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Environmental activists pose with City Councillor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu and her two sons, Blaise and Cass, at the Ipswich St. Bridge at the intersection of Ipswich St. and Charlesgate East on Earth Day.

Wu joins environmental activists to talk Green New Deal; Muddy River

By Lauren Bennett

City Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu joined members of the Muddy Water Initiative and other climate and environmental activists on Earth Day to chat a little bit about the Muddy River restoration project

as well as Wu's plan for a municipal Green New Deal in Boston.

Wu was joined by her sons Blaise and Cass, who stopped by the Ipswich St. Bridge at the corner of Ipswich St. and Charlesgate East where a group of about 15 people gathered for a conversation.

"We're proud to be the first to really center the attention and municipal action on climate justice and to lead the way," Wu said of the Green New Deal plan.

A group of folks also talked about the Muddy River restoration project, and a member

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Officials announce they will re-open the Comfort Station with changes

By Seth Daniel

With applause from many in the South End, the City announced to the Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force this week that the controversial Comfort Station on Atkinson Street in Newmarket would re-open on Monday, with some new safeguards.

In a letter to the Task Force, Special Assistant to the Mayor Kim Thai announced that they had decided to re-open the Comfort Station with some safety and precautionary changes.

"We had temporarily closed the Comfort Station due to the escalating violence in the area so that we could reassess operations," wrote Thai. "The Office of Recovery Services, Boston Police Department and internal departments collaborated to implement immediate additional safety measures to improve the Comfort Station. We will be reopening the Comfort Station on Monday, May 3."

The Comfort Station has become infamous for what evolved into a free-for-all situation

for drug users and drug dealers on Atkinson Street – and until last fall – also in front of the Woods Mullen Shelter. Most have agreed in the community and the business community that the Comfort Station is a de facto Safe Injection Site. However, the situation grew out of control with violence, murders and other bad scenes and the City closed it down in late March. Now, they have decided to re-open it with safeguards. Those include:

- limit capacity to 100 people at any given time;
- uniformed security at the entrance to monitor the area and emphasize the need to follow the rules in the space;
- implement an ID system for all guests who wish to enter the space;
- ensure prioritization of 911 calls from Atkinson Street directly to Boston Police officers on the street into the space;
- continued assistance from the Police Street Outreach in closing the Comfort Station; and

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Developer intends to add five stories over three Boylston Street buildings

By Dan Murphy

An ambitious redevelopment aims to add five more stories to the three adjacent Boylston Street buildings that are home to both Abe & Louie's and Atlantic Fish while not disrupting the operation of either restaurant during construction.

The Tavistock Group, the international private investment group that owns the two restaurants, intends to build a new lobby behind the façade of 777 Boylston St. where Crate and Barrel is today that would rise up five stories and stretch over the locations of Abe & Louie's at 793 Boylston St. on one side and Atlantic Fish at 761 Boylston St. on the other, said Dennis Quilty, an attorney for the applicant, at the first city-sponsored Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting for the proposed project.

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761-793 Boylston St.

EDITORIAL

BIDEN'S CLIMATE CHANGE BILL: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?

President Joe Biden's ambitious proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 50 percent (from their 2005 levels) by 2030 marks a dramatic moment in the environmental movement.

Those of us old enough to remember the first Earth Day -- 51 years ago this past week -- know how difficult it can be to induce American consumers and businesses to adopt environmentally-friendly habits.

The first Earth Day was inspired by the images a few months before of Cleveland's Cuyahoga River catching fire when the chemical pollutants which industries poured into the river (which in turn streamed into Lake Erie) were ignited by a spark from the shore.

The shocking river fire and the Earth Day movement in turn led to the creation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the full support of then-President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.

The EPA soon initiated policies that began to improve America's air and waterways, most notably with the elimination of lead in gasoline.

However, despite the tangible accomplishments of the EPA over the past 50 years, our air and water -- the essentials of life for all living things -- have remained as harmful to our health as ever.

A recent study by the American Lung Association concluded that almost 50 percent of all Americans still breathe polluted air.

The 1967 movie, *The Graduate*, predicted the rise of plastics ("Benjamin...I have one word for you: 'Plastics.' There is a great future in plastics.") in everyday life. But what the movie did not anticipate was that within a few decades, micro-plastics not only would contaminate the oceans around the world, but also would be found in every major organ in our bodies.

And of course, there is the matter of global warming, which soon is set to reach a point that will make life as we know it unsustainable in many parts of the world, including our own, where rising sea levels will inundate the Massachusetts coastline.

However, what is encouraging about President Biden's plans is that for the first time, major U.S. companies are supportive of policies that are good for the environment. Although we would like to think that they are doing so for the right reasons, the reality is that these companies realize that climate change will have a catastrophic effect on their business interests.

The U.S. military has warned for the past decade that climate change poses a major threat to our national security and now private industry finally has jumped on the bandwagon. According to an article in the *New York Times* last week, "Rising temperatures are likely to reduce global wealth significantly by 2050, as crop yields fall, disease spreads, and rising seas consume coastal cities...The effects of climate change can be expected to shave 11 percent to 14 percent off global economic output by 2050 compared with growth levels without climate change, according to a report from Swiss Re, one of the world's largest providers of insurance to other insurance companies."

So we applaud President Joe Biden's dramatic pro-environment policies, which incorporate many aspects of the Green New Deal put forward by our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, in tandem with New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

And we are heartened that American business is fully on-board with the president's proposals.

Hopefully, the shift in our national policy will not be a case of too little, too late.

On the other hand, for those of us who celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970, we have to say, "Better late than never."

GUEST OP-ED

Regarding the Chauvin verdict

By Acting Mayor Kim Janey

My fellow Bostonians,
On April 20, a jury in Minneapolis found Derek Chauvin guilty on all counts in the murder of George Floyd. While this decision brings some relief, we also know it will not bring back George Floyd.

George Floyd's murder has fueled a movement for racial justice and a national conversation on policing. This movement for equity and justice started long before his murder and must continue. I know all of us come to this conversation -- and to this work -- with a common goal of ending racism.

Each of us, importantly, brings our own perspective and experience to this work. For me, it is as the grandmother of two teenage boys in a world that often criminalizes their Blackness; and, it is as your Mayor, leading the great City of Boston.

I know that the verdict and its aftermath can trigger an array of strong feelings and emotions for many of us. As your Mayor, know that the Boston Public Health Commission's Neighborhood Trauma Team Network is always here to provide you with free, confidential support, and you can visit neighborhoodhealing.com to learn more.

In the days ahead, let us honor

the legacy of George Floyd with the shared work of dismantling structural racism. Let us honor all those who have fought to build a stronger nation, a better city, a more beloved community. Let's come together in our neighborhoods, in our faith communities, and in our institutions to reform systems and policies that hurt, rather than heal. Let's continue to unite to improve our city and our community. And, let's continue to stand together united against racism.

Kim Janey is the Acting Mayor of Boston and a candidate for Mayor in the upcoming election.

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ect held virtually on April 26.

