emancipation" from issues such as domestic violence, war, genocides, and slavery.

Yinka Shonibare, whose work focuses on looking at "issues of race and class through the media of painting, sculpture, photography, and film", and is known for using African batik fabric, an emblem of "African identity and independence."

"We are humbled by the outpouring of interest in this project, as well as the quality of all the artists' submissions," said Robin Powell Mandjes, executive director of MLK Boston in the release. "The artist selection process reflects input that we've received from across the city, across communities, and across constituencies. We could not be more pleased with this outstanding group of finalists."

The Friends of the Public Garden released the following statement in response to the announcement: "We are pleased to learn of the future plans of the MLK Memorial and look forward to welcoming Bostonians and visitors alike to experience this artistic expression of moral courage, resilience, and social justice on Boston Common, for centuries the City's center of civic life and free expression. Public art greatly enhances our public spaces, and this Memorial will provide an invaluable place for both reflection and inspiration. We also applaud the important educational initiatives and programming planned for Roxbury. Thank you to Mayor Walsh, Paul English, and MLK Boston for advocating for this important project and recognizing Dr. King's legacy here in Boston. We look forward to working with MLK Boston and the City as plans for the Memorial progress."

The release states that MLK Boston will provide each of the finalists with a \$10,000 stipend to create the design proposals, and the final artist will be announced in November.

Byron Rushing endorsed by key neighborhood and community groups

This week, State Rep. Byron Rushing announced that he has been endorsed in his re-election bid by the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, Baystate Stonewall Democrats and Boston Ward 9 Democrats.

"Our membership voted unanimously to endorse Rep. Rushing in his reelection bid because he stood up to the NRA and helped pass an assault weapons ban and this year fought to pass ERPO," said Jeff Ross, chair of the committee.

Extreme risk protection orders "ERPO" is a bill that allows family members and law enforcement to go to court and remove guns

out of the hands of persons that are at risk to themselves or others.

Rushing was integral to victory on behalf of the LGBTQ community during the marriage equality battle and has been a champion for issues of justice and equality across the board. His endorsement by the Stonewall Democrats, a gay rights group, reflects his work on marriage equality and other issues of justice.

Rushing said that the announcement is big for him, but he knows there's work to be done before the primary on Sept. 4.

"The democratic process includes neighborhood groups and

community organizations, like Planned Parenthood, speaking out for people running for office and sending a public message that the values I hold, reflect neighborhood priorities. I'm moved that they put their faith and trust in me to continue to bring our shared values to the State House," Rushing said.

Rushing is running for re-election to the office of state representative for the 9th Suffolk District, which includes parts of the Back Bay, South End, Fenway and Roxbury in the City of Boston, and faces two challengers in the democratic primary Sept. 4.

Shawmut Avenue project to be removed from BPDA Agenda today

By Seth Daniel

Despite being on the agenda for the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board meeting today (June 14), a comprehensive and conclusive vote on the Shawmut Avenue development plans, championed by The Davis Companies, will be tabled without a vote during the meeting.

For some, it was another bullet dodged in a project that has had a lot of ups and downs over the past few months.

On Wednesday afternoon, BPDA Project Manager Casey Hines sent out a communication to members of the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) for the project saying that vociferous feedback from the community had indicated that a public hearing and vote on the project were premature. "As a result of the feedback we have received from the IAG and members of the public, the BPDA and proponents for the Shawmut Avenue/Washington Street Block Project have determined that requesting a vote at the June... meeting would be premature," she wrote. "Delaying the vote until the next Board meeting allows for another month of community process - which would include another IAG meeting."

Hines clarified that because the matter had been advertised and placed on the agenda, it would be too late to remove it altogether.

Instead it will be tabled when it comes up without a presentation or a vote.

The Davis Companies said they were comfortable with the delay, and said they look forward to moving ahead with more meetings to gain more support from the IAG and community.

