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## BBAC discusses proposal for five-story addition on Boylston St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Back Bay Architectural Commission (BBAC) met virtually on May 12, where members heard an advisory review for the proposal at 761-793 Boylston St. to build a five-story addition on the existing buildings.

"We have made some progress," said attorney Dennis Quilty, that was based on feedback provided by the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB), as well as

the BBAC and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

Architect Sinead Khan said that five additional stories are being proposed "above the existing roof level" of these buildings, which are situated on Boylston St. between Exeter and Fairfield Streets.

There are four buildings that are home to Crate and Barrel, Atlantic Fish Co., and Abe & Louie's Steakhouse. The square footage for the original proposal

was 110,000 square feet, but it is now down to around 85,000 square feet, she said.

The facade will be maintained except for a portion behind Crate and Barrel that Khan said has "no historical significance, as it's been changed so much over the years."

She also stressed that Atlantic Fish Co. and Abe & Louie's will remain open during the construction.

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## Boston License Board aligns with state to lift all limits on licensees May 29

By Seth Daniel

With the support of Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced on Tuesday, the Boston Licensing Board on Wednesday approved a lifting of all restrictions on licensed premises as of May 29.

"As of May 29, all restrictions

related to licensed premises will be lifted," announced the Board. "Private businesses, including restaurants, may require masks and social distancing at their discretion. However, this will not be required by the City of Boston."

In a vote on Wednesday morning, the Board agreed to lift all

COVID restrictions on licensed premises in Boston. Such a lifting had been announced by Gov. Charlie Baker for the state earlier this week, but Janey had been hesitant to follow suit in Boston.

On Tuesday, she announced

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## A Touch of Glass: St. Botolph neighbor looks to resurface area's stained-glass story

By Seth Daniel

The prevalence of stained-glass windows was simply a curiosity for St. Botolph resident Dan d'Heilly for a number of years, just as it was for countless neighbors in the area as well.

Many had heard the legend of the neighborhood's stained glass, and knew it was once called 'Stained Glass Row,' but there wasn't too many people who could recite the real history. It was over a glass of wine with neighbor Claire Dargan that d'Heilly was struck by the topic and began to dig deeper.

Now, he's detailed a long history of the neighborhood's once-famous artisans and is finding new revelations every day via

a stained glass website he created in partnership with the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association (SBNA).

"There's a reason why people say this used to be a big stained glass area," he said. "We were

famous for our stained glass. It's what neighbors say over a glass of wine. I was doing just that, having a glass of wine with a neighbor and this came up. I said if we were famous, we should be

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This transom on West Newton Street is a great example of developers who built multiple homes and added stained glass within the plans.

## SHOWING A REAL LOVE FOR THE BLOC



PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

With gardening gloves that smile back at you, Noah Fiedler was ready to pitch in and help clean up Chester Square on Saturday morning, May 15. The annual South End and Bay Village Love Your Block cleanups took place last weekend, with great weather and great turnouts across the neighborhood. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

## CAC meeting held for lab/office space proposed for 109 Brookline Ave.

By Lauren Bennett

The community process regarding the proposed 250,000 square foot building for office and lab space at 109 Brookline Ave. in the Fenway is now underway.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on May 17, where the fifteen members of the CAC, which is made up of "various community stakeholders, representing neighborhood residents, business owners, community organizations and advocacy groups, planning, design and real estate profession-

als, and others," according to the BPDA, discussed this project.

The CAC is in charge of looking at multiple projects going on in the area, including the Fenway Development Project, Phase 3 of the Landmark Center project, and this project at 109 Brookline Ave, the BPDA said.

"While each project will be evaluated individually, the CAC will work with the BPDA to collectively address potential impacts on mobility, connectivity, inclusivity, community resource needs, and open space in a coordinated manner," according to a slide presented at the meeting.

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# EDITORIAL

## WE DESERVE THIS GREAT WEATHER

With Massachusetts entering the reopening phase after 14 months of lockdowns, the arrival of the magnificent weather this week could not have been better-timed.

All of us have had to make sacrifices to varying degrees during the pandemic.

Many of our fellow citizens have suffered greatly, whether from the deaths of loved ones, the loss of livelihoods, or the lingering effects of long-COVID.

However, what has become clear throughout the pandemic is the power of the resiliency of the human spirit. This was evident as we were walking along a crowded Newbury St. in downtown Boston this past Saturday afternoon under sunny skies with temperatures near 80. Sidewalk restaurants were bustling, shops had customers, and people were just happy to be out-and-about.

We were reminded of the words of our mother after she'd been diagnosed with the breast cancer that eventually would overwhelm her: "Life is for the living," she would say.

The pandemic has served to remind us that our existence is both short and fragile. Hopefully, with the realization that our grasp on this earth at best is tenuous, we will have a greater appreciation of the simple things -- a sun-filled sky on a warm afternoon -- and endeavor to make the most of every day as we strive to make the world a better place not only for ourselves, but for those around us.

## LIZ CHENEY IS A PROFILE IN COURAGE

We disagree with Liz Cheney on just about everything, politically-speaking.

We suspect that most of our readers also have felt the same way over the years.

But there is no denying that her principled stand in opposition to her party leaders and in defense of the Constitution would be worthy of a chapter in John F. Kennedy's Profiles in Courage.

Liz Cheney could have taken the easy way out and simply remained silent in the face of the efforts by a large segment of the Republican Party to undermine the electoral process that forms the bedrock of our democratic institutions.

But Liz Cheney knows what her fellow Republicans are up to -- and she wants no part of it.

Beyond the attempt by GOP members of Congress to whitewash the events that occurred on January 6, the election "reforms" that are being enacted by Republican-controlled state legislatures in many states are a blatant and coordinated effort to subvert the very essence of our democracy.

The combination of newly-imposed restrictions on meaningful access to the ballot that target minority communities and the new laws delegating to those very same legislatures the final determination of the vote amounts to this: They are rigging the outcome of the electoral process both before the voting and after the counting.

Liz Cheney is standing up for the most basic of American values -- and if our democracy is to survive the coming elections of 2022 and 2024, we will need many more like-minded officeholders to join her cause.