The project, as proposed, includes plans for approximately 15,830 square feet of retail space; 25,720 square feet of office/fitness space; and nine residential units (three per floor) comprising approximately 18,600 square feet within the top three stories, and with proposed rooftop amenities facing both Boylston and Newbury streets. Retail uses would occupy the first and second levels of the site, with office space on the third through fifth levels.

No residential parking is included in the plan, said members of the development team, but Tavistock plans to work with Abe & Louie's and Atlantic Fish to provide residents with a valet-parking option.

The project is being built as of right, and would only require a groundwater variance, according to members of the development team, and it would have no affordable housing requirement as it falls just short of the city's 10-unit threshold for this requirement.

Tavistock intends to keep both Abe & Louie's and Atlantic Fish open during and after construction, which, according to Christopher Souza, a senior director

of northeast operations with the company is expected to take 16 to 20 months to complete.

David Manfredi, the architect for the project, said, "It's an incredibly important block on Boylston Street. They are important buildings in an important context and really quite beautiful buildings."

Manfredi said the development team had explored many alternatives for the site before settling on the current plan, and that all of the construction on the first two levels would "take place behind the façade of Crate and Barrel."

Besides new retail opportunities at the site, a new restaurant, with outdoor seating in a similar configuration as Abe & Louie's and Atlantic Fish, said Manfredi, could also be accommodated there.

Terracotta and glass would be used for the exterior of the addition above Abe & Louie's, he added, although several IAG members expressed concern with the glass-to-opaque ratio for the project.

IAG member Charles Schuerhoff called the ratio "very unique" and "out of place" for the location and questioned the development team's claim that

its glass-to-opaque ratio was 40 percent, countering that with the "Stretch Code," it would be closer to 40 percent.

"You're renewable energy calculation are way off," he added. "And now with changing codes locally and nationally, you could become a prime candidate for retro-fitting."

Meanwhile, IAG member Meg Mainzer-Cohen, who serves as president and executive director of the Back Bay Association, said the proposal had been "extremely well received by our organization."

"It's one of the most ambitious projects I've seen," she said "and really maintains the [existing] uses while creating a really vibrant upper few stories."

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will hold a virtual meeting on the proposed development plan on Monday, May 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. (register in advance at bit.ly/3su05NT), and is accepting public comments on the proposal until May 14 online at <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/761-793-boylston-street> or directly to Michael Sinatra, BPDA project manager, via email at michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov.

On Earth Day, Wu calls for end of dirty diesel polluting school-bus fleet

Full electrification by 2030

By Seth Daniel

On Earth Day, City Councilor At-Large and Candidate for Mayor Michelle Wu joined advocates, including David Meshoulam, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Speak for the Trees, at the South End's Melnea Cass bus yard to call for the City of Boston to electrify its school bus fleet by 2030.

The BPS transportation fleet consumes nearly 60 percent of all the diesel fuel consumed by the City government. The move is part of Wu's Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools, which is part of her larger education vision to upgrade facilities and ensure every school is a modern, healthy and inspiring place to learn.

Roughly 24,000 Boston students are transported to and from school on 3,100 bus trips every day, and about half of these buses still run on diesel fuel. Pollution on diesel buses has been measured at five to 10 times higher than in other nearby areas, causing outsized impacts on children's learning, development and health. Not only do pollut-

ants from diesel fuel cause asthma and other respiratory diseases, heart disease, and cancer but there is also evidence to suggest the diesel directly impacts children's English and math scores. Boston's Black, Latinx and AAPI residents are disproportionately exposed to particulate matter pollution from cars, trucks, and buses.

"We need to immediately move away from dirty diesel fuels that pollute our neighborhoods and move toward clean air for our children, our communities and our bus drivers," Wu said at a press conference at the Melnea Cass Bus Yard in the South End on April 22. "Boston needs to commit to a full electrification of our school bus fleet by 2030 as part of a comprehensive plan to ensure our kids come to school happy, healthy and ready to learn, and as part of the fight for environmental justice. As Mayor, I will take every possible step to protect the health of our residents and seize on opportunities in the green economy. That starts with our children, from clean, sustainable school transportation to rebuilding Boston Public Schools facilities into healthy, energy-efficient, inspiring places to learn for our stu-



David Meshoulam, of Speak for the Trees, said diesel bus yards often cause issues with trees and the environment due to excessive idling and the pollution that causes.

dents and educators."

In Massachusetts, the Town of Beverly has already begun the process of transitioning to an electric fleet. Wu added that the Biden infrastructure plan includes incentives and grants for municipalities like Boston to electrify school buses and build a network of EV chargers with strong labor and installation standards.

Wu said making the change was something the City gov-



On Earth Day, Councilor and Mayoral Candidate Michelle Wu called for the entire Boston Public School yellow bus fleet to be electrified by 2030. She said it is a way the City can lead, and it's something that right now has federal dollars that can help pay for it.

ernment could do – getting federal help – and be the leader of change for other transportation networks, including the MBTA – which transports all school children in Boston in 6th grade and above.

"We have the power and ability to make these changes," she said.

Meshoulam said it is especially important for the environment and for the trees around bus depots all over the City because

many times diesel buses at such yard idle extensive, which is illegal. At the Melnea Cass Yard, he said, Conservation Law Foundation not long ago reached a settlement with the bus company for excessive idling. With an electrified fleet, he said, that will not be an issue.

"People around the City understand the important role trees play in the environment, the economy and social habitats," he said.

Janey announces modifications to state reopening plan

By Lauren Bennett

Following Governor Charlie Baker's announcements on Tuesday regarding the state's mask mandate and reopening plan, Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced how the City of Boston would respond to the changes at her own press conference on Tuesday afternoon.

"Our city has maintained an unrelenting focus on addressing the impacts of COVID-19," Janey said. "The metrics that guide our course are trending in the right direction."

Janey said that over the past two weeks, the city's positivity rate has decreased by 41 percent to 3.6%, "below our threshold goal of five percent," she said.

"Our citywide vaccination effort is also encouraging," Janey said, adding that more than 55 percent of Bostonians ages 16 years and older have received at

least one dose of the vaccine.

When it comes to the reopening plan, Janey said that "in some areas Boston will join the Commonwealth," but adjustments will be made to the reopening schedule in others.

She said that Boston will be delaying some of the Step 2, Phase IV of the state's reopening plan for three weeks.

"I am committed to protecting both the lives and the livelihoods of Boston residents," Janey said.

She said that on April 30, the capacity limit will be increased and 100 people will be permitted in indoor settings, and 150 people in outdoor settings, but for private homes, the gathering limit will remain at 10 people inside and 25 people outside.

On May 10, Boston will allow a capacity increase at places like indoor and outdoor stadiums and ballparks from 12 to 25 percent.

The three week delay will begin with permitting road races and similar athletic events on June 1, instead of May 10, when the state will allow them. Indoor singing will also be allowed to return in Boston on June 1 "with strict social distancing requirements for various indoor settings," Janey said.