"We already have significant support within the IAG, as evidenced by a letter that was submitted to the BPDA by some members this week," said Davis Spokeswoman Pam McDermott. "We have agreed to delay our BPDA presentation to provide an opportunity to achieve a broader consensus within the IAG and with the larger Chinatown and South End communities."

When the BPDA agenda was sent out on Tuesday afternoon, some were surprised to see the public hearing for the entire Planned Development Area (PDA) - which includes three projects (Davis Companies, Boston Chinese Evangelical Corporation, and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association) - on the agenda.

The information on the agenda indicated that a vote would be taken "to petition the Zoning Commission for approval of PDA No. 114; to issue a Scoping Determination waiving further review of Article 80...for the development of three parcels..."

That was apparently not expected by many in the IAG.

Steve Fox, an IAG member, said

the group doesn't want to seem like they're killing the project, but they simply haven't had enough time to digest recent mitigation proposals made last week - proposals that included donations to local organizations, funding a new park on Shawmut Avenue and widening a controversial walkway beside The Lucas building.

"We were asking that they remove this from the agenda or table it," he said. "If it went forward, we were prepared to draft a letter to the BPDA saying the IAG did not have sufficient time to reach a decision."

Now, however, he said it would be time to roll up the sleeves and get to work on ironing out the final details of the proposal, including the recent mitigation measures.

There has been no date set yet for the next IAG meeting.

The proposal includes 139 residential units and 110 garaged parking spaces located at 112 Shawmut Ave.; 313 residential units, 14,600 square feet of ground floor commercial, retail, cultural and/or community space with 120 underground parking spaces located at 50 Herald St.; and construction of two religious sanctuaries for 1,130 people, a gymnasium, fitness rooms, offices, classrooms and meeting spaces, 2,000 ground floor commercial space, 84 residential units and 30 underground parking spaces located at 120 Shawmut Ave.

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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The masks in the last clue will be found on a gate on the Shawmut Avenue side of 2 Union Park. According to “The Garden Squares of Boston” by Phebe S. Goodman, when the house lots for Union Park were auctioned by the city, “... the cost of the 12 lots directly overlooking the garden ranged from seventy-three cents to eighty-two cents per square foot, whereas the cost of the 12 on Waltham Street one block north of the square brought around sixty-two cents per square foot.”

The next clue will be found in the Back Bay. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



48TH ANNUAL BOSTON PRIDE PARADE: THE RAINBOW RESISTANCE

Photos by Keiko Hiromi

The 48th Boston Pride Parade took place on Saturday. Thousands marched from Copley Square and ended at City Hall Plaza. This year's theme was "Rainbow Resistance."



Councilor Josh Zakim brought a crowd to the Parade. Zakim was marching as a City official and a candidate for Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) during the 48th Boston Pride Parade.



Councilor Ayanna Pressley marched as a City leader and a Congressional candidate.



Drag Queen Mizery performs on a float.



Daliah Casanova, Jade Chisholm, Sonny Lugo, Lynka Guadalupe and Joliana Guadalupe (L-R).

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48TH ANNUAL BOSTON PRIDE PARADE: THE RAINBOW RESISTANCE



Zachary Erlichman and Adam Faletsky cheering from the sidelines on Saturday.



State Treasurer Deb Goldberg rode in a convertible during the Pride Parade with Pride royalty.



Shay Bone and Diamond Damarr Reed (R).



The South End Historical Society during the 48th Boston Pride Parade.



Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh leading around 100 mayors from other U.S. cities on Clarendon Street during the 48th Boston Pride Parade. Mayors from all over the U.S. were on hand for the Conference of Mayors, and many chose to march with Walsh.



Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu during the 48th Boston Pride Parade.



Gay Games X Paris 2018 Team Boston marched proudly.



Old South Church during the 48th Boston Pride Parade.

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Fenway Neighborhood Coffee Hour draws in a crowd

By Lauren Bennett

There were flowers and plants aplenty at the Fenway Neighborhood Coffee Hour on Tuesday. The event attracted a crowd that included several elected officials and staff who listened to Mayor Marty Walsh update the community about current happenings in the area.