## Positive test rate in Back Bay continues downtrend

By John Lynds

Last week the Back Bay's weekly COVID-19 positive test rate decreased for a fourth week in a row and fell under 1 percent after posting a 5.8 percent increase towards the end of April.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), last Friday 1,605 residents were tested and 0.07 percent were positive--this was a 30 percent decrease from the 1 percent reported by the BPHC two Fridays ago.

Overall since the pandemic started 51,591 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.8 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a decrease of 1.4 percentage from the 6.9 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased once again.

According to the BPHC 18,713 residents were tested and 2.1 percent were COVID positive--this was a 12.5 percent

decrease from the 2.4 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

On Monday, Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced that the City of Boston will align with the state's reopening plan. All remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted effective May 29. The city was going to delay reopening for three weeks but the positive test rate in Boston has remained under 2.5 percent for a couple of weeks now.

Following CDC guidance, the state's face covering order will also be rescinded on May 29 and Governor Charlie Baker will end the State of Emergency on June 15.

The Department of Public Health will issue a new face covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance. Face coverings will still be mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems--including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations--in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.

For more information on the

lifting of restrictions visit <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-to-lift-covid-restrictions-may-29-state-to-meet-vaccination-goal-by-beginning-of-june>.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 628.6 cases per 10,000 residents, up 0.5 from the 625.5 cases per 10,000 residents reported two weeks ago.

An additional 17 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 3,486 cases to 3,503 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased less than one percent last week and went from 69,944 cases to 70,324 confirmed cases in a week. Sixteen additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,381 total deaths in the city from COVID.

## ZBA approves residential building at 58 Burbank St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on May 18 voted to approve the residential building pro-posed for 58 Burbank St. in the Fenway.

The proposed building will be seven stories, and "immediately adjacent to the Fenway CDC" offices, said attorney Marc LaCasse.

Marc LaCasse said that this is a "proposal to fill in a long neglected vacant parcel along Burbank St. in the Fenway neighborhood."

The ground floor will feature three office or "work pod spaces," according to LaCasse, that will be available for community use via the Fenway CDC and an online software to book the use of the space. The remainder of the floors will have residential units with their own rear balconies.

He added that while the proposed "architecture is contemporary in nature," it still complements the surrounding historical context within the neigh-

borhood.

There will be five one bedroom units, one two bedroom unit, and one three bedroom unit with bike storage on the lower level.

Three of the units are 400 square feet, but LaCasse said this proposal is not aiming to be a compact living project.

The lot is 1600 square feet and "very narrow," LaCasse said. He said that this was taken into consideration when designing the building.

Joe Coppinger from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said that the mayor's office has "received a number of letters of support from local abutters and neighborhood associations," and the support from the mayor's office comes from the fact that much of the community was in support of this use for that space.

Vijay Singhal, the owner of the building at 73 Westland Ave., which is located behind 58 Burbank St., said he opposes the project for several reasons. He said that there will be issues with

parking in the area, and "the building is going to stand out like a sore thumb" at seven stories when other buildings in the area are around four stories.

He also said that he believes the height of the building will block sunlight.

"The proposal is going to make the neighborhood non-homogeneous," he said, adding that the modern design does not fit in with the context of its surroundings, and "destroys the character and ambiance of that neighborhood," he said.

LaCasse explained that the required zoning variances for this project include: insufficient off street parking, the office use is forbidden, the Floor Area Ratio is excessive, and the usable open space and rear yard are insufficient. There is no height variance required, LaCasse said.

After hearing all of the facts and the comments for the proposal the ZBA voted to approve the project with Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) design review. One member of the board was opposed.

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# BFSNA gets update on proposed IBA redevelopment project

By Dan Murphy

The Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association was given an update on the status of IBA's proposed redevelopment project during its virtual meeting on May 18.

Dr. Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, CEO of IBA (Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción), the Boston nonprofit that purchased the one-time German church at 85 West Newton St. in the '80s and converted it into the Villa Victo-

ria Center for the Arts, told those online for the meeting that they had selected Anne Beta Architects and STU-DIO ENÉE as the architects for the project.

The new facility, said Dr. Calderón-Rosado, would occupy no more than 30,000 gross square feet and tentatively be five stories high (although, she said, that remains uncertain), with a performing arts center on the first two levels, and office and conference rooms for IBE staff and gallery space on the floors

above it.

"The main activity of this building would be arts and cultural space and a multicultural space housing a performing arts space with some type of platform for performances to be held within the bigger space," Dr. Calderón-Rosado said.

Construction is expected to get underway next summer, she said, with "something open and to celebrate by the end of 2024."

IBA is also in the process of "selecting a campaign consultant

to raise money to get the building going," Dr. Calderón-Rosado added.

Fundraising for the project is expected to take two or three years, or just about as long as it will take for construction of the building, she said, although the estimated cost of the project wouldn't be known until its design is finalized.

(Dr. Calderón-Rosado said she hoped to return to the community with some "design sketches" in the late summer or early fall,

and that permitting process for the project would likely commence around the same time.)

IBA has a virtual meeting on this project, she said, including the project architects, scheduled for Tuesday, May 25.

## Jaho liquor license application

Representatives for Jaho Coffee and Tea at 1651 Washington St. were also on hand for the meeting to discuss their application with the city for an all-alco-

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BPDA Project Manager Edward Carmody explained the timeline of the project thus far, saying that a Letter of Intent was filed with the BPDA on March 8 of this year. A Project Notification form was filed with the BPDA on April 30, triggering the Article 80 process and the 30 day comment period. A public meeting will be held on May 25, where the public will have a chance to make comments and ask questions about the proposal. The comment period ends on June 1.

The proposed building is "intended for office, laboratory, research and development, ground-floor retail, and below-grade parking," according to the BPDA. "The proposed project would connect to the existing building at 20 Overland Street."

Architect Chris Haynes spoke about the building and the proposed design, saying that there would be various public realm improvements made as part of this project, including a protected bike lane on Overland St. as well as a pocket park on Brookline Ave. in front of the proposed building. There will also be an "enhanced sidewalk public experience" that will be in conjunction with a multi-use path that will be an extension of the Emerald Necklace.

Haynes said that the project team has a "focus on architecture that creates visual impact," and the project aims to achieve a minimum of LEED Gold status and will use sustainable materials.

The ground floor will consist of retail space with the lab office use on top of that. The main entrance will be off of Brookline Ave. The roof will feature an enclosed mechanical penthouse.

There are about 230 parking spaces proposed for under-

ground.

