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Councilor Michelle Wu accepted the mayoral endorsement last Saturday from the Ward 4 Democratic Committee in the South End's Library Park. The Committee did not have an easy decision, as candidates Jon Santiago and Kim Janey have also been very active in the Committee. In the end, they said Wu received a near-unanimous vote – which is a rarity for the Committee.

Ward 4 Democrats endorse Michelle Wu for mayor

By Seth Daniel

With at least three candidates for mayor having been heavily involved with the Ward 4 Democratic Committee, the group had a difficult decision to make in endorsing a candidate, but last Saturday morning the Ward 4 Dems announced they had almost unanimously voted to endorse Councilor Michelle Wu for mayor.

During an event on Saturday in Library Park, the Ward 4 Dems leadership and some members made the endorsement official, with Councilor Wu attending. Wu was very involved with reviving the Ward 4 Dems with her husband many years ago when she lived in the South End. However, State Rep. and mayoral candidate Jon Santiago has more recently been very involved in the Committee, serving as vice

chair before he ran for state representative. Meanwhile, Acting Mayor Kim Janey – also a candidate – has long been active in the Committee since it covers part of her Council district.

That said, the decision was not one that was easily made.

“It’s not easy to get a unanimous vote from this group,” said former member Lara Shkordoff.

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Mass/Cass starts to become plank in mayoral race as Santiago, Barros and Campbell detail plans

By Seth Daniel

As the weather has begun to warm up, several mayoral candidates are now making the opioid epidemic at Mass/Cass a major part of their campaign – with at least three candidates stressing their plans for the area over the last week.

The South End residents have long-hoped that the drug and

homelessness issues that have plagued the South End for some time, particularly in the Mass/Cass area, would garner significant weight in the race for mayor – particularly with so many candidates now vying for the job. However, until last week, only Councilors Andrea Campbell and Anissa Essaibi George had

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State Rep. and mayoral candidate Jon Santiago appeared in the South End's Franklin Square last Thursday to detail his plan for Mass/Cass. While Santiago's plan was expected due to his long-time advocacy around Mass/Cass, other mayoral candidates over the past week are also making the issue a key part of their platforms.

Northeastern Task Force discusses academic/dorm building at 840 Columbus Ave.

By Lauren Bennett

The Northeastern Task Force met virtually on May 24 to discuss the academic and dormitory building proposed for 840 Columbus Ave. as part of Northeastern University.

The proposed building is a 25 story building that will consist of academic, office, and community space on the first five floors, with the remaining 20 floors dedicated to about 800 student beds in the form of two, three, and four bedroom apartments.

Viktorija Abolina, Associate Vice President of Campus Planning at Northeastern University, explained that the public comment period for this project has closed, but she said that more than 100 letters have been received from students who are opposed to the project. She said that students feel that this project contributes to the “gentrification of Roxbury” and cited that they believe there is a strong need for affordable housing in the neigh-

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Copley Square Farmers Market returns for new 2021 season

By Dan Murphy

The Copley Square Farmers Market, the first farmers market to resume in Boston last May following the onset of the pandemic, as well as traditionally the city's biggest and busiest farmers market, has returned for a new season.

“It’s a lot busier than I expected, and it seems like people are excited for it to be back, I guess,” said Tyler Lambeth, a volunteer for Boston Cares who was tracking attendance at the Copley

Square Farmers Market on Friday, May 21 – the third one held there since this year reopening the previous Friday.

Melissa Roiter, owner of Westborough-based Yummy Mummy Bakery, said they have been vending at the Copley Farmers Market for eight years, as well as at other farmers markets, mostly in the Boston area, during pre-COVID times.

“I wasn’t here personally but heard it was definitely

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EDITORIAL

A MEMORIAL DAY TO LOOK BACK AND AHEAD

If Memorial Day of 2020 was unlike any other, Memorial Day of 2021 will represent almost a 180 degree turnabout from the dark days of a year ago. Thanks to the miraculous production of vaccines and plummeting infection and hospitalizations rates, it would appear that the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us.

However, as joyful as our leap from the oppression of COVID-19 may be, we are saddened and humbled when we realize that almost 600,000 Americans, a total almost equal to the number of our soldiers killed in all of our foreign wars combined, have succumbed to the virus over the past 15 months.