Potted marigolds were provided to attendees as they munched on treats from Dunkin' Donuts and fresh fruit from Whole Foods and mingled in the Fenway Victory Gardens. Heidi Schork, director of the Mayor's Mural Crew, handed out handmade felt flowers.

Rick Richter, vice president of the park at the Fenway Victory Gardens, said he is happy with all of the effort the community is putting into the garden.

He said that work is being done to mitigate the needle problem. "We're getting a handle on it," Richter said. "We're making progress."

Mayor Walsh said that the

Boston Health Commission is doing an "incredible job" working to get the people who were living in the garden moved and connected to services. He said that just four years ago, the city didn't have a system for providing services to these people.

"We pushed people off one corner, they'd end up on another corner. We push them off that corner, they'd go to another corner, and that's just not working," Walsh said. "And the way to do it now is really having programming and focusing and we've really changed and added a lot of different people to the public health commission to deal with addiction and deal with homelessness, to work with people hand on hand, get them counseling, know who they are, get their contacts so we can stay on top of them."

Walsh also announced that 250 mayors from across the country were in Boston this past weekend for the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the International Mayors Climate Summit. He said that the mayors were impressed with the

City of Boston.

"[They] couldn't get over how beautiful our city was, they couldn't get over how diverse our city was, they couldn't get over how great our parks are, they couldn't get over so many things they talked about," said Walsh.

The mayor applauded the activists in the city who have been "pushing the city and pushing the state", and cited them as the reason he thinks Boston is great and why it stands out from other parts of the country.

Walsh also had a couple of development announcements. He said that ground will be broken in a couple of weeks for a \$124 million facility for the Boston Arts Academy. "There was talk of moving it when I came in, they were going to put it over the highway; it didn't make sense," he said. "The best location for it's in Fenway." He added that 100 percent of this year's Boston Arts Academy graduates were accepted into college.

There is also \$250 million being put into completing the restoration of the perimeter of the Kelleher

Rose Garden and a \$1 million Back Bay Fens improvement of the Westland Avenue and park entrance including conservation of the Johnson Memorial Gates monument, according to Walsh. He says that's in this year's capital budget that the council will vote on in a couple of weeks.

Walsh also said that the \$89 million Muddy River project is still ongoing, as well as \$8 million infrastructure improvements for Audubon Square, which includes new bike and pedestrian paths. There will also be \$400,000 invested in improving the bike connection between Landmark Center and the Muddy River in the southwest corridor and the Emerald Necklace, as well as a \$1.7 million partnership with the state and the city to improve the Fenway multi-use path, he said.

"We want to make it easier and safer for people to walk and bike around. We're starting to see the connections...slowly but surely, Boston [is] being pieced together on bicycle paths and pedestrian walkways and safe paths," Walsh

said.

In other parks news, Walsh said that the Emerald Necklace will finally resemble a true necklace.

"We have \$11 million from the sale of Winthrop Square, and we're going to be working to close the Emerald Necklace," he said. "It'll be closed and we have the money. We're going to be working to move forward there. We'll be working with plans and that obviously connects this neighborhood with Dorchester and all the other neighborhoods in the city."

After Walsh's announcements, Rick Richter and Elizabeth Bertolozzi from the Fenway Victory Gardens presented the mayor with a tomato plant and Richter expressed his gratitude for the park rangers and those from the police department who have "been phenomenal" in their efforts at the Victory Gardens.

"We are witnessing city government in action," he said. "It's really great to see everybody be able to work together and trying to solve problems that are very difficult, so we really appreciate that."

Charles River Watershed Association welcomes new executive director

The Charles River Watershed Association announced that it has named Emily Norton, who is currently director of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club, as CRWA's new executive director. She succeeds longtime CRWA Executive Director Bob Zimmerman.