On June 19, "subject to public health and vaccination data," the gathering limit will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors, and bars and beer gardens will be allowed to serve alcohol without also requiring the purchase of food. Additionally, parades, street festivals, and the like will be permitted at 50 percent capacity.

By August 22, the city anticipates lifting all restrictions and places dance clubs and nightclubs, saunas and hot tubs at health clubs, and ball pits will be permitted to open, three weeks

later than the state, which is set to lift restrictions on August 1 if the public health data allows.

"If public health metrics justify continued safe reopening, industry restrictions will be lifted and 100 percent capacity will be allowed for all industries. All businesses will be expected to adhere to ongoing safety guidance, and mask wearing will continue to be required indoors, according to the city's website.

"Boston's reopening timeline reflects the progress we have made, the progress that remains, and our shared fight against the pandemic," Janey said.

On April 30, the city will join the state in removing the requirement for masks to be worn outdoors, but only if a person is able to socially distance from others. Masks are still required at all times indoors, and "at all times at indoor and outdoor venues and events, except when eating

or drinking. Face coverings are recommended to be worn both inside and outside during small gatherings at private homes, according to the city.

"Over the past year, mask wearing has played an important role in protecting ourselves and others," Janey said. "I encourage Boston residents to continue to wear masks as we recover together."

Janey also reminded residents to continue to wash their hands, keep a safe distance from others, and get vaccinated.

"Working together with residents, businesses, houses of worship, and community groups, we can ensure Boston's recovery, reopening, and renewal remains safe and equitable," she said.

For more information and details about Boston's timeline for reopening, visit boston.gov/reopening.

South End News, Bay Windows put up for sale by owners

By Seth Daniel

After publishing the South End News and Bay Windows since 2003, owners Sue O'Connell and Jeff Coakley announced

late last week they were putting the two publications up for sale after 18 years.

The South End News began publication in 1980, and at one time had nine full-time staff and

several part-time staff, according to founder Alison Barnet (see accompanying article).

"In these times of change, we invite one more," the owners wrote. "After publishing Bay Windows and South End News for 18 years, we are putting both publications up for sale. The business of local news has changed in the two decades we've owned both papers. But the news and its importance to the community has not. That is why we are inviting community leaders, business owners, nonprofits, educational institutions and others to consider purchasing Bay Windows and South

End News, either separately or together. We are committed to thinking creatively and working with potential buyers to provide an equitable path to ownership."

O'Connell and Coakley wrote that they are taking all suitors and all kinds of different business ideas and would be flexible in order to keep the publications going. They said they bought the papers in 2003 because they thought it would be fun, and both said it was.

"Over the past two decades, we have met business owners, nonprofit leaders, artists, activists, chefs, politicians, city employees and community members," they wrote. "It has been

the experience of a lifetime. Now it is someone else's turn."

Bay Windows was the primary source of news and information related to the political, legal and public opinion battles being waged to bring marriage equality to the state, they said, after the purchased it. Previously, it had served the same role as a source of information about AIDS. Since its founding, they wrote, Bay Windows has been all news relevant to the LGBTQ community.

The South End News has played the same role, they said, helping to shape a community that has changed greatly in the last 41 years.

How the South End News began

By Alison Barnet, special to the Sun

The first issue of the *South End News* hit the streets of the South End on February 15, 1980. It was put out by Skip Rosenthal, publisher, and Alison Barnet, editor. The lead stories were Viviana Moz-Mendoza's court battle against condo conversion and the opening of the Digital plant at Crosstown. Office and layout facility were home: 49 East Springfield St.

From the beginning, Officer John Sacco contributed a police report that was a masterpiece of black humor. South End Little City Hall manager Jeannette Hajjar wrote a Little City Hall Report, and senior services coordinator Frank Leupold was our idiosyncratic arts and entertainment columnist, the "South End Muse." Richard O. Card of the South End Historical Society wrote a history column, and Cyndi Koebert a SEPAC (South End Project Area Committee) column. Richie Hall, then with the Boston Redevelopment Authority and an early supporter, channeled development news our way and found us an office at 1515 Washington Street in August.

Skip had been on the advertising and production end of gay publications, notably *Gay Community News*, for many years. Alison was working as a temporary legal secretary and typesetter and in her free time writing for the *East Springfield Gazette*, a tiny newsletter on East Springfield Street. Neither had a penny

to speak of—a \$5,000 loan from Skip's father started the paper.

The *South End News* was not, however, our first journalistic endeavor. First came "The Neck," whose theme was an upcoming, city-sponsored neighborhood clean-up.

Calling the paper "The Neck" gave us many creative options: our arts section could be called "Neck After Dark," our sports pages "Neck to Neck," and our medical column "Pain in the Neck."

The end result was a double-sided, 8½ by 14 "broadside" typeset by Barnet and laid out by Skip. Dumpster locations were listed on the front under a drawing of a typical neighborhood alley: open garbage bags, flies and rats. I wrote the informational "Poop on the Clean-Up" and a humorous piece called "Join the Rat Race!"

The city cancelled the clean-up at the last moment, and the *Neck* never surfaced again. Skip and I agreed that we would wait for a "staff" who could take up more of the slack; we didn't want to do the bulk of the work ourselves again.

Andrew Dreyfus became editor in January 1981. Two years later, the biweekly *South End News* became weekly. In 1985, Skip sold the paper to James Hoover, and a year later Hoover bought *Bay Windows* as well. By its 10th anniversary, the *South End News* had a full time staff of nine, a part-time staff of eight, and was regularly publishing 20-24 page editions.

BOSTON CREDIT UNION DONATES TO TUFTS



On Wednesday the City of Boston Credit Union donated 31 iPads for use by pediatric oncology patients at Tufts Children's Hospital. The iPads have been outfitted with age-appropriate games and apps for patients to use during their treatment.

In photo, left to right, City of Boston Credit Union (CBCU) Board of Director Steve Green, Boston Police Officers from District 4, Tufts Children's Hospital Child Life Specialist Allison Butler, Bob the Resident Service Dog, CBCU Director Coleman Flaherty, CBCU Director Susan Connolly, City of Boston Credit Union President and CEO Neil Gordon, CBCU Director Brian Gill, and CBCU Director Cecil Jones.

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•increased communication between the Office of Recovery Services and the Boston Police Department through the Coordinated Response Team for street management.

The move to re-open the Comfort Station was opposed during a press conference two weeks ago with the Newmarket Business Association and the South End-Roxbury Partnership.

Newmarket Director Sue Sullivan was not immediately available for comment on the revised Comfort Station setup.

Councilor Frank Baker, who represents the area, also didn't immediately comment.

However, many in the South End favor opening the Comfort Station, as it has improved quality of life conditions on their side of Mass/Cass — particularly in the Worcester Square area. While

most of the problematic behavior was once on the steps, the gardens and the alleys of Worcester Square, in recent months it has moved to the area of the Comfort Station and given some relief to neighbors in the South End.