Miyoung Kim talked about the proposed pocket park on Brookline Ave., which would be "situated in a notch in the building," and would offer different seating options like tables and chairs and various other "moveable" and "fixed" seats.

The park will also feature permeable pavers and bike racks.

CAC member Mia Jean-Sicard had some concerns about the proposed parking. She said it "seems like a lot of parking for an area that is in between a commuter rail, many bus lines, and two blocks away on either side from the T. I don't know what the solution to that is, but it's a lot of parking spaces."

She added that "the Fenway is seriously lacking a dog park."

Carmody asked the CAC members what they think would be beneficial to see for the pocket park space.

CAC member Sandeep Karnik said that "it would be wonderful to see the pocket park enlarged and set further back." He said that it is anticipated that many people would want to use a space like this before or after a Red Sox game, and maybe opening up the park further would allow for more people to use it, as well as also potentially expanding it to Overland St.

"This corner is going to be a very strategic corner," he said, and a "great area for congregation."

Karnik also talked about ride-share services like Uber that will likely "create a ton of congestion on this road."

CAC member David Read agreed that the pocket park should be larger, and potentially even be located on Overland St. "The park is great," he said.

"The actual lane people need to travel in is closed off by other

accessory uses," said CAC member Tim Horn. He spoke about the proposed benches along the sidewalk area in front of the building.

"Having the benches in between the trees on the street side," Horn said, "impedes people from being able to bump out; get out of the way. The pedestrian flow is key on this side."

CAC member Mallory Rohrig wondered who the intended user is for the pocket park.

Kim said that there is no one group of people it is meant for, but rather the day of the week and the time of day will dictate who uses the park.

She said that the park has to be designed "for flexibility." Additionally, "we always think about ADA accessibility," she said, and

both tenants of the building and the general public will be welcome to use this space.

"It's for everyone," she said. She also said that "landscapes in Boston" are typically widely used because they are usually on the smaller side and provide a sort of "intimacy."

CAC member Dolores Boogdian said that she doesn't feel that Brookline Ave. is the best place to locate the pocket park. She said that the street is "busy" and "noisy" and is not the kind of environment where people can relax in a park.

Kenneth Fisher, a member of the project team, said that the "intent [of the park] was to give some relief on Brookline Ave."

Other comments and concerns from CAC members were

about things like how many new employees would be coming to and from these facilities being built in the area, as well as the traffic congestion they might cause, and parking, among other things.

"This is the first of many meetings," Carmody said, adding that he had taken copious notes based on the comments made at this meeting, which he will take back to the BPDA.

The full video from this meeting can be found at [bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/109-brookline-avenue](http://bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/109-brookline-avenue), and a public meeting will be held on May 25 for the general public to hear about the proposal and ask questions and make comments to help shape the project moving forward.



## Virtual Community Meeting

### The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

**Monday, June 7**  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Zoom Link:** [bit.ly/June2021RSMPOC](https://bit.ly/June2021RSMPOC)  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 161 848 8944

#### Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. The committee meets monthly to discuss development and planning in Nubian Square. Developers for Crescent Parcel present June 7th.

All meetings are held on zoom and open to the public. For more information, on how to Join, Engage, and Take Action, please visit the website.

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# Janey adopts state's decision to eliminate all COVID restrictions on May 29

By Lauren Bennett

Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced on Monday that Boston will “align” with the state’s decision to eliminate all COVID restrictions, including the mask mandate on May 29. Masks are still required by all residents—vaccinated or not—on public transportation and in places like healthcare facilities,

“As mayor, I have led a COVID-19 response that is driven by data,” she said. She said that the city is “creating equitable vaccine access in our city with a four-part approach,” by using mass vaccination clinics, community health centers, targeted clinics, and mobile units.

“Let me be clear,” Janey said. “Our battle against COVID-19 is not over. I want to congratulate the more than 391,000 Boston residents who have been vac-

inated with at least one shot.”

She said that Boston is now “doubling down on our efforts to make vaccines more equitable in Boston,” as “there is more work to do,” especially in the areas of the city hit hardest by the pandemic.

She said that “today, I’m doubling our city’s investment in the vaccine equity grant initiative,” which will now include \$3 million in grants for organizations working to spread awareness about the vaccine.

Janey said that it’s “easier than ever” to get a vaccine in Boston, with appointments readily available and many sites offering walk in appointments.

“We are proving that vaccines and masks work,” Janey said.

“We’ve been fighting COVID-19 for over a year,” she continued. “After so many long months of sacrifice and fear, vaccines give

us the chance to create a safer, more hopeful future.”

Boston’s Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez said that as of May 11, the city has been seeing an average of 63 daily cases, which amounts to a positivity rate of 2.1 percent.

He said that no neighborhood in the city has a positivity rate over 4.3 percent, and there are fewer than 65 Boston residents hospitalized with COVID-19.

“It is clear that vaccines are working,” Martinez said.

He said that the vaccines, along with the other efforts put forth by residents and businesses in the city are “greatly decreasing the spread of the virus,” and “we must double down on those efforts.”

He said it is likely that more than 300,000 Boston residents have been fully vaccinated at thispoint, but the vaccination

rates in communities of color are behind those of white residents.

“We need to continue our on the ground outreach and mobilization,” Martinez said, “to ensure there’s access and awareness of its importance, and that all barriers are broken down to

ensure our hardest hit communities get vaccinated.”

“The city will continue our equitable approach to vaccines to ensure that we can keep making progress” he added, “in every neighborhood and every community.”

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that the metrics were headed in a direction where she felt more comfortable in lifting the restrictions on businesses and licensed establishments.

“Because of Boston’s progress, I am making the decision to align with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and lift COVID restrictions on May 29,” Janey wrote in a statement. “But, let me be clear, our battle against COVID is not over. Reopening our city will only work if we all

continue to do our part to fight the pandemic.”

The restrictions that are lifted include:

- No gathering limits.
- No table limits.
- No time limits.
- No mask/social distancing restrictions.
- Alcohol can be served without food.
- Dividers may be taken down.
- All approved entertainment may continue.

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holic beverages license.

Marci Costa, the applicant’s attorney, said Jaho’s owner, Anil Manzini, who was also in attendance, believes he could “add another element to the customer experience at that location” by also providing craft beers, wine and cocktails, in addition to their signature coffee drinks, and that Manzini expects this additional service wouldn’t change the establishment’s current atmosphere and clientele.

