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Proposed 2 Charlesgate West project discussed at virtual public meeting

By Dan Murphy

A mixed-use project proposed for 2 Charlesgate West was the matter at hand during a virtual meeting sponsored by the Boston Planning & Development Agency on Thursday, Jan. 11.

Morro, a developer of multi-family housing, has proposed an approximately 290,000 square-foot project comprising 406 fully furnished, smaller dwelling units (i.e. 184 studios, 122 one-bedrooms, 91 two-bedrooms, and nine three-bedrooms); 2,860 Square feet of retail at the Ipswich Street level; and indoor bike parking for 408 bikes. No onsite parking is proposed for the project, although it would create an off-street load-

The project had originally been proposed by Scape, a British real estate developer and Morro's sister brand, in 2021 and conceived as a 251,000 squarefoot building, comprising 400 residential housing units, 3,000 square feet of ground floor retail, and 75 below grade parking spaces. The developer solicited community feedback for a couple of years before filing a DPIR (Draft Project Impact Report) for the latest iteration of the project in December of 2023, said David Hunt, chief development officer for Morro.

Hunt summarized the project's public benefits, including

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Fenway Corners project now proposed to include parcel at 96-98 Brookline Ave.

The proposed Fenway Corners (west) project is now expected to include a previously omitted parcel at 96-98 Brookline Ave., which will be integrated into a building planned for the corner of Brookline Avenue and Jersey Street.

WS-Fenway-Twins Venture LLC – a partnership comprising the Fenway Sports Group, which owns the Red Sox; the D'Angelo family, who own the 47 sports apparel and memorabilia company; and Newton-based WS Development, which led the redevelopment effort in the Seaport - intend to redevelop 13 parcels located south of the Massachusetts Turnpike near Fenway Park on four major blocks along Jersey Street, Brookline Avenue, Van Ness Street, and Lansdowne Street, respectively, that collectively total around 5.32 acres.

The proposed project would accommodate a total of 266 dwelling units, including 53 affordable units; 10,000 square

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The assembly stands and applauds the preformance of Lift Every Voice And Sing during the 54th annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast held at the Boston Convention Center on Monday. See more photos on *Pages 5 − 7.*

'Make Way for Ducklings' sculptor, Nancy Schön, tells her own story in new video project

By Dan Murphy

Nancy Schön, the artist whose creations include the iconic 'Make Way for Ducklings' sculpture in the Public Garden, is now telling her own story in a five-part video series on You-Tube, with the first chapter out now and subsequent installments expected to roll out about once

'Make Way for Ducklings: From Boston to Moscow' is described as a "a visual oral history" by its main architect, Stella Gould, a retired senior producer for WCVB-TV's long-running newsmagazine, 'Chronicle.' Gould, who would go on to produce several 'Chronicle' segments featuring Schön, first met the West Newton artist when Gould worked on a 2012 episode focus-

ing on public art. The episode,

which would go on onto to win then on exhibit at the Kolbo Fine a New England Emmy, included a retrospective of Schön's work

Judaica Gallery in Brookline.

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Sculptor Nancy Schön is seen in her West Newton home studio during the filming of an interview for 'Make Way for Ducklings: From Boston to Moscow.

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EDITORIAL

"TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI..."

The ongoing attacks against international shipping in the Red Sea by the former terrorist organization known as the Houthis, who presently are the ruling group in Yemen, are "illegal, unacceptable, and profoundly destabilizing," in the words of the dozen nations who coalesced with the United States to launch a series of attacks against Houthi missile sites in Yemen last week.

The Houthis, who also have fired long-range rockets toward Israel and U.S. naval forces in the Red Sea, assert that their actions are in support of Hamas, the terrorists responsible for the slaughter, rape, and kidnapping of more than 1400 Israeli citizens on October 7.

Clearly, the Houthi attacks are part of an overall strategy by Iran, which has supplied weapons and funds for decades to the Houthis, Hamas, and Hezbollah, to cause as much death and destruction to Israel and its allies, with the stated goal of wiping Israel off the face of the map and killing every Jew they can find.

Some, both here and abroad, have criticized the United States and its allies for bombing the Houthi missile sites because it might lead to a widening of the ongoing war in the Middle East and draw the United States into the middle of the fight.

However, critics of U.S. policy are deluding themselves if they think that America somehow can remain above the fray, especially now that the Houthis are threatening the free flow of global commerce. U.S. history is instructive in this regard. In the 18th and early 19th centuries, what was then known as the Barbary coast nations of the Mediterranean -- present-day Morocco, Libya, Algeria, and Tunis -- plundered international shipping and enslaved thousands of their captives, including U.S. ships and citizens.

The United States Navy was established to respond to the blatant acts of nation-state piracy, culminating with an attack by the U.S. Marines, who burned the city of Tripoli in 1805 -- hence the phrase in the opening line of the Marine Corps anthem, "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli."

We realize that the circumstances between 1805 and today are vastly different, but the principle remains the same. More significantly, we must recognize that the world is being destabilized by an Axis of Evil consisting of Iran, Russia, and China. We cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand and pretend that they do not pose a threat to the Free World.

We must deal with the Houthis and their terrorist brethren to the full extent that we are able to do so. Anything less only will encourage them to go further.