"I think it's the right move in mid-May," said Task Force member Steve Fox, of the South End. "It's the right approach at the right time and the re-tooling of the Comfort Station is great and the right combination of resources to try to make this work for everyone's benefit."

At the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) on Tuesday night, President George Stergios said he was optimistic about the move and supported it in the new form.

"The Comfort Station was something the police didn't know how to address," he said. "They

can't just sit there and watch someone shoot up because that's just not what the police do. This is 100 people in there that are not on the street. I hope that if this works they'll open up another one down the road and then that's another 100 people. This would be a Comfort Station that is more regulated and not a free-for-all like the one they had."

In her letter, Thai said it is essentially a temporary plan that is part of re-tooling the Mass/Cass plan. If it turns out not to be safe again, they would close it.

"It is important to note that this plan is temporary and one that is part of a larger reboot effort of the Mass Cass plan," she wrote. "We will be continually evaluating whether conditions improve and looking at different strategies to ensure the safety of all in the area."

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WSANA liaison worried about the direction of Mass/Cass Task Force

By Seth Daniel

The liaison from the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) to the Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force gave a grave report on Tuesday night about the lack of direction of the Task Force – saying that without two community members driving the agenda, he felt the effort would be stalled out.

Mike Nelson, who has served as the WSANA liaison since the formation of the Task Force in 2019, said he has grown frustrated and concerned with the lack of progress and ideas at the Task Force. He said without the steadfast commitment of volunteers like Newmarket Director Sue Sullivan and South End resident Steve Fox, he felt the Task Force would be lost.

“What I see is these are genuine people working and trying to do their jobs, but it’s institutionalized,” Nelson said. “I don’t know that we have the right experts to make the change we want to make...Mistrust isn’t at the top of my list of grievances.”

“In the time we’ve been talking about mobile bathrooms, human kind has developed a cure for a disease that didn’t exist before we started that conversation,” he continued. “What we’ve accomplished on bathrooms is we may have \$125,000 in next year’s fiscal budget. If it’s not going to be more productive, it’s not going to be worth my time. I can’t imagine where we’d be without Steve Fox and Sue Sullivan driving the bus every month.”

The Task Force was formed when the Mass/Cass 2.0 plan was formed and is made up of about 24 residents, business leaders,

City officials, institutional leaders and non-profit leaders. The purpose of the Task Force was to be a cauldron of innovation where community, government and experts brainstorm new ideas and test them out to try to bring peace to the opioid epidemic still raging in the Mass/Cass area – and increasingly into the rest of the South End and Roxbury.

Nelson said he has expressed a lot of frustration at the Task Force meetings lately with the lack of progress, and he said innovations aren’t the result of great ideas at the Task Force, but “superstars” in the recovery world doing what they do best.

“There have been advances at Mass/Cass, but I don’t think they’re the result of a Task Force coming up with great ideas and trying new things,” he said. “I think what you’re seeing is community groups and other groups that are rock stars.”

Nelson said that if it were a priority, things would get done, and he praised the work of Special Assistant to the Mayor Kim Thai, but indicated it seemed like she was alone in the work – and isn’t sure how much support she has behind her with former Mayor Martin Walsh now gone.

Members of the community said they weren’t surprised by the report, but also said it was confusing as there are funding commitments in this year’s budget for Mass/Cass to continue. However, with Nelson’s report, they aren’t certain what direction the community should go with the plan.

One key note, which was announced at the March meeting, was that conditions and quality of life have improved significantly in WSANA over the winter and spring months.

•MOBILE BATHROOMS

The mobile bathroom debate has been a very hot-button issue and it was discussed at the WSANA meeting as well. Previously, there had been pushback from neighbors about whether or not it was a good idea, and whether it would attract people doing the wrong things when it was parked at its daily location.

The mobile bathroom has now taken the form of more of an RV type of vehicle that provides bathrooms and a host of other services as well. It would spend about one-third of the time parked around Mass Ave and Albany Streets. The other time would be split between Nubian Square and Copley Square.

Residents of WSANA have been urged to contact Councilor Frank Baker for a budget item of \$125,000 if they approve of the mobile bathrooms. The idea would be funded in the City Budget if there is enough support from the community for it.

•MUSIC TO THE EARS

WSANA Music Director Craig Hughes reported that it is very likely the outdoor concert series could resume this summer given the most recent announcement of protocols for the upcoming spring and summer months.

“We are exploring it and based on CDC guidelines and the City of Boston guidelines, we should be able to do something outside in Worcester Square Park in June, July and August. We’ll have something to say on that at our May meeting.”

The concert series is a staple of the summer months, but mostly was cancelled last year. One concert did get pulled off in the Park last summer, but that was it.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Temporary construction operations on Albany Street

Staff report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that temporary construction opera-

tions started on Albany Street in the South End on April 26, and will continue through June.

The work began on Mon-

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Parcel 25 adjacent to Ink Block grabs six interesting bids

By Seth Daniel

Six major development partners put in bids for the plot of land known as Parcel 25 in no-man’s land adjacent to Ink Block in the South End, and abutting Chinatown – with the bids showing downtown Boston’s continued strong market for lab space.

The MassDOT had put out an RFP for the plot of land containing more than one acre of land and air rights development over the Tip O’Neill Tunnel. MassDOT has held on to the land for some years following the Big Dig, and found great interest for residential and lab space in the six proposals submitted this week.

“MassDOT is pleased to report that we have received six (6) proposals for the lease and development of Parcel 25,” said Judith Riley of MassDOT. “MassDOT will now conduct an in-depth review of the proposals as it works toward a designation.”

One of the more interesting proposals for the South End is in a team led by National Development, who has just finished successfully developing Ink Block adjacent to the vacant parcel, but on the other side of some high-way infrastructure.

National Development, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Asian Community Development Corp. and Alinea Capital Partners put in a bid with 93 units of housing and 330,000 sq. ft. of lab space.

Officials from National Development were not able to comment due to having a live bid being considered.

Other bids included:

•Brookfield Properties, The Menkiti Group, Hudson Group and Rise Together – with 302 units of residential units and 300,000 sq. ft. of research and development.

•Trinity Financial and Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center – with 394 units of housing and 13,000 sq. ft. of retail/community space.

•BioMed Realty Acquisition Holdings LLC – with 736,000 sq. ft. of lab space.

•The Peebles Corp. and Genesis Companies (Parcel 25 Zero Greenway LLC) – with 218 residential units and 309,000 sq. ft. of lab space.

•Lupoli Companies – 153 units of housing and 362,000 sq. ft. of lab space.

There was no timeline from MassDOT for a decision on the designation.

LOVE YOUR BLOCK SPRING CLEAN-UPS

The Office of Public Service and Community Outreach is hosting their annual Love Your Block Spring Clean-ups on Friday, April 30, Saturday, May 1, and Saturday, May 15. Residents can register to volunteer at bit.ly/LYBCleanups2021.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 30
•Corporate Day

Saturday, May 1
•Back Bay
•Beacon Hill

Saturday, May 15
•South End
•Fenway-Kenmore

Due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, space and tools are limited. Learn more at boston.gov/love-your-block

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day, April 26, and is scheduled to continue through June 2021. The work will take place weekly, Monday through Friday, during daytime hours from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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4/22/21, 4/29/21 BS



City Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu joined members of the Muddy Water Initiative and other environmental activists at the Muddy River on April 22 to talk about climate resilience and climate projects in Boston.