Norton, of Newton, brings widespread experience in both politics and environmental advocacy to CRWA. Prior to joining the Sierra Club, she worked as a research and communications consultant to the Conservation Law Foundation, the Environmental Defense Fund and the U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR Program. Norton is also an elected city councilor in Newton and spent several years as a fundraiser for the Democratic Leadership Council in

Washington, D.C., and as finance director for a Congressional campaign on Cape Cod.

"Emily has the perfect set of skills to lead CRWA's mission to protect, preserve and enhance the Charles River and its watershed," said Zimmerman, who is retiring July 1. "She will not only strengthen CRWA's voice but will also broaden its role in this critical time for the environment and climate change."

CRWA, formed in 1965, uses science, advocacy and the law to safeguard the 80-mile length of the Charles and its environs as it courses through 23 cities and towns from Hopkinton to Boston. CRWA's achievements include scientific research that resulted in nearly eliminating sewage discharges into the Charles, advo-

cacy that led to better regulation around water use, and a commitment to addressing the risks of climate change.

As for her goals for CRWA, Norton said she intends to make the organization more of a resource for the 35 Greater Boston communities served by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority around innovations that champion green infrastructure and mitigate climate change. She also plans to unite with other area watershed associations to lobby Beacon Hill on environmental issues and to raise the profile and expertise of the organization as a whole.

"I'm an organizer at heart," she said. "We get much more accomplished when we work together with allies who share our values and our passion for clean water,

healthy communities and a sustainable environment."

At the Sierra Club, Norton led lobbying efforts for stronger policies and laws on clean energy, electrification of transportation, reducing plastic pollution, protecting water quality and reducing toxics. Under her leadership the Massachusetts membership grew 24 percent and the budget more than doubled as the chapter played a leadership role in fighting gas pipelines and promoting legislation to reduce barriers to solar energy and to increase offshore wind and electric vehicles. The Sierra Club has run trainings for hundreds of volunteers all over the state to become more effective advocates, and is now launching a similar training program specifically for local elected officials.

As a city councilor in her hometown of Newton, Norton serves

on the Finance Committee and the Public Facilities Committee. Some of her local victories include the introduction of Newton Power Choice, a citywide ban on plastic bags, restricting the use of polluting leaf blowers, creating more affordable housing by making it easier to build accessory apartments, ensuring firefighters and police carry Narcan, changing the name from the outdated term "alderman" to "city councilor", and drawing more attention to Newton's \$1B unfunded liabilities. She also serves on the Mass. Municipal Association Environmental Policy Committee.

Norton, 50, is the mother of three sons and holds a BA in philosophy from the University of Vermont and a master's degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School.