WITH NO. KOREA NOW INVOLVED, AID TO UKRAINE IS NEEDED ASAP

The delay in providing much-needed military aid to Ukraine by a minority of Republican members of Congress these past few months has been nothing less than unconscionable.

But now that No. Korea has intervened by giving Vladimir Putin an estimated one million artillery shells (which comes on top of military drones being supplied to Putin by Iran), the need for the U.S. to resume supplying Ukraine with the arms to resist Putin's aggression has become urgent.

It is not a coincidence that Russia's war in Ukraine is being supported by China, Iran, and No. Korea, all of which are despotic countries whose stated goal is to destroy democratic nations across the globe. With No. Korea sending weapons to Russia, there can be no doubt that Putin will be supplying Kim Jong Un with the technology to develop long-range missiles that will threaten the United States and our allies with a nuclear attack.

The U.S. must stop playing nice with Putin and provide Ukraine with as much of our arsenal as is needed to destroy the Russian army as soon as possible. The longer that No. Korea remains a player in this conflict, the worse it will be for the entire world.

Councilor Sharon Durkan announces expanded District 8 team

Special to the Sun

Following her swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 1 at Faneuil Hall, District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan, who represents the West End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Fenway, and Mission Hill neighborhoods, announced the expansion of her team by bringing on Geidy Romero as Director of Policy, and Lauren Carmi as Beacon Hill Quality of Life Liaison. Romero and Carmi will be joining Durkan's current Council staff, which includes Chief of Staff, Kennedy Avery; Director of Development and Transportation, Anthony Baez; and Community and Legislative Liaison, Maccon Bonner.

Romero is joining the team as the Director of Policy. As an alum of BPS and an active participant in a host of community and City services, he has a deep connection to the City and extensive experience in connecting residents to critical City services. Romero is currently pursuing her master's in Social Work from Boston College and eager to apply her studies and experience to advancing Councilor Durkan's legislative



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District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan.

agenda on City worker mental health resources, housing affordability, development, transportation, climate resilience, and quality-of-life issues.

Councilor Durkan is excited to welcome Romero to the team emphasizing, "the most effective and dedicated public servants I have known place a premium on empathy and ground that understanding with careful study of the issues and real world experiences – Geidy is the person we want to see in local government. I can't wait for District 8 residents to meet her! Growing up in this city, going to our public

schools, and raising a family give her a unique lens to support our D8 neighborhoods with policy solutions."

Carmi will also be joining Durkan's office this month, serving as the Beacon Hill Quality of Life Liaison.

Durkan noted, "I'm incredibly excited to bring Lauren onto our team. She knows what it's like to raise a family in our beloved neighborhood of Beacon Hill, and cares deeply about the quality-of-life issues that I do! I'm excited for trash, rodents, and streets to be at the top of our priority list, with Lauren's help."

Councilor Flynn selected to join National League of Cities (NLC) 2024 University Communities Council

Special to the Sun

Councilor Edward Flynn was selected last week to join the National League of Cities (NLC) University Communities Council for their 2024 membership. Prior to the selection, Councilor Flynn has been an active National League of Cities member and recently participated as a panelist at the Annual NLC City Summit and Council Presidents Convening in Atlanta, Georgia.

The objectives of the University Communities Council include sharing ideas and creative solutions to the challenges affecting university communities, as well as connecting municipal officials from university communities nationally to foster a spirit of cooperation between universities, colleges, and local governments. In March 2024, Councilor Flynn will join colleagues in government throughout the country at the NLC Congressio-

nal City Conference in Washing-

ton D.C. to discuss city and university relations and other issues impacting cities and towns.

"I'm honored to join the NLC University Communities Council this year. Boston is renowned for many outstanding colleges and universities, and we host a significant population of students in our city annually," said Councilor Flynn. "We value our relationship with these institutions of higher education, who partner with us on a multitude of issues,

employ many of our residents, and whose students contribute so much to our city's vibrancy and local economy. I look forward to working with members of the UCC to share insights and discuss the integral and indispensable roles these institutions play in Boston and the opportunities and challenges they bring."

For more information, ontact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

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News in Brief

SECOND BACK STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

The Esplanade Association will hold its second Back Street Neighborhood Project Meeting to discuss ongoing safety projects at Esplanade entrances on Back Street. The meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

During this gathering, EA rep-

resentatives will review progress made to-date, hear neighborhood feedback, and discuss proposed plans for additional safety improvements. Your presence and insights will greatly contribute to the success of the meeting, and the project.

Register for the meeting via zoom at https://bit.ly/BackSt-Meeting.

To learn more about the project, visit esplanade.org/cross-walks; and to learn about other

pathway safety initiatives, visit esplanade.org/pathways.

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD TO HOLD JAN. EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild will hold its SoWa Sundays on Jan. 21, and 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Events will be held at 450 Harrison Ave.

Visit sowaartists.com, face-book.com/SoWaArtistsGuild, or instagram.com/sowaartistsguild/for more information.

TWO NEW ELKUS MANFREDI PRINCIPALS NAMED





COURTESY OF ELKUS MANFREDI ARCHITECTS

William (Rob) Halter AIA, LEED AP and Emily Paparella AIA, LEED AP, CPHC were both recently named principals at Elkus Manfredi Architects.