MICHELLE WU (from pg. 1)

of the Army Corps of Engineers answered questions about the project and its status as the dredging continues in some areas, and planting will begin soon in areas that have been pre-

viously dredged.

Additionally, the WaterGoat trash net, which was launched last year, will return to the water in the next month or so to con-

tinue removing trash and other debris from the Muddy River. From late spring through the fall, the net is emptied once a week by volunteers who bag up the trash.

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Council holds working session to explain budget process; seeks input from residents

By Lauren Bennett

The City Council Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Councilor Kenzie Bok, held a working session on April 26 to provide an overview of the city's budget process and address questions and comments from the public. This working session was one of many opportunities to provide public comment during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget process, Bok said.

Bok provided some details about the budget process and how it works, starting with the timeline. She said that on April 14, the budget came before the council, and then from mid-April to mid-June, public hearings and working sessions on different budget issues will be held by the City Council. On June 9, the City Council takes its first vote on the budget.

Bok said that the council "traditionally votes down the first version of the budget so the administration can reintroduce it with the changes that reflect the

conversation that's happened."

On either June 16 or June 23, the budget will be resubmitted by the mayor, and on June 30, the council "votes to adopt, reject, or reduce the resubmitted capital and/or operating budgets," according to a slide presented. The new fiscal year commences on July 1.

The City Council has the power to either "accept, reject, or reduce the budget," according to a slide, but it cannot increase the amount of funding or adjust any line items.

"If you're watching at home and think this is a little bit limiting, so do we," Bok said. "There's a back and forth on the council and in the public about whether we should have different budget powers, but where it stands right now is these are our budget powers."

The budget is split into two parts: the operating budget—which includes the Boston Public Schools budget, but this is voted on separately—and the capital

budget. The operating budget "covers day-to-day expenses for city departments," Bok said, and would be funds for "anything you'd have to redo every year." She said that the majority of the operating budget is city personnel.

"It really is true that city workers are the city and what the city does gets done by them," she said.

The capital budget is the money that is used for larger investments or projects in the city such as schools, community centers, parks, roads, and the like. It's "basically anything physical; anything that you'd be using over time for multiple years," Bok said. Money for these projects comes from bonds, which are debt incurred by the city.

Bok explained that there is a limit to the amount of debt the city can have, which is "five percent of the assessed value of taxable property without state approval, or 10 percent with state approval," according to a slide presented. "We're well below that limit," Bok said.

She also said that there is something called a debt policy limit, which says that a limit of seven percent of the operating budget can go towards paying interest on debt. Bok said the city

is also below this limit.

When it comes to city workers, Bok said it is "important to us and it has been historically that they be able to retire with dignity and live their old age with dignity and health care." Money is set aside each year to pay for pensions for city workers, she added, which is on its way to becoming fully funded.

Bok also talked about Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB), which is the "cost of healthcare in particular for retirees," which is currently underfunded. She said that the city's "plan is to finish funding pensions and then switch over to funding this OPEB."

She also mentioned revolving funds, which is "basically where a department takes in money for some kind of operation and then spends that money on that operation," she said.

Other city councilors and the public were invited to make comments or ask questions during this working session. Councilor Julia Mejia talked about controlling expectations during the budget process, as sometimes certain things may not always get funded, though people might want them to.

"The reality is, there are

things that reshape priorities," Bok said, such as "unsafe incidents somewhere" or the need for lighting or safety fixes in certain parts of the city.

"We all see the city just through our set of eyes, and so part of the job of the budget process is to even it out across sort of like all these different perspectives that are at play," she said. "But that said, we have to have the public input opportunity because there's lots of things someone might not see, like if you're the only one who sees that that wall is crumbling down, you need to tell the city and the city needs to reprioritize on the basis of it. That's the balancing act we're trying to strike."

Bok also said that "one thing that's frustrating is that we can't generally grow the revenue in the City of Boston." She added that Councilor Ed Flynn has been working on finding ways to gain more revenue from the state and other avenues.

"One of the challenges with the budget is that an increase anywhere is a decrease somewhere and all of our services feel urgent and we're trying to do well by all of them and so

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Council bans use of chemical crowd control agents, Mayor expected to sign it

Staff Report

On Wednesday, the Boston City Council voted 7-5 to pass an ordinance refiled by Councilors Ricardo Arroyo (District 5) and Andrea Campbell (District 4) that limits the use of chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles. The measure now heads to the Mayor's Office

and must be signed in order to take effect.

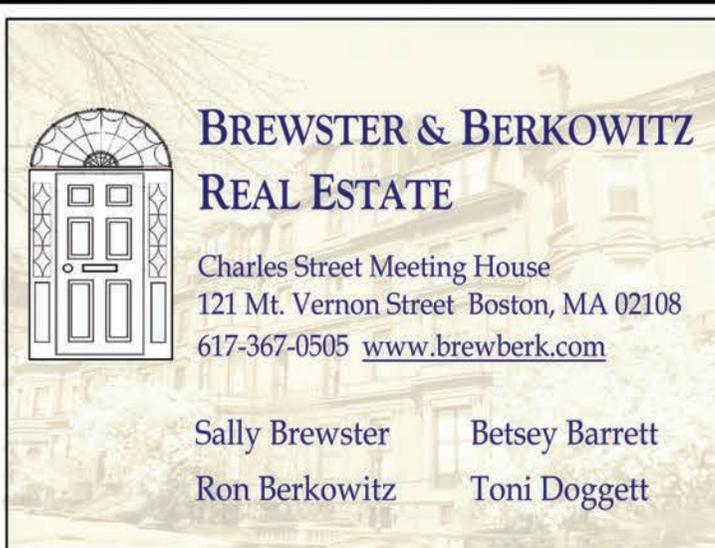
Last December the Council voted 8-5 to pass a similar ordinance that was later vetoed by then Mayor Martin J. Walsh. Then Council President Kim Janey voted to pass the ordinance and is expected to sign it into law as Mayor once it reach-

es her desk.

After multiple hearings and working sessions, the Council has passed the ordinance for the second time today (7-5) with Councilors Arroyo, Campbell, Kenzie Bok, Liz Breadon, Lydia Edwards, Julia Mejia and Michelle Wu voting for it. The ordinance restricts the use of chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles by law enforcement agents operating in the City of Boston. It particularly limits the use of these weapons against individuals engaging in protest, demonstration, or gathering with more than 10 people. Weapons in the ordinance include, but are not limited to, tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullets, and beanbag rounds.

This ordinance is one of several measures the Council is taking to increase accountability and transparency in policing.

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Greenstein achieves All-American status at NHSCA Wrestling Nationals

By Cary Shuman

Dylan Greenstein launched his high school wrestling career in spectacular fashion.