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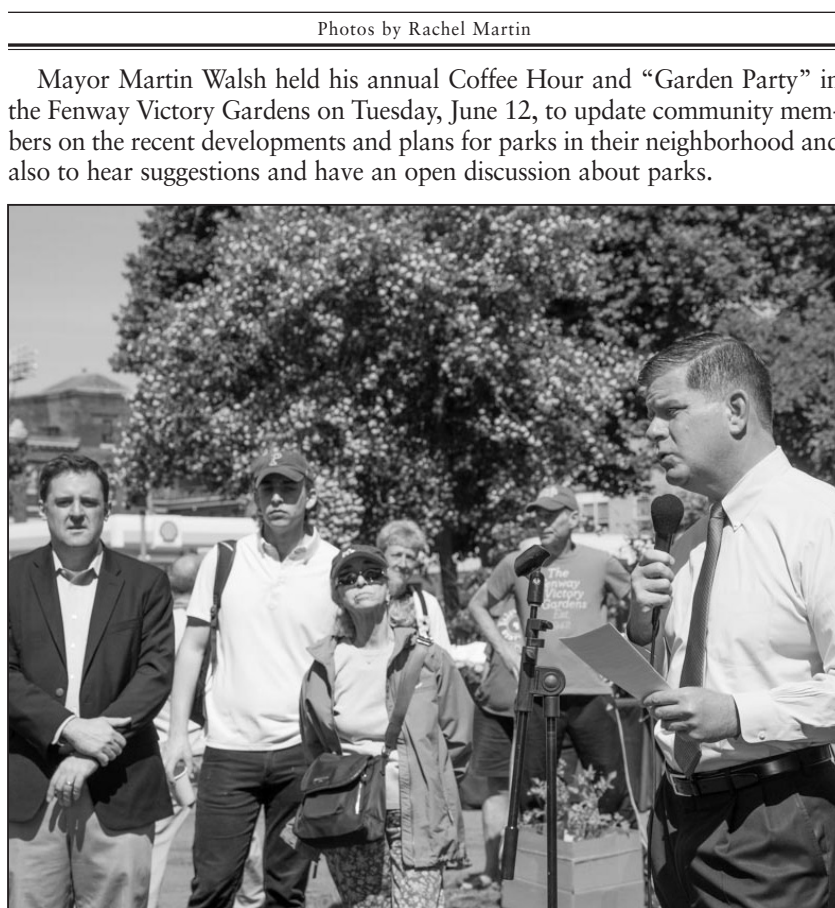
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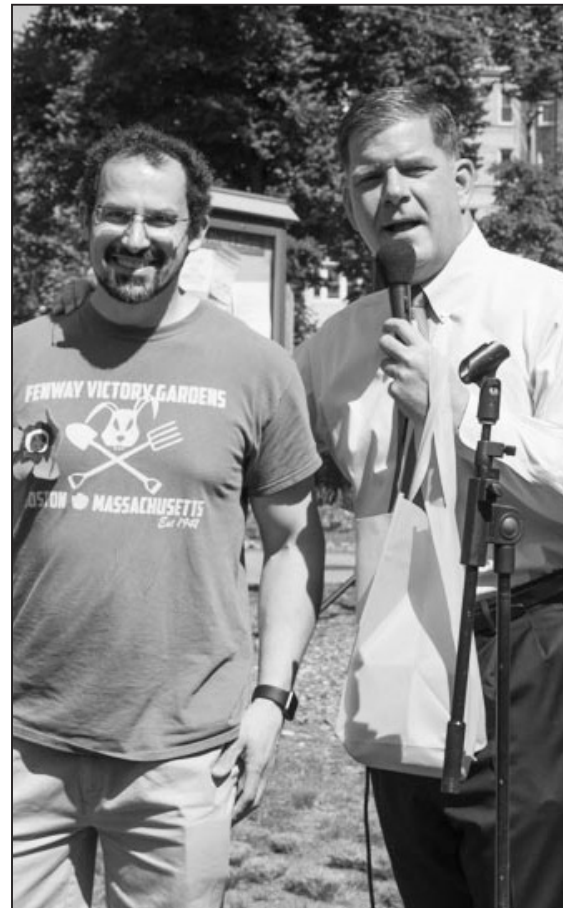
Mayor Martin Walsh and John Bookston (Fenway Civic Association board) engaged in conversation over coffee.



Parks Commissioner Chris Cook introduces Mayor Walsh.



Mayor Martin J. Walsh addressed the crowd Tuesday morning, June 12, about parks and open space in Fenway and the Fenway Victory Gardens.



Dunkin' Donuts Raffle Winner David Patel with Mayor Walsh.



Heidi Shork of the Parks Department handing out handmade felt flower pins to Staff Sgt. Jennifer McNeil.



Boston Public Library's Bibliocycle with Librarians Elizabeth Cousins (children's librarian Mattapan Branch) and Maija Meadows (children's librarian Central Branch).



Rick Richter (vice president of Fenway Victory Gardens) and President Elizabeth Bertolozzi presenting Mayor Walsh with his own tomato plant for his garden.



Heidi Shork, Greg Mosman, Jerome Jones, Connor Woods, Mary Walsh, and Jennifer Widener handing out flowers to guests in attendance.