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feet of civic space; and the creation of the Fenway Family Center, a daycare/early childhood ed center for up to 100 children. The project will also provide around 1,500 new parking spaces, along with the extension of Richard B. Ross Way from Van Ness Street to Brookline Avenue. The developer has pledged to completely fund the restoration and renovation of the city-owned Duck House into a public facility as one of the project amenities as

Yanni Tsipis, senior vice president of WS Development, said during a joint-Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and public meeting sponsored virtually by the Boston Planning & Development Agency on Tuesday, Jan. 16, that the developer is now seeking to amend the existing PDA (Planned Development Area) No. 136, and to file a related notice of project change

to include the parcel at 96-98 Brookline Ave. The parameters of the current PDA now "run around the third-party site," which is currently occupied by a ground-floor restaurant and bar, Fenway Johnnies, said Tsipis.

The previously proposed building envelope would be adjusted to allow for the inclusion of the parcel at 96-98 Brookline Ave., said Tsipis, as well as for the extension of the existing building at 80 Brookline St., both at grade and above-grade, to create a "unified streetscape."

The parcel at 96-98 Brookline Ave. would have a height limit of 80 feet, consistent with 80 Brookline Ave., said Tsipis, and the new building there would comprise 36,000 square feet of lab space and 2,000 square feet of retail use.

Tsipis presented two different architectural designs for the revised project, with the first

option proposing a 10-foot setback on Brookline Avenue to allow for wider sidewalks at the corner of Richard B. Ross Way per the city's request.

The second option would have no setback on Brookline Avenue, said Tsipis, but add height to the existing building at 96-98 Brookline Ave., to create a "street wall."

In both scenarios, the proposed change would have no impact on the project's FAR (Floor Area Ratio), added Tsipis, although since it's a PDA amendment, the matter would be subject to review by the Boston Zoning Commission.

CAC member Kathy McBride expressed her preference for the first option to help alleviate the already "crowded" sidewalk. "As much sidewalk as possible would be helpful in that crazy area," she said.

While the developer intends

to utilize the additional space created via the integration of the parcel at 96-98 Brookline Ave. to allow for 36,000 more square feet to the proposed 1.75 million square feet in lab space, CAC member Rich Giordano said he would prefer to see 40 to 60 units of housing there instead.

In response, Tsipis offered three reasons why the developer is proposing the new square footage as lab space, rather than housing.

First, WS Development and the Red Sox organization are "always cautious" when it comes to building housing near the ballpark, especially in light of the residential building already proposed for 100 Brookline Ave.

Second, the developer maintains that housing wouldn't be economically feasible on the added parcel, given its small footprint and of the added parcel and due to the city's affordable-housing and carbon-neutrality requirements for new projects.

Lastly, Tspis said extending

the building at 100 Brookline Ave. to the east would push the project over the FAR threshold.

"It's not prudent through any of these lenses to propose housing on the site," added Tspis.

During public testimony, Tim Horn, president of the Fenway Civic Association and a longtime neighborhood resident, said he too would prefer to see the newly created square footage devoted to housing and added that he believes if the developer were to use the new space for housing, the neighborhood would likely be more receptive to any requested FAR zoning relief.

The BPDA's public-comment period for the proposed PDA amendment for this project is open through Friday, Jab. 26; public comments can be submitted via the BPDA's project page at http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/fenway-corners, or via email to Quinn Valcich, BPDA project manager, at quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov.



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Mayor Wu signs public tree protection ordinance, advancing Urban Forest Plan

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu recently signed a public tree protection ordinance, a key recommendation stemming from the City's Urban Forest Plan. The Urban Forest Plan, released in September 2022, outlines strategies to preserve, cultivate, and expand the city's urban forest. A tree protection ordinance is a critical action item in preserving exist-

ing canopy cover. Mayor Wu's enactment of the public tree protection ordinance underscores the City's dedication to environmental justice, public health, and community resiliency. The City Council passed the ordinance on Dec. 13, 2023.

"The signing of the public tree protection ordinance is a testament to our shared goal of building a city that prioritizes environmental stewardship and community well-being," said Mayor Wu in a press release. "In taking this step, we're not only preserving our urban forest but also shaping a brighter, more sustainable future for all residents."

The Urban Forest Plan recommended changes in municipal code to protect mature trees and enhance the urban forest. By adopting a phased approach to tree protection regulations, focusing on public trees first, the City aims to lead by example before engaging with the community to extend regulations to trees on private property.

"As the department responsible for managing the implementation of the Urban Forest Plan, we recognize the importance of addressing trees on both publicly- and privately-owned land," said Commissioner Ryan Woods of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in a press

release. "Fostering a thriving urban forest that reflects the diverse needs of all stakeholders is a top priority."

The recently signed ordinance establishes comprehensive regulations to preserve trees on Cityowned parks, school grounds, libraries, and public housing, aligning with Boston's commitment to protecting and enhance-

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addressing the "acute" housing shortage in the Fenway neighborhood while providing 61 units of onsite affordable housing (15 percent of the project's total units). The developer has also pledged to support the Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation) to build additional affordable housing in the neighborhood, added Hunt.