If approved by the city, Jaho’s liquor license would also allow them to serve alcoholic beverages on the front patio, which has capacity for 20 people.

While Jaho now closes at 9 p.m. daily in the South End, they have applied to extend to the closing time at that location to 11 p.m., added Costa, but they would take “community input seriously” regarding this matter.

Manzini said Baho, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary in the South End this year, has also renewed its lease for the Huntington Street location and said he intends to “freshen up” the space to better align it with other nearby businesses.

Renovations would get underway once Baho gets the green light on its liquor-license application, said Costa.

David Stone, president of BFSNA, said all of the group’s individual members had voiced their support for the project, and barring receiving negative feedback from any abutters, the group would send a letter to the

city in support of the application.

### BFSNA board election

The BFSNA board voted unanimously to approve its slate of officers and directors for 2021-2022 term, including Jonathan Alves, Vice President; Toni Crothall, Secretary; Heather Govern, Director; Matt Mues, Treasurer; Mark Ott, Director; and David Stone, President.

### Boston Police update

Captain Steve Sweeney was also on hand to provide an overview of Part One in District 4, which includes the Back Bay, South End, Lower Roxbury and the Fenway, year to date, compared to 2020.

Between Jan. 1 and May of 16 year, District 4 has seen a 19-percent reduction in Part One crime, said Captain Sweeney, with 837 incidents in 2021, compared to 1,038 during the same timeframe last year.

Commercial burglaries were

down nearly 54 percent, he said, as the number fell to 18 from 39 last year, while residential burglaries dropped nearly 19 percent as the number dropped to 43 from 53 in 2020.

Additionally, non-domestic aggravated assaults saw a nearly 36-percent reduction, said Captain Sweeney, as the number fell to 57 from 89 last year, and robberies were down nearly one-third as the number dropped to 29 from 44 last year.

Car breaks dropped to 98 from 199 last year, said Captain Sweeney, marking a 58 percent drop in reported incidents. Boston Police have also begun flyering other nearby vehicles when responding to car breaks, he said, to advise them to remain vigilant against the crime.

But despite the good news for District 4, District 6 has seen an increase of aggravated assaults, which are usually “homeless on homeless” in nature, said Captain Sweeney, since the comfort station closed.

Shots were recently fired in the vicinity of a cut-through in the area of the Villa Victoria housing development – an area that Captain Sweeney called a “hotspot,” and where, he said, shots were fired on five separate occasions last year. A gang member from the Villa Victoria has been arrested in connection with the incident, he said.

Captain Sweeney said Boston Police now have a “strong presence” in the Villa Victoria despite the hostile response they have received from some neighbors

there, especially when addressing quality-of-life issues like drinking in public. “We need the community’s support because it’s going to be a hot summer,” he added.

An active investigation is also ongoing in connection with what Captain Sweeney called a “terrible stabbing” at Shawmut Avenue and West Newton Streets, while police also recently confiscated a “ghost gun” at 130 Dartmouth St.

In response to increased incidents of drag racing citywide, Captain Sweeney also asked residents to contact police if they see large groups of dirt bikes and ATVs entering a U-haul or a public garage.

City Councilor Ed Flynn thanked Captain Sweeney for his work and said he would be advocating for more police now that the city is in its budget process and encouraged those in attendance to contact Councilor Baker, who represents part of the South End, and all of the City Councilors at-Large to make the same request.

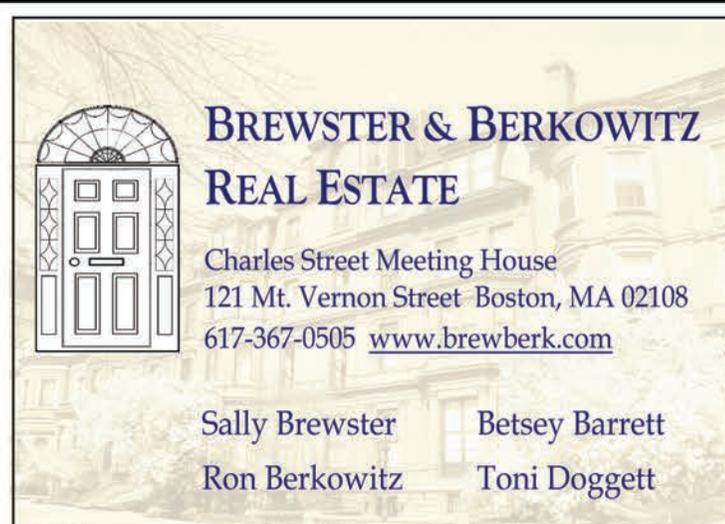
### Other matters

Jonathan Alves, vice president of BFSNA, said the group is now looking for a “liaison to the dog community” and asked interested parties to contact them.

BFSNA is also holding a Scholarship Committee Banquet for its scholarship recipients on Wednesday, June 9, at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but R.S.V.P is required at [bfnsa@blackstonefranklin.org](mailto:bfnsa@blackstonefranklin.org).

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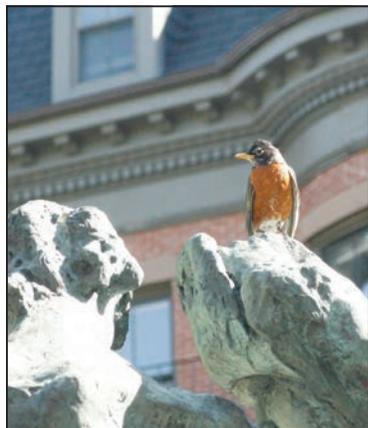
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# LOVE YOUR BLOCK SPRING CLEANUP ACROSS THE SOUTH END

Photos by Seth Daniel

All through the South End and Bay Village, neighbors grabbed a rakes, shovels and brown bags to clean up streets, parks and open spaces throughout the neighborhood for the annual Love Your Block day of work. The weather was ideal and there was no shortage of helping hands as neighbors turned out in large numbers to help spruce up the area.



Even the birds got into the act, as this robin on the top of the statue in Worcester Square showed.



Ambu Chowdhury gets down to street level to tend to some irises.