SOWA AND CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY ART SHOW

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The SoWa First Friday event collaborated with Cathedral High School to present a student art show as part of its monthly event, using the temporary ArtSE space at 460 Harrison Ave.

The Cathedral High School Student Art Show began as an

opportunity for attendees of the school's annual talent show to see the artistic efforts of the students during intermission. This year was the first that the art show came into its own in conjunction with SoWa First Fridays at 460 Harrison Ave. It proved an excellent venue for the storied South End school to offer its 8th-12th grade student's work.



Artist Sagie Vangelina stands by one of her painted bears on display at the 460 Harrison Ave. Gallery.



Visiting from Miami Beach, Bruce Bockman makes use of interactive glasses as he checks out some sculpture work by Damion Silver.



Cathedral High School Art Department head Stephen Belyea and art teacher Jill Vaccaro stand proudly by their student's work.



Cathedral High School Junior Tito Okundaye (17) with his self-portrait.



South End residents Charlotte Norris, Josh Patterson, and Abby Figello.



Headmaster Oscar Santos with Freshman artist Shelby Tommy and her wire sculpture piece "Stillwaters Run Deep," which is about warriors who after completing their outward battles now fight in their inner world struggles.



Cathedral High School Junior Tutu Okundaye with his charcoal on paper portrait of pop star Rihanna.



Posing by her work done at Cathedral High, Sarah Richi recently graduated and is going to Framingham State for Elementary Education with minor in Fine Arts.



Cathedral High School Freshman Brandon Grace performed the classic by Ben Ethan song "Stand By Me."



Sophomore Gloria Pierre with her untitled graphite/chalk piece.

Garden Club of the Back Bay creates BayBayTrees.org for alley trees

The Tree Committee of the Garden Club of the Back Bay announces BackBayTrees.org, a new website to document and help protect the neighborhood's alley trees, which are often at risk for removal without City approval.

In 2016, volunteers inventoried the alley trees in the area bordered by Back Street, Arlington Street, Charlesgate and Newbury Street. Each tree was photographed and assessed for species, size, location, and condition. This information appears on the website for each address.

Currently, there are about 413 trees in Back Bay's alleys. Between the 2016 inventory and the previous one in 2010, about 82 trees were removed from private property. New trees were also planted, yet the Club and city official are concerned about the dwindling Tree canopy. The wild Ailanthus is the most common species by far. "The 'Crown Jewels' of our alleys," said Tree Committee member Laurie Thomas. "They are the

tallest, thrive in the toughest spots, and provide the most shade."

The Tree Committee created the website to serve three purposes: 1.) To document and protect alley trees. Many were illegally removed to add parking spaces or because residents were unaware of tree removal guidelines. All alley trees are protected by the Back Bay Architectural Commission's (BBAC) guidelines; 2.) To inform residents and property managers about the BBAC's guidelines for tree removal and planting. The guidelines protect all trees on private property (the Parks Department governs street trees). To remove a tree, owners must submit a formal application to the Commission and attend a hearing; certain criteria must be met before permission is granted. BackBayTrees.org includes information about the BBAC's Tree Removal Policy; and 3.) To encourage the preservation of existing trees and the planting of new ones. Boston's tree canopy is shrinking. Trees provide many eco-

logical benefits, including reducing air pollution, preventing flooding in overtaxed storm drainage systems, providing shade to reduce energy costs, mitigating the effects of the urban heat island, reducing wind and noise, and providing wildlife habitat, food, and shelter. Trees also have a calming effect on people, enhance our quality of life, are a source of beauty, and increase property values.

The Tree Committee will conduct an inventory of front-garden trees this summer, and add that information to the website.

The Garden Club's mission is to promote civic beauty; improve, advance and encourage horticultural improvements; ornament the streets and public squares of the City of Boston, especially the Back Bay, by planting and cultivating ornamental trees; and to educate the public in the art of gardening. The Club welcomes questions from residents about caring for their trees.