Emmett Gregory, project manager for Boston-based Mikyoung Kim Design, said parallel parking would be eliminated on the south side of Ipswich Street to create wider sidewalks, while a new public plaza with opportunities for seating and natural plantings would be created on the Boylston Street side of the site to complement the opposite-facing Fens.

The project proposes a new publicly accessible, open staircase and enclosed public elevator, joining Ipswich Street with Boylston Street and providing access to the Back Bay Fens. A new piece of public art is also proposed for the top of the stairs, and the developer intends to partner with the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture and community stakeholders to conceive of a project that would reflect the character of the Fenway neighborhood, said Brett Bentson, a principal with the Boston design firm, Utile.

Additionally, Bentson said the project would also be "working in total harmony" with Mass-DOT's (Massachusetts Department of Transportation) proposed replacement of a deteriorating southern section of the Bowker Overpass near Kenmore Square. (The proposed Bowker overpass replacement includes widening the bridge structure to the west to accommodate pathways along Charlesgate West, according to MassDOT Highway Division officials.)

Bentson said the team would

also present the project to the Boston Parks Commission in light of their intention to comply with the Parks and Parkways Ordinance, and to allow the commission "to review projects that impact the environment of the parks"; "regulate the edges of certain parks to maintain consistency in use, setback, and height"; and "protect the environment of parks from disruptive activities and shadows."

Likewise, Bentson said the project would also "take cues" from the Fenway-Kenmore Transportation Action Plan, (FKTAP) – a joint effort underway between the BPDA and the Boston Transportation Department that aims to guide changes to the neighborhood's streets and public realm in a holistic manner.

As proposed, the site would be divided into Lot A, fronting the Fens, which would have a maximum height of 70 feet; and Lot B, front Ipswich Street, with allowable building heights in the range of 295 feet. Materials used on Lot A would respond to the context of Boylston Street and the Fens, while materials used on Lot B would respond to the context of Ipswich and Newbury streets

Marie Fukuda, a member of the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) for the project and a long-time Fenway resident, pointed to the proposed redivision of the parcel as her biggest concern with the project, and she urged the BPDA and the developer to seek other solutions.

Meanwhile, the project will undoubtedly have a wind impact, said Bentson, so the project team is now studying five areas of concern. "It's a very challenging space with a lot of open space, especially to the north," he said.

The project team will also be conducting a "minute-by-minute" shadow analysis, said



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A rendering of the proposed 2 Charlesgate West project as seen from Ipswich Street.

Bentson, who added most new shadow would be cast on the Massachusetts Turnpike and the train tracks. The project would also have "little impact" on open space, he said, and no impact south of Boylston Street.

Moreover, the project team will look at "access to sunlight" in regard to anticipated impacts from the project, added Bentson.

Despite these assurances, Freddie Viekley, a longtime Fenway resident, asserted that the project was too "oversized" and tall for its site.

"This is way over the top, and it's shocking," she said. "There's no rationale for [causing] permanent damage to the sight lines from the park. Overall, it has to come down."

Viekley also pointed to what she perceives as "obfuscation" with the shadow study, since, she said, tree shadow would have a different impact on land, plants, and trees than building shadow. "It's important that solar energy reaches the soil, regardless of whether there are leaves on it or not," she said.

Tim Horn, president of the

Fenway Civic Association board who has been involved in the public process for the redevelopment of 2 Charlesgate Park since the beginning, applauded many aspects of the project, including the creation of affordable units onsite, as well as the removal of parking from the south side of Ipswich Street to create a pedestrian corridor.

To address the expected impact from the project, Horn expressed his preference for the creation of a "natural wind wall" using natural plantings and a mixture of trees. He suggested drawing inspiration from Frederick Law Olmsted to achieve this goal. "I'd hate to see a monoculture on that corner – that would be a shame," he said.

Horn also expressed concern with the height of the approximately 300-foot building planned for Lot A and said he would prefer to see a building somewhere in the range of 220-230 feet tall built there instead,

In response, Hunt said, "It's not a short building, and that's why we're trying to study all the impacts."

Caroline Reeves, co-founder of the Muddy Water Initiative, a grassroots advocacy group dedicated to cleaning up the Muddy River, which is located right next to the project site, said her organization opposes the proposed project because despite stormwater remediation and planned site improvements, they believe it wouldn't be enough to offset the expected adverse impacts from the project, such as trash ending up in the river, or on the proposed staircase.

In contrast, Matt Jones of Commonwealth Avenue, said as a longtime neighborhood resident, he would support the project. "What's there now is really a disgraceful eyesore," he said.

This meeting was originally scheduled for Dec. 21.

The public comment period for the DPIR (Draft Project Impact Report) for this project is open until Jan. 23. To submit a public comment or for more information on the proposed 2 Charlesgate West project, visit http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/2-charlesgate-west.

REP. LIVINGSTONE AND HIS LEGISLATIVE TEAM PITCH IN AT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE



State Rep. Jay Livingstone with members of his legislative team.

Courtesy of State Rep. Jay Livingstone

State Rep. Jay Livingstone and his legislative team had fun volunteering in the kitchen at Women's Lunch Place on Monday, Jan. 8. Rep. Livingstone and his team regularly volunteer for local nonprofits as a group to directly help those in the community in need, with Women's Lunch Place being a regular stop for them.