The 15-year-old St. John's Prep freshman from Lynnfield took home All-American honors from the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) Wrestling Nationals over the weekend in Virginia Beach, Va.

Competing against the USA's top wrestlers in the Nationals Freshman Division in the three-day competition, Greenstein advanced through his bracket to finish in the top eight, earning him "All-American" recognition and a plaque symbolic of his extraordinary achievement.

Interestingly, because the COVID-19 pandemic forced officials to move the high school wrestling season, Greenstein will not make his actual varsity wrestling debut in Coach Manny Costa's powerful St. John's program

until next week. But the seeds of future success were planted a year ago when Greenstein had a phenomenal 47-1 record for the St. John's Prep junior varsity team as an eighth grader vying against older, high-school age competitors.

Greenstein, son of Boston nightclub legend Randy Greenstein (of Big Night Entertainment Group) and Karen Greenstein, was asked to assess his achievement of receiving national All-American recognition as a freshman.

"It feels great," said Greenstein, who stands 5-foot-11 and weighs 195 pounds. "I know that I still have a lot of work to do because I'm more of a judo player but I'm looking forward to learning more about wrestling techniques. I know I have a lot more to learn."

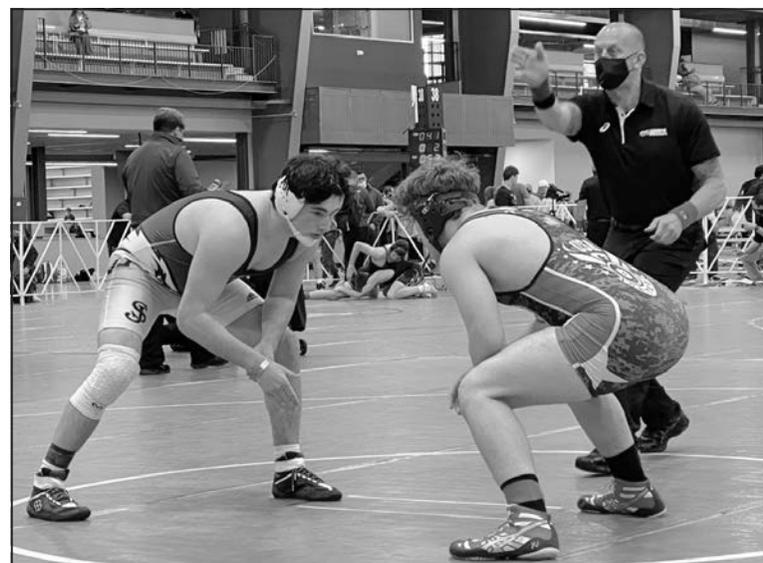
Greenstein credits the sport of judo, in which he has participated for ten years, for laying

the foundation to his noteworthy entrance in to wrestling. He's a four-time national judo champion while training under his well-known coach, former two-time Olympic bronze judo medalist Jimmy Pedro.

"When I was in the sixth grade, my dad helped me transition to wrestling," said Greenstein. "Initially I wasn't sure I wanted to do it because I was all-judo, but now I love the sport, so I'm excited."

Lofty accomplishments in wrestling are familiar in the Greenstein family. Dylan's father, Randy, was a standout wrestler at Lynnfield High School as was his uncle, Ricky, who won two MIAA state wrestling championships representing the LHS Pioneers.

Dylan, whose older brother, Brandon, attends Pingree and will be matriculating at Emerson College, aspires to wrestle at the collegiate level one day, but he is



Dylan Greenstein (left) readies to square off against his opponent at the NHSCA Wrestling Nationals in Virginia Beach. A freshman at St. John's Prep in Danvers, Greenstein received All-American honors at the competition.

currently focused on his first varsity season at the Prep.

"I think we're going to have a really good team this season," said Dylan.

Nick Curley of Burlington, a senior at St. John's Prep and one of Dylan's teammates, won the overall NHSCA national title in the 113-pound weight division, giving the Danvers preparato-

ry school three All-Americans, which is likely an unprecedented achievement in the annals of local high school wrestling.

Tyler Knox also placed seventh and is an All American that goes to SJP.

With three All-Americans on its roster, the Prep will definitely be a "team to watch" in 2021.

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"Though I support an eventual complete ban of tear gas and kinetic impact projectiles. This is an essential first step," Councilor Arroyo said. "These restrictions will protect the residents of Boston from indiscriminate, dangerous, and even fatal impacts of such devices, especially during lawful protests or demonstrations."

"This demilitarization ordinance is a necessary piece of

our collective action to ensure transparency and accountability in our policing," Councilor Campbell said. "While I personally believe we should ban weapons like tear gas and rubber bullets from ever being used against civilians, ensuring that the City has a specific, transparent, restrictive policy to guide how and when they are used is absolutely necessary to protect our residents, including our police officers, from harm and injustice at large-scale events. I am proud to have partnered with Councilor Arroyo on this legislation since last Spring and to have passed an even stronger version of this ordinance today."

Before deploying these weapons, a Boston Police Department (BPD) on-scene supervisor at the rank of Deputy Superintendent or higher must personally witness ongoing violence or property destruction and determine that no reasonable methods of de-escalation will be successful. In addition, the same on-scene supervisor must give two separate warnings at least two minutes apart announcing to the group that they must disperse, specifying which weapon will be deployed if they fail to disperse, and ensuring that the group has

a way to exit.

Violations of the ordinance by any law enforcement member will be reported to oversight agencies and an annual report will be published by the City of Boston. The latest version of the

ordinance also requires BPD to maintain, preserve, and produce body camera footage when these weapons are used. BPD will have 90 days to ensure that the provisions of the ordinance are met.

The ordinance requires the Boston Police Department to inform law enforcement agencies operating in Boston of the provisions of the ordinance, as well as incorporate the limitations outlined above into officer training.



Virtual Public Meeting

Article 64 - South End Zoning Amendment

Tuesday, May 11
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/Art64Amendment

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 629 7881

Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) will host a meeting to discuss a proposed zoning amendment to Article 64 Section 29 of the Boston Zoning Code. This zoning amendment proposes new language related to affordable commercial and cultural spaces in the Harrison-Albany area of the South End Neighborhood.

The BPDA's planning and zoning team will provide a brief presentation outlining the proposed amendment and how it will affect affordable commercial and cultural spaces. There will also be an opportunity for community comments and questions following the presentation.

There is a 40 day comment period associated with this zoning amendment. The comment period will open on April 29, 2021 and close on June 8, 2021, at 5 pm. If you would like to submit a comment regarding this zoning amendment, please visit bostonplans.org/article64amendment or contact jared.staley@boston.gov.

mail to: **Jared Staley**

Boston Planning & Development Agency
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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The windows and decorative balcony in the last clue are on 69 Charles Street. This is the new home of Upstairs Downstairs Antiques. This business has been part of the community since 1992 and the new location is, as they say, "just steps away" from where they had been for 29 years.