Shown above, Aimee Cooledge of Pine Street and Ken Smith, president of the East Berkeley Neighborhood Association. Shown left, in Worcester Square Saturday morning, neighbors came out to clean the alleys and the Square. (L-R) Kit Pyne, Cinda Stoner, Pamela Mason, Fernando Requena, Bob Minnocci, and Desi Murphy.



Craig Hughes gets deep into the weeds to root out some paper goods on the Square.



At Chester Square, on the even side, were Michelle Laboy, Noah Fiedler and Josh Fiedler.



Veronica Mathews and Kelsey Schiller clean up the flower beds in Chester Square.



On the odd side of Chester Square were Jamilex Key, Meredith Wood and Chester Square Neighbors Vice President Sara Mitchell.

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Aimee Cooledge of Pine Street and Peters Park Clean Up Organizer Mary Chowdhury.



Taking a mid-morning break in Peters Park were Roselee Wayman, James Wayman and Bernard Peterson.



In Peters Park cleaning the bushes were Jane Schenkel, Chris Guglietti, Michelle Chasse and Ernesto Gonzalez.



Jiro and Aiko Lind pulled out some stubborn bushes that had died over the winter in Peters Park.

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# Midtown Hotel redevelopment project proposes new underground parking entrance

By Dan Murphy

The entrance for underground parking for the proposed redevelopment of the former Midtown Hotel would be moved from Public Alley 404 to a new service drive, making room for a new, small public park where Cumberland Street and the alley meet, according to members of the development team on hand for a May 13 virtual meeting sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

Newtown-based National Development intends to enter into a 99-year lease with the First Church of Christ, Scientist, to rent the former hotel at 220 Huntington Ave., which dates back to the 1960s and currently serves as off-campus dormitory provisions for Northeastern

University, and to build there an as-of-right, mixed-use project comprising 325 rental units, 48 of which would be affordable; 17,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space; and 153 below-grade parking spots.

Ted Tye, one of National Development's founding partners, said the entrance for the underground parking was first planned for Cumberland Street before the Boston Planning and Development Agency suggested it would be "more appropriately" sited in Public Alley 404, which runs directly behind the Midtown and down the entire length of Huntington Avenue.

National Development had then proposed moving the entrance to the alley directly across from the schoolhouse, Tye added, but after some members

of the Impact Advisory Group, as well as some members of the community, expressed their concerns with that plan, the developer proposed relocating it to a new service drive located between the new building and 236 Huntington Ave. This configuration, said Tye, would substantially reduce the number of vehicles traveling down the alley to access the garage and provide better access to it for both the new building, as well as the building at 236 Huntington Ave.

This configuration would also open up space for a small public park at Cumberland Street and the alley that, according to Tye, would satisfy the project's open air and light provisions with the city for the redevelopment project.

While the development team is still "in the early stages of working through concepts," the proposed park said Tye, would "mix new and old [styles] while being respectful of both," and could



The property at 1 Cumberland St. proposed for demolition as part of the planned redevelopment of the Midtown Hotel

potentially include "wrought-iron gates, some stonework, and some other interesting features."

The park would also be "similar in spirit" to other nearby parks, added Tye, and it would be maintained by the staff of the new building.

### Alternatives to demolition of 1 Cumberland St.

The purpose of last week's meeting was to look at demolition alternatives for the four-story, seven-unit residential building at 1 Cumberland St., which is part of the redevelopment site, per the city's Article 80 demolition process.

The first alternative, according to David Nagahiro of CBT Architects, would be to save the building itself, which would result in the loss of 10 parking

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The Midtown Hotel at 220 Huntington Ave.

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## STAINED GLASS (from pg. 1)

able to find evidence of it. People who had known about it must have written things down. It's been 30 years since any stained glass has been manufactured here, but the area still carries the bones of it."

Doing his own research, and relying a lot on Boston Landmarks publications to get his start, he found that the neighborhood saw the manufacture of tens of thousands of stained glass windows from 1913 to the late 1990s. One of the biggest and most famous was the Charles J. Connick Associates Studio, which was located on Harcourt Street, now abutting the Southwest Corridor.

Connick was the most famous maker, he said, but did very little work in the homes that dot the neighborhood and have an inordinate amount of stained glass in them to this day.

"He was really known for his work in churches," said d'Heilly. "He wasn't really known for residential, but did more church windows that probably anybody. He was that guy."

The stained-glass artisans were part of a larger trend called the Arts & Crafts Movement. It was a pushback against industrialization and mass production of items that started in England. It thrust craftsmanship back into the spotlight and all kinds of artisans were elevated to a higher status, including stained glass, bookbinding, woodworking, textiles and masonry – among others. That period, he said, coincided with the geography and development of St. Botolph.

During that time, land lots

were being auctioned off to developers in what had been swampland in the Back Bay. West Newton Street was one of the first cross streets to be developed. Developers would purchase multiple lots at a time and build out the homes, often including touches like stained glass, he said.

"When they did West Newton, all the developers put stained glass in all the windows," he said. "They had public auctions and developers would bid on the land and develop a swath of five or six townhouses. So there are many unique patterns where several homes have similar stained glass one after the other."

One example of that is on Fallon Street, he said, where a touch of stained glass cascades down the street in the transoms of homes on one side of the street. The same is true in the 200th block of West Newton where semi-circle transoms with the address were clearly all made at the same time by the same person.

The same pattern, he said, is visible in the development along Mass Avenue and Albemarle Street on the other side of St. Botolph. Evidence can also be seen along St. Botolph Street too, but d'Heilly noted that as the styles changed and the neighborhood filled in, stained glass became less of a feature in the homes – which is evident in places like Blackwood Street, the last street to be developed.

But the question remained why it was that so much stained glass ended up there, and why it was that the makers were work-

ing nearby.

"It's a great question and the answer is even better in some ways," said d'Heilly. "They were a product of the arts and crafts movement. At that time the MFA was in Copley Square...The first arts and crafts exhibit in the United States was at the MFA about three blocks from the Harcourt building. There was a lot of back and forth. They had an arts and crafts workshop there. Arts and Crafts was not just stained glass, but also woodworking, masonry and textiles."

Those honing their craft in the area found a home at the Harcourt Bindery, which eventually became Connick's studio on Harcourt Street. The owners made space for the artisans in the movement, and it ended up becoming a nexus for anyone in that movement.

"If you had a craft you wanted to pursue, you were welcome on Harcourt Street," he said. "The craft that stuck was stained glass and the bookbinding."