Rep. Livingstone chops up some vegetables in the kitchen at Women's Lunch Place.

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ing green infrastructure. Construction projects on City-owned land will now require a survey of all trees on the site with a trunk three inches in diameter or wider. Furthermore, healthy trees can only be trimmed or removed with adequate notice and a public hearing, ensuring community involvement in decisions impacting the urban forest.

The new ordinance will also improve the management of

public street trees in Boston. It expands and clarifies the rules for the removal of healthy street trees, ensuring that they are replaced with trees of equivalent size and species in the same neighborhood. The City's Tree Warden will be responsible for replacements, advancing the Urban Forest Plan's objective of achieving equitable distribution of tree canopy. Closing the tree canopy gap among neighbor-

hoods is crucial for mitigating the impact of urban heat islands, improving air quality for all residents, and accelerating the Green New Deal for Boston.

"Healthy trees play an important role in enhancing the health and quality-of-life of residents in Boston, as the City deals with climate change, more frequent heat waves, and extreme weather events," said Councilor Liz Breadon, a co-sponsor of

the ordinance, in a press release. "This ordinance will protect existing trees, create more public awareness of the benefits of healthy trees, and help support urban forests in our diverse neighborhoods."

Since the September 2022 release of the Urban Forest Plan, the Urban Forestry Division has implemented several recommended action items. In 2023, the division expanded its work-

force, responded to over 7,500 requests through the 311 system, pruned close to 3,000 trees, treated 1,165 ash trees to protect them against the invasive Emerald Ash Borer beetle, and secured an \$11.4 million grant from the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program. In the coming year, the division will leverage funding and staffing investments to reduce response time for constituent requests, redouble maintenance efforts to preserve existing canopy, and expand tree planting efforts by partnering with community-based organizations.

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"After that, [Schön] adopted me, as I like to say," said Gould.

In the spring of 2022, Gould was in attendance when Schön spoke about her work at the North Hill retirement community in Needham. While Gould was previously aware that another set of Schön's Ducklings had been installed in 1991 in Novodevichy Park in Moscow as a gift from then First Lady Barbra Bush to the First Lady of the Soviet Union, Raisa Gorbachev, it was "always a footnote," said Gould. But upon hearing Schön discuss the anecdote in detail, Gould decided then that Schön's story needed to be documented, with Schön telling it herself.

In October of 2022, Gould, together with Gino Mauro, a photographer and editor, as well as Gould's one-time 'Chronicle' colleague, visited Schön in her home studio to film a sprawling, approximately twohour conversation with the artist, which provides the framework for the video project.

"We just let her go and tell her story," said Gould. "There were no notes, and it was all off the top of her head, with very little editing. It was really like stream of consciousness with just her."

Now 95, Schön had previously told her story in print, with the publication of her memoir, 'Make Way for Nancy: A Life in Public Art,' in 2017, but this project marked the first time she sat down and attempted to orally recount her own personal history.

"It just sort of came out," said Schön. "I'd never told

[my story] quite like this. It's very different when you're talking than when you're writing and thinking about it. For some reason, I was able to remember a lot of things."

Schön also provided Gould with many personal artifacts that can be seen in the film. "I was able to dig up some things that are part of my history," said Schön. This ephemera includes a dog-tag that Schön was instructed to wear – and never remove - during her visit to Moscow as it denoted her status as a special guest in the Soviet Union.

The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I), a bilateral arms control treaty between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, was signed a mere three weeks after Schön flew on a Lockheed C-5 Galaxy transport

plane to accompany the Ducks en route to Moscow. Schön even had dinner with two sitting First Ladies – Barbra Bush and MIchael Gorbachev – during her historic trip.

"I think it's a very important statement about what it was like between the U.S. and Russia when the START Treaty happened, and the voyage of the Ducks is a very important about the history of this event," said Schön. "These Ducks have somehow made history everywhere they've been. Art is very much a part of American history. It's amazing how sculpture has creeped into the history of our country."

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To view 'Make Way for Ducklings: From Boston to Moscow' on YouTube, visit https://youtu.

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Children's Services of Roxbury founders receive Drum Major Award

Special to the Sun

Children's Services of Roxbury (CSR) founders Rev. Richard Richardson and Mrs. Jestina Richardson received the Drum Major Award at the 54th Annual Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast on Monday for their extraordinary contributions to justice, diversity, and inclusion efforts in Boston. The Richardsons established CSR 50 years ago with the goal of providing resources that increase the social and economic health of families and children of color, and the organization has grown to be one of the largest Black-run nonprofits in Massachusetts.

"When we started Children's Services of Roxbury, we sought to fill in the gap that was missing to meet the critical needs of families and children of color who often find themselves trapped in systems they cannot access effectively to meet their needs," said Rev. Richard Richardson and Mrs. Jestina Richardson. "We've always been about the people we serve, so this award, which we are grateful to receive, is a validation of the work we started is a part of the legacy and vision of Dr. King to live in service to others."

CSR provides children and families with culturally competent wraparound services across five key areas: behavioral health; early education and childcare, intensive foster care and family support; housing and stabilization; and youth development. Since its founding, CSR has expanded to annually serve more than 6,000 of the most vulnerable residents of the Commonwealth across Greater Roxbury, Greater Lowell, Greater Springfield, and Worcester.