Contact them at gardenclub-backbay@gmail.com.

LOOKING BACK AT BOSTON

COURTESY OF THE SOUTH END HISTORICAL SOCIETY



This week's featured image is of 360 Columbus Ave. in 1972. On April 7, 1932, Federal Prohibition Agents raided this location which was known to Bostonians as The Camels Club, a deluxe speakeasy in the city. One of the most luxurious speakeasies in the Boston, The Camels Club had white-coated bartenders and a lounge room, and was located behind a tobacco store. Federal agents found 50 quarts of high-grade liquor, 10 cases of Canadian ale, five additional gallons of alcohol and an index card system with names of 1,500 customers.

Annual South End Garden Tour set for this Saturday, June 16

The Trustees are pleased to announce that the 25th annual South End Garden Tour will take place this year on Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Each year the South End Garden Tour features gardens in a different section of the country's largest district of surviving row houses and this year's tour is centered on gardens and green spaces in and around the area bordered by Columbus Avenue and Tremont Street between Dartmouth Street and Rutland Square. Also included is the area from West Newton Street to Holyoke Street between Columbus Avenue and

the Southwest Corridor Park. The self-guided tour will begin at 685 Tremont St. in front of Library Park and features a mix of public and private spaces including private back yards, front gardens, community gardens, and neighborhood 'pocket parks.' For more details on Trustees gardens, please visit thetrustees.org/communitygardens.

Musicians from the Community Music Center will be providing concerts in the gardens from noon to 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the tour support community gardening in Boston, including the sixteen original gar-

dens and 'pocket parks' from the South End Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust. These gardens provide critical green space, a place for neighbors to come together in community, and an opportunity to grow and share fresh healthy food.

Advance tickets are \$24 for Trustees members, \$30 for non-members are available online at thetrustees.org/SEGT and \$28 for Trustees members, \$35 for non-members on the day of the Tour. Information about volunteering or purchasing an advertisement in the booklet can also be found there as well.

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RESTROOM RUMBLE

On Tuesday, June 5, at about 9:08 p.m., police responded to a radio call for an assault and battery that occurred inside the Prudential Center at 800 Boylston St.

Upon arrival, the officer met with the victim, who said at about 8 p.m., an unknown male suspect asked the victim to walk with him to the men's room. The victim said he had spent time with the suspect once before, although he doesn't know his name.

Once the victim followed the suspect into the restroom, the

suspect demanded that the victim hand over his money and cell phone. The suspect then began punching the victim in the head, causing him to fall and hit his head on the sink. The attack caused the victim's left ear to bleed.

The victim handed over his phone but no money before running out of the restroom in the direction of the Cheesecake Factory.

The victim notified a mall security guard of the incident, although they were unable to locate the suspect.

Paramedics arrived on the scene

and transported the victim to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for further treatment.

OVERZEALOUS FAN

On Wednesday, June 6, at approximately 9 p.m., Red Sox security notified an officer working a paid detail at Fenway Park that a suspect had run onto the field.

Security was able to stop the suspect in the outfield before the officer placed him under arrest and walked him through the concourse and out onto the street.

The suspect was charged with trespassing, disturbing a public assembly and disturbing the peace.

TAKING A STAND

On Saturday, June 9, at around 2:36 p.m., officers from the Citywide Bicycle Unit responded to a group of protestors disrupting the Pride parade at Boylston and Berkeley streets.

Upon arrival, police observed the crowd and agitated parade participants yelling at the protestors for stopping the parade. The protestors included women who

were voicing their dissatisfaction on how the U.S. government handled the disaster in Puerto Rico left in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

A sergeant on the scene told the women they had five minutes to stage their protest before they had to move off the parade route and onto the sidewalk. Five minutes later, the officer again told the women to move along, but they refused to leave.

Police escorted the women onto the sidewalk without incidents. The women refused to give police their personal information before disappearing into the crowd.



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