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



Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Loiret-Gomez, Kenia	Walsh, David A	234 Beacon St #5A	\$800,000
Kumm, Kelly	Burns RT	135 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$390,000
ITA RT	Stafford, Nicola	492 Beacon St #13	\$845,000
Mcinery, Dennis	Ewing, Grant T	290 Commonwealth Ave #17	\$1,649,000
BEACON HILL			
Domian, Ibrahim	Curtis, John	21 Beacon St #91	\$949,000
Hyszcak, Kenneth C	88 Beacon Street LLC	88 Beacon St #2	\$950,000
Chang, Baolin	Ishikawa 2010 RET	27 Bowdoin St #2D	\$400,000
Gibbons, Christina M	Ferrel, Eliza	36-R Joy St #4	\$675,000
61 Mt Vernon Street NT	Driscoll, Francis L	61 Mount Vernon St #C	\$4,000,000
Carmany, George W	Chuli, Judith M	70-72 Mount Vernon St #3A70	\$2,180,000
Maniate T	Cigarroa, Ricardo	41-43 Phillips St #19	\$2,750,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Edwards, Aaron	Soloff, Rachael	84 Appleton St #3	\$655,000
Considine, Peter	Cook, Kathleen E	1 Huntington Ave #414	\$520,000
Li, Haoxing	Qin, Tian	38-40 Saint Botolph St #37	\$445,000
Liou, Louis	Yasuda, Koji	110 Stuart St #20C	\$1,420,000
Paul, Listra	2451 Washington LLC	2451 Washington St #203	\$374,795
Wong, Tracy	Ching, Simona M	11 Aberdeen St #6	\$535,000
Sachdev, Ravneesh	Albright, Nile L	188 Brookline Ave #27J	\$2,615,000
Lele, Abhijeet J	Brophy, Kerrie M	519 Columbus Ave #5	\$899,000
Mclaughlin Malden RT	Keren 2 LLC	7 Durham St #3	\$1,650,000
Mcnamara, Kelley M	Cory A Beall RET	38 Dwight St #4	\$682,500
Amato, Erin	Crowley, Michael J	90 E Brookline St #3	\$699,000
SAF Boston LLC	Anish A Ukani FT	79 Gainsborough St #205	\$770,000
Kirimov, Eugene M	Hamwey, Jaclyn	700 Harrison Ave #216	\$440,000
Gaucher, Trenton R	761 Harrison Church LLC	771 Harrison Ave #109	\$775,000
Cline, Lauren	7 Keswick Street LLC	7 Keswick St #3	\$1,650,000
Steinbach, Sineide	Raphael&Alice LLC	53 Rutland Sq #2	\$885,000
Kieman, Matthew	Ix, Leigh S	9 Rutland Sq #1	\$799,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Hundred State Street LLC	Devonshire RE LLC	185 Devonshire St #700	\$1,000,00
Hickey, Charlotte	Moushegian Eleanor R	75 Fulton St #22	\$838,000

BUDGET (from pg. 8)

that's also one of the reasons why sometimes it feels like things are incremental when we change them in the budget," she said. "There's a fine line also between recognizing that in any given budget process, we don't necessarily get all of the things that we want or ask for, and also recognizing that the advocacy that people do does matter, and if you didn't do it, we would end up in a different place, and it wouldn't be as good of a place."

JP resident Paige Sparks expressed concern about money spent on "overpolicing" in Boston, and wondered what she and other residents could do when advocating for changes in funding when it comes to policing.

"I guess one suggestion I would have for you as an advocate would be not just sort of having a target number but really saying what are the chang-

es that we're pushing for that would make a difference?" Bok said. She said that "there needs to be an analysis of 'how,' not just 'how much,'" as last year \$12 million was cut from the police overtime budget last fiscal year but "that cut was not realized and it's because our police budget is allowed to run over its allocation amount with overtime and it did."

When it comes to responding to 911 calls, she also said part of advocacy work could be "really talking concretely about what alternative response looks like" and looking at making those kinds of real changes when it comes to the budget and in actually implementing alternatives.

At the end of the working session, Bok reiterated that there will be many more opportunities for Bostonians to participate in the budget process by asking

questions or testifying at upcoming hearings. Bok said that there are around 35 hearings and working sessions scheduled so far, and people can either show up virtually to testify live, or submit written comments or a video testimony.

Any questions about the budget should be directed to cc.wm@boston.gov, and Bok can be o CC'd as well at kenzie.bok@boston.gov. Information about the dockets and working sessions can be found at boston.gov/publicnotices, and all hearings are recorded and put on the Boston City Council YouTube channel.

She said for this particular working session, "we wanted to put this explanation of the budget and open forum kind out out in the formal space but it is not the end of that opportunity. So just reach out; it's your budget."

Man arraigned for February homicide at Mass/Cass

Staff Report

A Taunton man was arraigned Tuesday on a charge of fatally stabbing 40-year-old Jamal Chin-Clarke during a suspected drug transaction in the area of Mass/Cass earlier this year, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said.

Liquarry Jefferson, 41, of Taunton was ordered held without bail during his arraignment on a charge of murder in the Roxbury Division of the Boston Municipal Court. He is currently being held for an unrelated violation of his probation on a 2015 conviction for armed robbery and three counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon for which he was sentenced to five to seven years in prison followed by a period of probation.

"This arrest is the result of an exhaustive investigation by

Boston Police homicide detectives and my Office's Homicide Unit. I'm grateful for their meticulous work on this investigation and their dedicated efforts to get accountability for Mr. Chin-Clarke's family," District Attorney Rollins said. "This homicide started as a suspected drug transaction. We desperately need a concerted response from elected officials at the State, County and City level for the crisis growing throughout the Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass area. This small section of Boston continues to disproportionately absorb the devastating impacts of substance use and mental health disorders for our entire Commonwealth and beyond."

Jefferson's arrest is one of several arrests made recently amid detailed investigations into violent and serious felonies in

the area surrounding Boston's Newmarket Square. On April 13, 2021, David Robinson was arraigned for the January 4, 2021, stabbing murder of Richard Ghiozzi in the area of Southamptton Street; a second individual, Robert Jamison, is charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon for kicking the victim after he had been stabbed. Last week, Suffolk prosecutors successfully argued that Dale Clarke should be held without bail under the state's dangerousness statute following his arraignment on charges of unlawful firearm possession, drug trafficking and other offenses that stemmed from an investigation into drug distribution in the area of Mass/Cass.

In the instant case, Assistant District Attorney David McGowan told the court that surveillance camera footage cap-

tured the victim and a second individual walking on foot to a Southamptton Street parking lot on the morning of February 27, 2021. Approximately 20 minutes later, a vehicle driven by an individual later identified as Jefferson arrived at the location. Jefferson, the victim and the second individual are seen on camera in what is believed to be a hand-to-hand drug transaction. During the interaction, Jefferson allegedly punched the victim in the face, knocked the second individual to the ground, and stabbed the victim in the chest and torso. Jefferson then returned to his vehicle and drove away.