"Reverand and Mrs. Richardson have dedicated more than half of their lives to serving oth-



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From left to right: CSR founders Rev. Richard Richardson and Mrs. Jestina Richardson; Global View Communications founder and CEO Greg Almeida; and Mayor Michelle Wu.

ers, they truly embody what it means to be a drum major," said Sandra McCroom, president and CEO of CSR. "As CSR continues to uphold the legacy created by both Dr. King and the Richardsons, we are proud to be a catalyst of the services that empower children and families in changing the trajectory of their lives."

The longest-running celebration of its kind in the United States, the Boston MLK Breakfast is co-hosted annually by St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church and Union United Methodist Church. Each year, the MLK Breakfast Committee bestows the Drum Major Award to individuals and community organizations that exemplify the qualities of instinct of service and care for community described by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his 1968 "drum major" sermon.

"For over 50 years, the Richardsons have been pillars of the Boston community, promoting Dr. King's messages of social justice," said James Dilday, a lifelong Boston resident, principal attorney of Dilday Law, and co-chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast Committee. "The Committee is honored to celebrate the work both the Richardsons and CSR have done to allow our state's most vulnerable children, particularly those in foster care, to break systemic barriers."

The Richardsons were honored alongside Dorchester native Greg Almeida, founder of Global View Communications, a leading diversity and inclusion business strategy firm.

Held at the Boston Convention Center, nearly 1,000 dignitaries, business, community, religious, and civil rights leaders attended the breakfast, including Governor Maura Healey, Mayor Michelle Wu, Senator Ed Markey, and Representative Ayanna Pressley. The Drum Major Award comes on the heels of three major grants to CSR from the Eastern Bank Foundation, the Lynch Foundation, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, supporting efforts to expand services, including early childhood programs and behavioral health services.

Children's Services of Roxbury (CSR) is celebrating 50 years of providing wraparound programs for children and families that include family shelter, culturally attuned behavioral health services, foster care and family support services, early education and childcare, and youth development programs. CSR is one of Massachusetts' largest Black-run nonprofit organizations, led by a Board and staff that represent the diverse communities it serves. CSR's programs and services demonstrate practices that break the cycle of systemic racism for future generations and empower families and young adults on their journey from poverty to stability and wealth-building.

CITY OFFICIALS HOLD REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The 54th Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. 54th annual Breakfast

was held at the Boston Convention Center. The event celebrated MLK's mission of peace, justice, and righteousness.



Mariah Diaz Perez receives an MLK Middle School Art Award.



Yaribel Marcelino Romero of Madison Park Technical Vocational High School is presented with a \$2500 MLK Scholarship Award from US Representative Ayanna Pressley and Séanne Denny Putnam Investments.



Roxbury Community College student Juan D Lopez is presented with a \$1500 Allied Health Scholarship by US Representative Ayanna Pressley and the Hon Justin A Petty of St Cyprian's Episcopal Church.

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Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey speaks.

MLK Breakfast Keynote Speaker Dr Khalil Gibran Muhammad, professor at the Harvard Kennedy School, addresses the assembly.

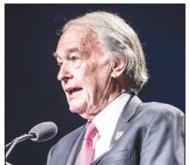
Boston Mayor Michelle Wu

speaks "When it comes to democ-

racy, the world looks to Boston."



The Benediction was given by Bishop Peggy A Johnson of the United Methodist Church.



US Senator Ed Markey speaks.





US Representative Ayanna Pressley speaks of Martin Luther King Jr: "the love letter he sent to future generations is embodied in the young people we salute today."



Abdulhaleef Sotunbo of John D O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science is presented with a \$2500 MLK Scholarship Award from US Representative Ayanna Pressley and Séanne Denny Putnam Investments.



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Massachusetts State Rep Attorney General Andrea Campbell.



Boston Latin Academy instructor Matt Heriveaux, US Senator Ed Markey, and Massachusetts State Rep Jeffrey Turco.



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The Boston Arts Academy Spirituals perform Lift Every Voice And Sing.



Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune and Mayor Michelle Wu.



Massachusetts State Rep John Moran, Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, Massachusetts State Senator Liz Miranda, a guest, Massachusetts Lt Governor Kim Driscoll, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Dr Khalil Gibran Muhammad, US Representative Ayanna Pressley, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey, and Reverend Dr Jay Williams.



Members of the Greater Boston Association Of Black Social Workers.

Shedding new light on the Hamilton and Glover statues on the Comm Ave Mall

Completing the second of three projects inspired by their 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign begun in 2020, the Friends of the Public Garden joined representatives from the Boston Parks Department on Thursday, Jan. 11, for the lighting of the Alexander Hamilton and Col. John Glover statues on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. The Child Fountain Restoration Project, currently underway in the Public Garden, is the final project

of this effort.