Later, the Harcourt Bindery moved to Charlestown, where it still exists in some form today, and the stained glass took over the neighborhood. That, of course, coincided with the development of other parts of the area, and having a plethora of makers nearby allowed developers to add a touch of "glass" to their new homes at a reasonable price.

"A big thing at the time was to bring beauty into middle-class homes," he said. "Tiffany had been part of that, but they got too expensive to be affordable. That didn't happen here."

Midtown redevelopment project, the developer made its intention to demolish the building at 1 Cumberland St. "very clear," said Tye, so the demolition alternatives presented were intended only to fulfill their obligation to the Boston Landmarks Commission.

Joan Carragher, president and board director of the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association, described the proposed Midtown redevelopment as "a project they could get behind as a group." During the group's outreach to neighbors, only one individual had expressed any interest in saving 1 Cumberland St., she said, and the resounding consensus was that the pros of the project far outweighed the cons of losing the building.

"We're not really interested in



St. Botolph resident Dan d'Heilly, like many neighbors, always knew that stained glass was a part of the fabric and history of the neighborhood. However, he was recently compelled to do major research on the subject, and to begin to document it on a website in conjunction with the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association.

He said he has found it very inspiring to bring the history back to life, and to know how special St. Botolph was at one time to the creative energy of Boston.

"It was the creative part of town," he said. "If you were creating, you wanted to be here. They had all their arts and crafts studios just a block off of Huntington. It was known."

So far, he has gotten great feedback from neighbors, and he's looking to expand the project with their help.

"Neighbors are really enthusiastic with their response," he said. "Frankly a number of people have just gushed about it. We always knew we were St. Boto-

lph, but now we have an additional meaning and I'm getting enthusiastic gratitude."

He said he is hoping to get more public engagement out of the project, and he's asking St. Botolph neighbors to send in pictures of their stained glass – both those inside and outside the home. He said he can also come to the home and take pictures as well if neighbors wish to allow that. The crowd-sourced project will document as much of the stained glass in the neighborhood as possible.

All of it will be put on the website, which is at <http://www.SBNA-stained-glass.com>. More information can be had by e-mailing [info@stbotolph.org](mailto:info@stbotolph.org).

## MIDTOWN HOTEL (from pg. 8)

spaces in the garage; the loss of 1,137 square feet of retail space; and the loss of eight residential units in the new development, among other expected impacts. Public Alley 404 would also need to be one-way as part of this configuration, he added.

The second alternative, said Nagahiro, would be to save the façade by removing the north portion of the party wall and "tying the two buildings together" – an approach that would result in the loss of 20 parking spaces in the garage; the loss of 551 square feet of retail; and the loss of eight residential units in the new development, among other possible impacts. Public 404 would need to be one-way under this scenario as well, he said.

A third alternative, which Nagahiro described as "a bit more radical," would entail underpinning the building and moving it to another nearby location, while the fourth and fifth alternatives were described as "revised alternatives to Demolition 1 and 2," respectively.

The brick building with brownstone trim at 1 Cumberland St. was built in the Romanesque Revival style in 1888, according to members of the design team, and it was "deliberately" omitted from the St. Botolph Area Architectural Conservation District when the city created it in the early 1980s because it wasn't deemed worth preserving. It's also neither a National, nor a Massachusetts, Historical Landmark.

Since the earliest stages of the

a two-step review process for the demolition of 1 Cumberland St., with the second being the next Boston Landmarks Commission hearing scheduled to take place virtually on June 8.

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saving the building and giving up some other things that will make it a more presentable project," Carragher said on behalf of the SBNA board.

Lee Steele echoed this sentiment, pointing to the Midtown redevelopment plan as a rare "instance where demolition of historic building actually makes for better project."

In response to one neighbor who asked whether the stained-glass transom at 1 Cumberland St. could be preserved, Tye said the develop is "super sensitive to reusing or saving any aspects of the building that make sense... and possibly reusing them on the site if possible."

George Huynh of city's Office Neighborhood Services described last week's meeting as the first in

# ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window in the last clue is on 296 Shawmut Ave, aka the Sahara Syrian Restaurant which has been closed for more than 50 years. Writer Richard Auffrey in his blog "The Passionate Foodie" reported that from 1920 to 1945 this area was an extension of Boston's "Little Syria" and immigrant families opened restaurants and grocery stores here to serve their community.

The next clue will be found in the Back Bay.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.

## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



# Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
<b>BACK BAY</b>			
Xu, Tinuo	Fang, Yingyuan	160 Commonwealth Ave #520	\$672,000
Fadel, Cicely	U Aro DeLuna 2020 RET	160 Commonwealth Ave #708	\$1,410,000
Vitello, Gregg	Salvatore, Gregory	61 Saint Botolph St #61	\$2,150,000
Nelyubin, David	Townhouse Studios LLC	478 Beacon St #1	\$425,000
Dolnick, Janice	Baldwin, Marianne	341-343 Marlborough St #4	\$3,000,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Richard J Leblanc RET	60 Chestnut Street NT	60 Chestnut St	\$5,500,000
Urbut, Sarah	Barry, Kevin M	94 Chestnut St #1	\$2,750,000
Zhang, Yapei	Oleary, Gregory J	18 Garden St #B	\$584,900
LViano, Ernesto	Branson, Richard P	2 Hawthorne Pl #2B	\$405,000
Haight, Carron L	Annino FT	2 Hawthorne Pl #674	\$747,700
Wang, Jennifer	Longley, Lester C	71 Myrtle St #501	\$880,000
44 Phillips Street LLC	Young, David K	44-44A Phillips St	\$2,400,000
Tivogel LLC	Prien, Edwin L	145 Pinckney St #306	\$555,000
Scannell, Peter C	John&Caitlin Swigart	80 Revere St #5	\$543,500
Kung, Caroline	Irving 47B LLC	9 Revere St #B	\$742,500
Laurie O Charleton RET	Austin, Jeremy	64 W Cedar St #2A	\$400,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Welsh, Michael E	Durfee, Anuradha M	124 Appleton St #124	\$955,000
Barrett, Lauren G	Wright, Amanda B	130 Appleton St #5C	\$899,000
Tran, Giang	Burton, Ruth J	1 Charles St S #1104	\$2,050,000
Tran, Hai T	Koster, Virginia W	1 Charles St S #5C	\$2,147,500
Therrien, Sharon	Lorenz, Fred	8 Garrison St #400	\$339,000
Samdor LLC	Talanian, Chris	1 Huntington Ave #903	\$3,450,000
Delsignore, Stephanie L	Tinga, Wiebe	110 Stuart St #21B	\$2,100,000
Cramer, Kelly	Hamad, Rami	147 Warren Ave #1	\$970,000
Debusk, Jillian L	P Varney FT	7 Albemarle St #1	\$643,000
Quarequio, Michael J	M R Gabriel 2014 RET	636-638 Beacon St #406	\$680,000
S Harrison&Wa LLC	1000 Wa Boston Owner LLC	321 Harrison Ave	\$314,150,000
Guertin, Allison J	Zuerndorfer, Sarah H	519 Harrison Ave #D314	\$535,000
Burton, Andrew	Mooradian, Anna R	700 Harrison Ave #306	\$448,000
Mifflin, Lauren	Cantin, Michael	578 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$1,059,000
Orourke-Suchoff, Danielle	Tudor, Mackenzie	684 Massachusetts Ave #2	\$790,000
Orourke, Jane K	Osberg, Richard	120 Norway St #9	\$610,000
Bordeau, Allison C	Woods, Gregory M	116 Pembroke St	\$4,225,000
Levey, Drew	Dunkless, Charlotte	241 Perkins St #C605	\$880,000
Lischick, Grant	Pacini, Steven J	40 Rutland Sq #4	\$915,000
53 Rutland Square RT	Raphael&Alice LLC	53 Rutland Sq #3	\$2,433,000
Lu, Fang	Low Tide Prop 2 LLC	12 Stoneholm St #328	\$425,000
Reece, Schuyler	2&4 Strong Place RT	2 Strong Pl	\$3,200,000
Reece, Schuyler	2&4 Strong Place RT	4 Strong Pl	\$3,200,000
Stone, Judith M	Jasinski, Joshua M	15 Taylor St #19	\$780,000
Kadison, Christine	Kadison, Sarak	32 Traveler St #PH5	\$900,000
631 Tremont Holdings LLC	Hartness, Lynn	631 Tremont St #C	\$1,400,000
Ballou, Emily A	Riccitelli, Kellyn	66 Waltham St #40	\$910,000
Brian R Reardon LT	Allied Residences LLC	88 Wareham St #401	\$708,000
B9 LS Harrison&Wa LLC	1000 Wa Boston Owner LLC	1000 Washington St	\$314,150,000
Basinger, Ashley	Dean, Adam	1670 Washington St #5	\$665,000
Sun, Deqing	Mina Minai 2015 RET	43 Westland Ave #601	\$840,000
Zivny, Jaro	Zarikian, Lisa	21 Worcester Sq #3	\$870,000
VanRiper, Devin M	Caljouw, Ann M	146 Worcester St #2	\$1,100,000
Fugazzotto, Paul	David S Cummings T	17 Worcester St #8	\$1,750,000
Gikas, Kathryn P	Hartwell, Giuliana V	37 Worcester St #4	\$799,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Dente, Samantha	Tse, Billy	28-32 Atlantic Ave #324	\$800,000
Jose, Maria L	Bakalov, Vesselin V	2 Avery St #20C	\$3,395,000
Vella, Matthew	Calder, Tylver V	99-105 Broad St #5D	\$555,000
Linda M Klein RET	Strawbridge, Christy	85 E India Row #11H	\$745,000
Sweeney, Frank	Obrien, Philip J	85 E India Row #30C	\$1,310,000
Mackey, Geoff	Ornskov, Flemming	1 Franklin St #4304	\$3,950,000
Mccann, Tom	Golomb, Charlene M	100 Fulton St #4P	\$785,000
Vitali, Michael	Herman, Mark B	120 Fulton St #2D	\$1,100,000
Vittoria, Christopher	Finley, Cynthia A	120 Fulton St #3A	\$915,000
Gu, Sui	Jamanbekov, Amanbek	1 Nassau St #1701	\$855,000
Clarke, Patrick R	Shaw, Amos	103-109 South St #2D	\$779,000
Ondrejko, Jonathan	Pearlstein, Richard M	151 Tremont St #14R	\$695,000

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# Baker announces all COVID restrictions to be lifted May 29

By Lauren Bennett

Gov. Charlie Baker announced updates to the state's reopening plan and mask mandate on May 17, days after the CDC announced that masks are no longer required in most situations for those who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Massachusetts set a goal of vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the beginning of June, and "today, Massachusetts leads the nation in vaccinations and are on track to meet the goal we set for ourselves in September," Baker said.

Baker announced that beginning on May 29, "Massachusetts will lift all industry COVID

restrictions and capacity limits," and the face covering order will also be rescinded.

A new face covering order will go into effect on May 29, consistent with the CDC's guidance, that will require everyone, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks "on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings," according to the state.

The State of Emergency will be lifted on June 15, Baker added.

Baker said that those who are

unvaccinated are urged to continue wearing masks, and they should also get vaccinated.

"We'll continue knocking on doors, making calls, setting up pop-up sites and doing everything we can to expand access to vaccines," Baker said. "We know this is harder to do in our hardest hit cities and towns. There's no question we've made tremendous progress, every one who works, lives or studies in Massachusetts has been or will be offered a vaccine at a time and place that is convenient for them...If you have not yet gotten vaccinated, please get vaccinated to protect yourself and your family."

Baker also said that individu-

al towns and businesses are free to impose their own restrictions for things like mask wearing, and advised the public to respect those restrictions.

"We got this far because the people in Massachusetts followed the public health guidance to keep everybody safe and we must continue to do our part to respect any rules and requirements that individual businesses or employers may choose to put in place," Baker said.

"The Commonwealth was tested..." Baker said, "but together, we all fought back, made changes as the fact on the ground changed and never, ever stopped moving forward."

He said the virus will continue to exist in the community but tools like vaccines, as well as science and the growing knowledge about the virus "allows us to get back to living our lives."

There are more than 975 vaccination locations in the state, and Massachusetts continues to be a leader in vaccination rates.

He added that recent studies show that fully vaccinated individuals are "very highly unlikely" to contract or transmit the virus.

"We've gotten to this point because we followed the science and the people in Massachusetts did the hard work and made the sacrifices," he said.