But as Americans prepare to embark on the great reopening this Memorial Day weekend, marking our freedom from the virus, it is appropriate that we honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in our nation's wars so that we might enjoy the freedoms that define the American way of life.

Ever since the official inception of the holiday on May 30, 1868, when the practice of decorating the graves of the fallen Union soldiers with flowers, wreaths, and flags officially became recognized by the order of General Logan at Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) has been a time for all Americans to commemorate those who made the Supreme Sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

When Memorial Day was moved to the last Monday of May starting in 1971, the three-day weekend also came to mark the official start of the summer season when we gather for cookouts and other outdoor activities with friends and family.

Amidst the usual festivities of Memorial Day weekend however, we must remember not to take for granted the freedoms that allow us to partake of the American way of life.

Although the worst of the pandemic hopefully is behind us, we still are facing a grave threat to our democracy.

The enemy is not a foreign power or a viral infection. Rather, it is from within.

It is fair to say that Americans are as disunited as we ever have been since the end of the Civil War itself 156 years ago. The triad of seismic events of the past year -- the pandemic, the ensuing economic dislocation, and the endemic racism in our society -- exposed the deep fissures in our country that have been lurking beneath the surface for decades and exploded volcano-like over the past 12 months.

Rather than serving to unite us in a common effort to overcome these challenges, they tore us apart even further, culminating with the shameful effort on the part of some to bring to an end the great American experiment of democracy with the events of January 6.

In searching for appropriate words to capture this moment in which we find ourselves, the Gettysburg address that was delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on the site of the battlefield on November 19, 1863, rings most true, both in terms of honoring those who gave their lives in our nation's wars and for healing the wounds created by the current crises.

We hope our readers take a moment to absorb Lincoln's words and reflect upon the meaning of Memorial Day, both in terms of our past and our future:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



GUEST OP-ED

As our city reopens and the weather gets warmer, I encourage everyone who can to support our small businesses

By Acting Mayor Kim Janey

Warmer weather has brought good news in Boston's fight against the pandemic. Across our city, COVID-19 cases have dropped to their lowest levels in more than a year. And, from Roxbury to Roslindale, East Boston to West Roxbury, Boston residents are getting vaccinated at rates that outpace the rest of the country.

As a result of this progress, I recently announced that the City of Boston will align with the Commonwealth and COVID-19 restrictions starting May 29. Our battle against COVID-19 is not over. Reopening our city will only work if we all continue to do our part to fight the pandemic.

We know what works in Boston. We have created a culture of wearing our masks, washing our hands, and keeping our distance that keeps us safe. Let's keep it up, as we enjoy the recovery, reopening, and renewal of our city.

The pandemic has disproportionately impacted small businesses and businesses of color across the city. As Boston reopens, I encourage all of us to support these businesses and help our city make an equitable recovery.

Small businesses are what make Boston the city we know

and love, and my administration is working tirelessly to make sure they are front and center in our economic recovery. This includes the All Inclusive Boston Campaign to showcase stores, restaurants, and cultural assets all across the city. We've also launched the B-Local app that gives shoppers reward points at neighborhood businesses.

Small businesses assistance from our Office of Economic Development also includes weekly Small Business Calls, small business COVID surveys, and more than \$16.6 million in grants to over 4,500 businesses through five COVID-19 relief funds for small businesses. We have also expanded public space for business extensions through this year's Outdoor Dining Program, Food Truck Lottery, Outdoor Fitness Classes, and more.

As mayor, I take regular neighborhood business walks throughout our city, including in Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Chi-

natown, Upham's Corner, and more. Talking with business owners generates new ideas and deepens my appreciation of the pivotal role businesses can play in Boston's equitable recovery. From restaurants, to bookstores, to clothing stores, our city is a powerhouse in its diversity of services, cultures, and ideas.

This summer, I urge you to do your part in supporting our city and helping neighborhood businesses recover from unprecedented challenges. Here is how you can help:

- Download the B-Local app and earn rewards automatically when you shop at hundreds of participating local businesses across the City when you make a purchase with a credit or debit card. Then, redeem those rewards like cash at local businesses!