The granite statue of Hamilton (1757 - 1804) was the gift of Thomas Lee and was sculpted by physician William Rimmer. Hamilton was a Revolutionary War solider, a signer of the Constitution, and the first secretary of the treasury, serving under Washington. He was killed in a famous duel with Aaron Burr in

The bronze statue of Col. Glover (1732 – 1797), crafted

by Martin Milmore, honors his critical role in the Revolutionary War. As a leader of the diverse 14th Continental Regiment, he saved George Washington's army thrice, notably evacuating 9,000 men after the Battle of Brooklyn and orchestrating a daring crossing of the icy Delaware River. Glover's statue commemorates his unwavering leadership and strategic genius that significantly boosted the morale and success of the Continental Army.



COURTESY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN

Healey-Driscoll Admin. announces opportunities for veteran-owned businesses

Special to the Sun

The Healey-Driscoll Administration last week announced that the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), which is responsible for bringing fairness to the state's bidding and procurement process, has entered into a new partnership that will help veteran-owned businesses bid on contracts across the state.

The SDO is is partnering with the National Veteran Owned Business Association (NaVO-BA), an independent nonprofit that certifies businesses owned by veterans and service-disabled veterans. Both organizations will work together to increase contracting opportunities with veteran-owned businesses.

"Our Supplier Diversity Office does incredible work every day to expand opportunities for diverse and small businesses to win contracts with the state, which makes our businesses, our economy and our communities stronger," said Governor Maura Healey. "Our veterans have sacrificed so much in service to our country, and we take the responsibility of supporting them very seriously here in Massachusetts. We are proud to launch this new partnership that will lower barriers for veteran-owned businesses to bid for contracts and do business with the state."

"This new partnership is an important step in our administration's efforts to bolster support and services for Massachusetts veterans under the leadership of Secretary Ion Santiago," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We look forward to working with NaVOBA to cut red tape and streamline the process for veterans to do business with Massachusetts."

"This is an important step toward removing administrative burdens on veteran-owned businesses to becoming certified, opening up tremendous opportunities for these individuals who have served our country to bid on state contracts and grow their businesses here in Massachusetts," said Secretary for Administration and Finance Matthew J. Gorzkowicz. "I am proud of the work SDO has been doing to expand opportunities and look forward to continuing our efforts to help small businesses thrive."

"The SDO has been successful in helping bring fairness in the state's bidding process through our cross-certification partnerships, such as with the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council, Center for Women's Enterprise, City of Boston, Disability:IN, and the National LGBTBE Chamber of Commerce," said SDO Executive Director William McAvoy. "We expect our partnership with NaVOBA to help business owners who have served their country."

"NaVOBA is thrilled to join forces with the Supplier Diversity Office in this impactful collaboration," said Matthew Pavelek, President and CEO of NaVOBA. "Our partnership exemplifies a shared commitment to advancing opportunities for veteran-owned

businesses. We aim to empower

veterans to thrive in the business world by streamlining the certification process. We appreciate the Executive Office of Veterans Services for their support and commend the Supplier Diversity Office for their dedication to fostering an inclusive and thriving business environment for our nation's heroes."

Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the SDO and NaVOBA, the SDO will grant certifications to businesses already certified with NaVOBA. Typically, businesses need to apply and undergo an investigation from the SDO before they receive certification. This agreement streamlines the process, making these businesses able to receive the benefits of SDO certification, such as the ability to bid on state contracts and attend SDO trainings and networking events. Certified businesses are also included in the SDO's listing of certified businesses used by prime vendors and state agencies looking for vendors.

The MOU also allows the SDO to access NaVOBA's membership database to reach out to members about becoming SDO

"Partnerships like the one between the Supplier Diversity Office and NaVOBA ensure veteran-owned businesses play a pivotal role in our economy. This collaboration marks a significant step in fostering their success," said Secretary pf Veterans Services Jon Santiago. "The Executive Office of Veterans

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NBC-10 Boston's Latoyia Edwards and Boston Celtics In-Arena Host Melisa Valdez speaking to attendees as the official event emcees.



COURTESY OF CASTLE GRO

This past Sunday evening, Jan. 14, Embrace Boston hosted its Second Annual MLK Embrace Honors: Friends & Family Sneaker Affair.

A celebration of creativity and culture, attendees wore their 'flyest' formal attire – tuxedos, gowns and sparkles – paired with their favorite sneakers for a night of joy, self-expression, food and fare, live performances from local musicians and honoring three incredible couples who have displayed a longstanding commitment through their professional and philanthropic work to building a Boston that works for us all.

Healey-Driscoll Administration celebrates Northeastern University for winning \$6 million

Special to the Sun

The Healey-Driscoll administration is celebrating Northeastern University for winning three federal grants totaling \$6 million from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund to support their Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things (WIoT). The federal investments supported by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, which provided \$1.52 million in capital grant funding from the Technology & Innovation Ecosystem Awards program managed by the Innovation Institute at MassTech.

Altogether, these NTIA grants – funded by the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 – will help unlock innovation in testing and strengthening of the wireless supply chain across the nation, helping reduce costs, increase competition, and lower security risks

for future mobile net-

working.

"Massachusetts has a proud history of paving the next frontier of telecommunications and is continuing this tradition through the initiative of our colleges and universities, who are staying on the cutting edge of mobile tech," said Governor Maura Healey. "We want to congratulate Northeastern on their innovative approach to ensuring our communications are more secure, cost-effective, and will create the jobs of tomorrow, and we thank the Biden-Harris administration for making this funding avail-

"We're a state filled with the best universities in the country," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "This support from the Biden-Harris administration allows us to further empower our academic institutions and students. By equipping them with the necessary tools, we aim to motivate them to reach exceptional heights in technological innovation."