Chin-Clarke walked toward the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, where he collapsed in the street. He was transported to Boston Medical Center, where he died of his injuries.

Multiple security and public safety cameras captured Jefferson's path as he traveled from the murder scene. Boston Police detectives identified the vehicle as being registered to a woman residing at the same Taunton residence as Jefferson. Additional police reports indicate that Jefferson used the vehicle on other occasions, including during a suspected hit-and-run causing property damage in the area of Southamptton Street seven days after the murder.

In addition to the footage, cell site location information obtained through a search warrant places Jefferson in the area of the stabbing at approximately the same time it occurred, prosecutors said.

Jefferson is represented by Timothy Bradl. He returns to court May 28, 2021.

For the Record

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Due to public health concerns, the hearings that normally would be held on a week have been postponed or canceled due to the guidance of Mayor Martin Walsh and the order of Gov. Charlie Baker. Some meetings, however, have been moved to an online or teleconference format under the emergency order on the Open Meeting Law issued by Gov. Baker.

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARINGS FOR THE WEEK:

•From the April 29, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budgets for the Law Department, Office of Arts & Culture, and Office of Tourism, Sports & Entertainment. This hearing will also cover the revolving funds overseen by these departments.

*2 p.m. - The focus of this hearing is an overview of the Capital Budget, as well as the FY22 budget for the Public Facilities Department.

•From the April 30, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS WORKING SESSION: The focus of this working session is the FY22 budgets for the Boston Police Department and the Environment Department, including Conservation Commission and Landmarks.

•From the May 4, 2 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS WORKING SESSION: The focus of this working session is the FY22 budget for Boston Public Schools (Commitment 1 - Eliminate Opportunity & Achievement Gaps), Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and Youth Engagement

& Employment.

•From the May 6, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS WORKING SESSION: The focus of this working session are the FY22 budgets for the Boston Public Library, Office of Food Access, Office of Language and Communications Access, Office of Immigrant Advancement, Human Rights Commission, and Age Strong Commission.

From the April 27 Zoning Board hearing, online:

•53 Marlborough St., Back Bay. Applicant: French Cultural Center. Purpose: Combining and renovation of two buildings (53 Marlborough & 300 Berkeley) to be known as 53 Marlborough Street. Work includes demo, new finishes, elevator, sprinkler, FA, and updates to all MEPs.

From the April 29 Public Improvements Commission, online, 10 a.m.:

•On a petition by the City of Boston Public Works Department for the making of Specific Repairs consisting of curb realignment, sidewalk, roadway, and bridge deck reconstruction, as well as new and relocated pedestrian ramps, specialty pavement, and stormdrain infrastructure: Dalton Street - between Boylston Street and Scotia Street; Boylston Street - generally between Dalton Street and Hereford Street; and Hereford Street - generally at Boylston Street.

From the April 29, 4 p.m., Boston Arts Commission meeting, online:

•2020 Pictures of the Year, short-term installation; Copley Square Park, Back Bay; Justice

Edward O. Gourdin Memorial Park, Roxbury; Proponent: GBH Boston

The BPDA is having a virtual public meeting for 771 Harrison Ave. in the South End (Immaculate Conception Church) on May 3, 6 p.m. Public meeting in connection with the proposed changes to the HYPERLINK "https://bostonplans.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c680a920917b91377ae543202&id=464f3dfd13&e=677d31e68f" \t "_blank" 771 Harrison Avenue project (currently under construction) in the South End (the "Project"). On March 31, 2021, 761 Harrison Church, LLC, submitted a Notice of Project Change and the Third Amendment to Planned Development Area No.59, seeking to convert all of the residential units in the Project to condominiums (currently the Project is approved with 63 total residential units, of which 51 are designated as rental units and 12 as condominiums). The public is encouraged to attend.

From the May 4 South End Landmarks meeting, 5:30 p.m., online via Zoom (HYPERLINK "HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89460239761" HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89460239761):

DESIGN REVIEW HEARING
•567 Tremont St. Proposed work: Modify existing telecommunications equipment at the roof: remove three (3) antennas, six (6) TMAs, and nine (9) radios, and install three (3) new antennas, six (6) new radios, and tri-pod ballast frame.

•116 Appleton St. Proposed work: At the rear façade which faces a public street, construct a rear deck. At the existing oriel, remove center window, modify the

opening, and install French doors. Construct a roof deck with existing hatch access.

•556 Tremont St. Proposed work: Construct a roof deck (previously approved under APP # 17.0848 SE).

•221 West Springfield St. Proposed work: At the roof, construct a roof deck with hatch access (previously approved under APP # 16.1680 SE).

•57 West Dedham St. Proposed work: Install a painted mural.

•580 Harrison Avenue a/k/a 433 Albany Street. Proposed work: At the side elevation, construct a roof deck above the first story of an existing building. Replace one (1) non-historic window with a new metal and glass door.

•89 Union Park St. Proposed work: At the main roof eave, roof ridges, and dormer eave, raise the roof deck to allow for ventilated cavity and install new vents. Remove and reinstall dormer windows. Remove existing skylight and reinstall on a higher curb. Modify cladding at an existing shed. See additional items under Administrative Review.

The BPDA will have a virtual public meeting for a minor modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan for parcels in Villa Victoria on Thursday, May 6, at 6 p.m. The modification would update the allowable land uses in the plan to properly reflect existing conditions at two sites.

•At 100 West Dedham Street where allowable land uses would be updated to include (Residential, Commercial, Office, Community and Cultural Land Uses) and

•At 2 San Juan Street where land uses would be updated to include (Office, Community, Cultural and Parking). Feel free to

reach out if you have any questions or if any translation or interpretation services would be needed in advance.

This meeting will be hosted online, using Zoom. Please register in advance for this meeting: HYPERLINK "https://bostonplans.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c680a920917b91377ae543202&id=7d1aac3093&e=677d31e68f" \t "_blank" bit.ly/32fk-GKW.

REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS

•Workers in any size organization have options if they feel they are being pressured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General Maura Healey has created resources for workers to report safety concerns during reopening. They include an online form at the Attorney General's website and a dedicated Fair Labor hotline at 617-727-3465. People can also find those resources by calling 311.

HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has made fixing quality of life issues a priority in his administration. From investing in Public Works to making sure community policing is a staple in every neighborhood, we are making sure every neighborhood is clean, safe and a great place to live and work in. Unfortunately some properties in Boston need more help than others, and that's why we are here. If you know of a property that fits one of the following criteria: multiple calls to 911, one that's blighted or just a general concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.

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776 BOYLSTON STREET #PH2E
4 BEDS | 4.5 BATHS | 6,829 SQFT
\$24,999,000



346 CONGRESS STREET #PH2
3 BEDS | 5 BATHS | 4,211 SQFT
\$7,450,000



2 AVERY STREET #28A
1 BED | 1.5 BATHS | 803 SQFT
\$1,075,000



110 SUDBURY STREET #3802
3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,315 SQFT
\$4,600,000



330 BEACON STREET #81
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,337 SQFT
\$2,990,000