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borhood.

"We've had over 50 formal and informal large and small meetings with organizations," regarding the proposal, Abolina said, including a total of nine advisory board meetings and three interactive community workshops.

Other public comments were submitted in support of the development, citing the proposed public space and more beds for Northeastern students, which many Fenway residents have expressed support for as they would like to see more apartments in the neighborhood be returned to the general housing stock and not used for student housing.

"We just want to acknowledge that it is a rather large building," Abolina said, adding that "it's a fully programmed building," however. She said that it is "not a shell," and "it is driven very much by some of the commitments Northeastern has made..." to offer a certain amount of student housing under requirements created by Mayor Walsh for the city's colleges and universities to do so.

The building will consist of a total of 243 student apartments, and the five lower levels will be programmed to offer "community engagement and economic development," according to a slide, as well as "cross-cutting and innovative teaching and learning."

The large ground floor space will focus on community space for organizations and small businesses through a "community economic development program," according to Northeastern.

"The space will house multiple programs that will address critical needs and areas of interest expressed by the community in the following four categories: 1) educational access, 2) jobs and workforce development, 3) small business support, and 4) building capacity for existing community organizations that address economic development," the Northeastern University webpage for the project states.

Architect David Manfredi then went through the "Urban Design Context" for the building, saying that the "footprint that is very unusual." He said that the purpose of this design is to "push the massing away from the public realm...away from the streets" so the building does not feel as tall as it actually is.

Additionally, the massing has been reduced after hearing feedback from the Task Force and from the community as a whole.

Manfredi said that on the Tremont St. side of the building, one floor and approximately 70 apartments have been removed from a previous design. Additionally, there has been an increase in the ground floor space dedicated to community economic development that is publicly accessible.

Feedback on the original design included that it looked like "we're building a wall," Manfredi said. "We've done everything we could to break down that wall."

He then talked about the Tremont St. and Melnea Cass Blvd. entrance, saying that the ground floor is "as transparent as possible" with "all glass below the third floor."

He also said that "the most

important thing is how you program that ground floor," and the goal is to make it accessible for everyone.

The Melnea Cass Blvd. side will feature wide sidewalks with trees, planters, benches, and tables and chairs, and there will also be a rideshare dropoff area.

The meeting then shifted to a detailed discussion of the small businesses development portion of the proposal as well as some of the programming options for the building.

Northeastern University Campus Planner Torrey Spies said in the Q+A in response to a question about who the programs are for that "the programs are open to all our neighbors...depending on the program, their [sic] may be different target audiences (early MWBE business owners,

local BPS students, small local contracting businesses, etc.)"

There were also several comments made expressing concern that the community is not being heard, as many do not support the project, and wondered if a public meeting will be held by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding this project. One person said in the chat that "we've been shut out of meetings over and over again. People want their voice to be heard."

BPDA Project Manager Gerald Autler said in the chat that "a public hearing is a legal hearing in front of the BPDA Board to recommend approval." He said that no public hearing has been scheduled at the BPDA Board yet. "This will only happen if and when we feel like the project

has built sufficient support."

Later, he said, "I don't know what meetings you've been shut out of. There has been opportunity for public comment verbally and in writing. I have read all the comments. The Task Force members are community members and in many cases represent community organizations. We are aware that there is opposition to the project, just as we are aware there is support."

For more information about the project as well as the full videos from the Northeastern Task Force meetings with all comments made, visit the Boston Planning and Development Agency project website at www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/840-columbus-avenue.

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Boston's recovery, reopening, and renewal takes all of us. Thank you for doing your part by getting vaccinated and safely enjoying all that Boston has to offer. Let's make this a happy, healthy summer.

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WSANA members need clarification on BMC housing proposal

Unexpected controversy over Jaho liquor license

By Seth Daniel

Several members of the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) have voiced concerns and questions regarding a new plan by Boston Medical Center (BMC) to include 130 units of supportive housing within their new Institutional Master Plan (IMP).

The IMP process has been

crawling along since before the pandemic, and has a deadline of July to finish up, so things are moving fast, but residents would like more clarity on the housing plan. That plan was first introduced this month in a revised IMP filing that eliminated a controversial proposed building on Albany Street, but also introduced the housing plan on the corner of Harrison and E. Newton Street.