"For more than 50 years,

U.S. universities have worked in partnership with government to advance the frontiers of science and maintain our global competitiveness," said Joseph E. Aoun, president of Northeastern University. "This federal investment in Northeastern's wireless communications research – supplemented by the Healey-Driscoll administration's vital support – will enable our scientists to develop break-through technologies that benefit our region, the nation and the world."

The three NTIA grants to Northeastern include:

- August 8, 2023: A \$2 million award for the TENORAN project, with partner Dell Technologies, NVIDIA, an automated end-to-end energy-efficiency profiling of Open RAN systems through high-fidelity standardized testing scenarios.
- November 28, 2023: A \$2 million award for DigiRAN project, with partner Dell Technologies, focused on the interoperability, security and performance testing of an open RAN (radio access network architecture) system.
- January 10, 2024: A \$2 million award for AutoRAN project with partner Nvidia, which will research the automation of "end-to-end continuous testing for

open and disaggregated cellular systems."

"Northeastern's commitment to build a more intelligent mobile networking infrastructure here in Massachusetts has the potential to increase competition and grow our economy," said Secretary of Economic Development Yvonne Hao. "We're grateful for the support of the Biden Administration and the NTIA for enabling Northeastern University to pioneer technological advancements, break barriers, build a hub for economic development, and provide workforce opportunities for their student population."

"Through these investments, Northeastern will help advance the wireless networks that power our innovation economy, making them more agile, responsive, and secure," said Pat Larkin, Director of the Innovation Institute at MassTech. "For our startups in the advanced wireless space, this new technology will expand their access to cutting-edge technology and the world-class researchers at NU."

"We are grateful to President Biden, Secretary Raimondo and the NTIA for their decision, and congratulations to Northeastern on this exciting award," said Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure Quentin Palfrey. "We will continue leveraging Massachusetts's strengths in technology and innovation as we compete for federal funds that strengthen our supply chains, while creating good-paying jobs and investing in our communities."

The investments will help Northeastern expand on the WIoT Institute infrastructure to acquire equipment which, combined with their Open 6G Testing & Integration Center, will create a unique facility to test interoperability and AI research around the deployment of 6G wireless, while also building a hub for economic development around Open RAN/6G wireless ecosystem in Massachusetts and a tech incubator for locally based startups. In addition, the public investments will strengthen workforce development efforts around Open RAN and 6G in

The new tools will complement Northeastern's existing telecommunications research hubs, such as the wireless network emulator, called Colosseum, and the FCC Innovation Zone, which allows qualified federal "licensees to test new advanced technologies and prototype networks."



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Services strongly supports initiatives streamlining certification for veteran-owned businesses in state contracts, and we commend the Supplier Diversity Office and NaVOBA for their dedication to empowering our veterans."

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The announcement marks the SDO's latest effort to aid veteran-owned businesses. Recently, the Commonwealth's Municipal Construction Affirmative Marketing Program (MCAMP), part of the SDO, released new guidelines mandating that certain construction projects must allocate at least three percent of its funding to Veteran-owned Business Enterprises (VBEs) and/or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises (SDVOBEs). This is a first for the Massachu-

setts construction industry.

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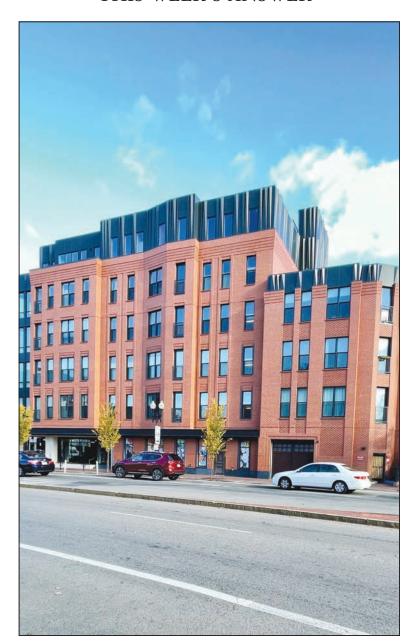
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Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The windows and brickwork in the last clue are on the new building at 566 Columbus Avenue. Architect Jonathan Garland designed the structure.

Thanks to reader Paul Wright, who emailed a correction. "...the design of the Hotel Alexandra has been reliably attributed to the architects, Peabody and Stearns. Walworth and Hammer were the developers."

You'll find the next clue 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.

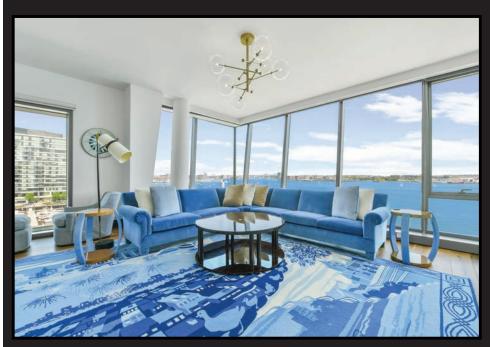
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