## Jon Santiago to detail plan for Mass/Cass in the South End

Staff report

On Thursday (today), Jon Santiago will hold a press conference to detail his plans for addressing

the persistent crisis at Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.

As a resident who lives near Massachusetts Avenue, an Emer-

gency Room physician at Boston Medical Center, and as State Representative, Jon is wholly focused on making sure that Boston remains a leader in substance use

treatment and homelessness services while improving quality of life for everyone.

Santiago will be joined by South End community leaders

and stakeholders at Franklin Square, 1530 Washington St., in Boston.

The press conference is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

### BBAC (from pg. 1)

The new project includes a shared lobby that "connects the upper levels of residential and office levels above."

The second level will include retail space, the third will be "office space with the potential for retail space," the fourth and fifth levels will be office space, and levels six, seven, and eight will have three residential units each for a total of nine units.

"At the roof level, there will be the possibility for amenity space for those residential units only," Khan said.

The sidewalk will have eight feet of clearance, and the project is as of right and within requirements for Floor Area Ratio and below the 90 foot height limit.

Khan said that the design team

received "great feedback" from the Commission at their last advisory hearing, adding that they had implemented a "six bay expression at the front facade," and heard that businesses are looking to have more outdoor space.

Balconies have been added to the design for the fourth and fifth stories, and the ones proposed for the sixth, seventh, and eighth floors will remain.

She added that previous discussion with the Commission also included balconies on the north facade of the building, which have also been implemented into the design for the office and residential floors.

Adjustments were also made to the design of the west facade,

and Khan said that the team wants it to "feel like a different nature than the front facade along Boylston St.," so the design now includes a metal panel facade with punched windows, while the front maintains its brick facade with a "complimentary color" to the existing brick.

The corner will also have a metal gray panel, while the east and west facades will have a different tone metal panel.

Commissioner James Berkman said he believes that the contrasting facades are "jarring," and "not consistent with the historic facade on Boylston St. I would rather see a more uniform quality."

Other Commissioners agreed

with him, saying that the brick material should be the same around the entire building.

Commissioner Meredith Christiansen said that she likes the front and the back of the proposed addition, as well as the balconies on the back.

Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission Joe Cornish said that he feels as though this design "went down another path from what the Commission discussed." He said that he "thought it was clear" at the last hearing that they wanted to see the terracotta be on the west facade as well. "I'm not sure how we got to this point," he said.

"I was a little taken aback when I saw this," BBAC Chair

Kathleen Connor said. She said this building is "too important," and it's important to figure out the appropriate design for the building. "I certainly would be in favor of a subcommittee for this building," she said.

Alexa Pinard from the BPDA said that the BPDA wouldn't have approved this particular design with the two different facade materials.

"This particular design is not one we would be inclined to support," she said.

Connor said that moving forward, the design team and Commission will "hopefully have a clearer idea of direction. We're looking forward to our next steps."

## 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 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:**  
 •May 21 CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS WORKING SESSION, 10 a.m.: The focus of this working session are the FY22 budgets for the Parks & Recreation Department, Department of Innovation and Technology, Inspectional Services Department, and Boston Planning & Development Agency.

•May 24 CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING, 10 a.m.: The focus of this hearing is the

FY22 budgets for the Public Works Department and the Boston Transportation Department.

\*2 p.m. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budgets for the Department of Neighborhood Development and the Office of Fair Housing and Equity.

•May 25 CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING, 10 a.m.: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budget for Boston Public Schools.

\*6 p.m. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is public testimony regarding the FY22 Boston Public Schools Budget.

•May 27 CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING, 10 a.m.: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budget for the Fire Department.

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MITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budgets for the Boston Emergency Medical Services, Boston Public Health Commission, including Recovery Services, and the Office of Health and Human Services.

**From the May 18, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, online:**

•363 Albany St., South End. Applicant: Noah Ziomek. Purpose: We will be removing the existing billboard on the corner of the building and installing a new structure, and 2 20'x60' digital billboards.

•58 Burbank St., Fenway. Applicant: Sean George. Purpose: Erect a new 7-story Residential Building. The 1st Floor will consist of Amenity and Office space. Floors 2 to 7 will consist of Residential Dwelling Units. Each Dwelling Unit will have a projecting exterior Deck. Building will be fully sprinklered. Nominal fee letter attached. Previous ALT Application (ALT957456) Aban-

doned.  
 •165 West Canton St., South End. Applicant: Marc LaCasse. Purpose: Amendment to ALT1014362 to build a roof deck per plans provided and landmarks approval. Install balcony on rear of kitchen.

•1008-1010 Tremont St., South End. Applicant: JC Barbershop, LLC. Purpose: Build out of a Barbershop (This is a change in occupancy as well).

**From the May 18 Boston Civic Design Commission meeting, online:**

•220 Huntington Avenue, Back Bay  
**From the May 19 Boston Cannabis Board voting meeting, online:**

•Liberty Compassion, Inc., 591 Albany St., South End.  
 License Type: Medical Cannabis Dispensary License

Request: Application for a change of beneficial interest holder; change of officers/directors; transfer of stock.

**From the May 25 Boston Landmarks Commission meeting, 4 p.m., online via**

**Zoom (HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88273690798):**

**DESIGN REVIEW**

•Commonwealth Avenue Mall  
 CONTINUED FROM 4-27-2021

Applicant: Elizabeth Vizza, Friends of the Public Garden

Proposed work: Landscape and lighting improvements to the Hamilton, Glover, and Sarmiento statues.

•Boston Common - 139 Tremont Street

Applicant: Imari Paris Jeffries, King Boston

Proposed work: Create a plaza with a sculpture honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

•Preliminary hearing for Ayer Mansion, 395 Commonwealth Ave., Back Bay.

# SPECTACULAR PRIVATE RETREAT



**18 LONGMEADOW DRIVE**  
**8 BEDS | 10F 3H BATHS | 15,400 SQFT**  
**\$6,750,000**



**7 FAIRFIELD STREET #A**  
**3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 1,926 SQFT**  
**\$2,499,000**



**52 BEACON STREET #PH**  
**4 BEDS | 3F 2H BATHS | 5,438 SQFT**  
**\$9,500,000**



**201 W BROOKLINE STREET #PH402**  
**3 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | 3,804 SQFT**  
**\$6,699,000**



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