IMP Advisory member Desi Murphy said he has gotten dif-

ferent information from BMC about the plan, including some saying it would be for medical patients who are on daily dialysis and others saying it could be for some patients who once had substance abuse issues.

That difference is key to the neighborhood, which has been solidly against adding any new recovery services to their already-overburdened area of the South End.

"We need more information to really evaluate the proposal," he

said. "The task at hand is for the IMP members to approve or not approve the change of use from a medical to (residential) use...It sounds like a sudden change in plans. Some people have said this would be people formerly with substance abuse disorders, and another person said it would be for someone on dialysis several days a week and needing around the clock monitoring."

Murphy said he was also told that the plan to delve into housing is related to BMC now being

an accountable care organization (ACO). That system is all about avoiding expensive emergency room visits and having more preventative care. He said it was explained to him that by targeting high-user patients and affording them housing in the hospital campus, it could help them reduce their reliance on the ER.

Fernando Requena, another IMP member who lives near the

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unveiled detailed plans.

The past week has brought on a flurry of activity in the mayoral race with regards to Mass/Cass.

That all changed last Thursday when State Rep. Jon Santiago appeared in the South End's Franklin Square to make his detailed plan known. Santiago, a South End resident who has worked on Mass/Cass issues even before being elected, was more than expected to make the issue key to his election efforts. With a foreword by long-time Southender Nikki Fortes, Santiago unveiled one of the most detailed plans yet.

"Recently, I have taken it upon myself to advocate for my neighbors in Tent City when it comes to the growing, worsening, and dramatically increasing issues around homelessness and substance use disorder," she said. "Jon sprang into action and has consistently been responsive, attentive, and most importantly, has delivered."

Santiago said his plan is entitled 'Decentralize, Regionalize, and Modernize: A Comprehensive Public Health Approach to Addressing Mental Health, Homelessness, and Substance Use Disorder,' and he said he has

put months of work into crafting what he believes – as a medical doctor, resident and politician – to be a successful solution.

Though he said he and others have put a great deal of work into cleaning up and resourcing Mass/Cass, there doesn't seem to be a great deal of improvement.

"But one walk down Massachusetts Avenue and you will quickly see that the situation has worsened," he said. "It's a full blown crisis and we are in desperate need of leadership. We need a bold plan, and a tremendous amount of urgency. But most of all, we need action. And a commitment to get things done at Mass and Cass and for the many people suffering from addiction all across Boston."

"Because this summer will no doubt prove to be the most difficult for Mass and Cass," he continued. "And while last year was very challenging, this year, given the improving weather, the release from social isolation, the rising rates of mental health illness and drug use, I fear for the worst."

His first actions as mayor, he said, would be to declare an emergency and get put a proven professional at the helm.

"When elected mayor, I will immediately declare a public health emergency at Mass and Cass that will allow us to dramatically scale up resources to address the crisis," he said. "Appointing a Mass and Cass Director of Services to oversee and coordinate efforts will come next. And most of all, I will commit to partnering with the community and stakeholders to ensure their voices are heard."

The first part of the plan to decentralize will include putting a moratorium on new public services within a one-mile radius of Mass and Cass, but that doesn't mean there will be no services that will grow with the problem. He stipulated he is for building the Long Island Recovery Campus, and he also committed to redeveloping the Shattuck Hospital campus in JP with generous supportive housing.

Another part of his plan was to repurpose hotels used for COVID housing outside of the city, a new idea that few have suggested.

"COVID-19 has left us with a number of vacated hotel buildings in the region," he said. "As mayor, I'll work with the state to permanently procure and repurpose them to provide additional supportive housing in and outside Boston. But if decentralization and scaling up supportive housing are core tenets in how we begin to address Mass and Cass, regionalization is also paramount. This is of utmost importance as over half of Boston's shelter population comes from outside the city."

That would fall in line with his idea to regionalize the effort, also calling for the establishment of a Regional Municipal Task Force to bring a more regional approach to the problem, likely leaning heavily on his connec-

tions in the State House.

His idea to modernize the situation revolves around completely changing the dynamics of shelters, calling for the immediate investment in short-term residential beds.

"(That's) where the bottleneck in our continuum of care currently exists," he said. "I will partner with health providers to create a program to identify our highest at-risk residents for relapse and seek them out to provide intensive services. Creating rapid response teams to address individuals in acute distress and working with experts to find solutions to an increasing but largely ignored methamphetamine epidemic will be priorities. Expanding all three types of medication-assisted treatment - methadone, Suboxone, and Vivitrol - and increasing access to mental health clinicians at our community health centers will be central to my response."

One final piece that has gotten attention is his part of the plan that includes a police sub-district dedicated to Mass/Cass. That has been an idea long-proposed at the community level, and also by Councilor Frank Baker – but to date it hasn't been a key tenant in any mayoral plan.

"Public safety will no doubt play an important role in that," he said. "The area currently suffers from a lack of coordination between multiple police and public safety forces. I will create a specific Mass and Cass police sub-district to curb drug dealing and better respond to violent crime."

Santiago wasn't the only candidate in Mass/Cass, however.

Candidate John Barros held a press conference on Wednesday, May 26, just beyond Sun deadlines to detail his three-layered approach to the issues at Mass/

Cass. The conference was held at Orchard Gardens K-8 School, where discarded drug syringes are a constant issue for children trying to play on the playground. The details of his plan were not yet available.

Last week, Councilor Campbell held a press event on Northampton Street and Melnea Cass – attacking Acting Mayor Kim Janey's decision to re-open the Comfort Station on Atkinson Street in Newmarket. She called on Janey to release an action plan by June 19.

"We have incredible service providers doing heroic work in the area alongside City departments, yet they are overwhelmed and siloed," she said. "We need a coordinated effort and response to increase our collective impact, and it is critical our City and State administrations take the lead in building that partnership. I'm calling on the Administration including Acting Mayor Janey to meet with advocates and leaders on the front lines of this issue, and publicly release an action plan by June 19."

Some of the highlights of Campbell's plan, unveiled in January, include:

- Appoint a Mass & Cass Chief that is a public health professional.

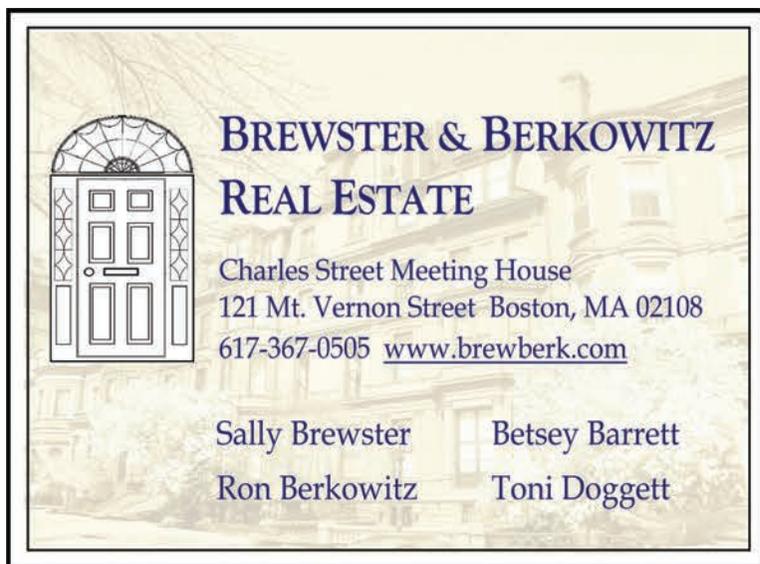
- Create a dedicated Mass & Cass first responder unit made up of public health and recovery service professionals, mental health counselors, and first responders.

- Decentralize treatment and recovery services and increase accessibility of programs city-wide.

- Activate vacant and underutilized spaces available to provide more safe spaces.

- Reactivate Long Island, with ferry service from Boston.

- Partner with the healthcare community.



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proposal, said he is very skeptical of the plan and urged the membership to get involved in this issue.

"I don't think Assisted Living is anything BMC should be getting into," he said. "I think we need another facility of this type in our area... We don't need additional problems with Assisted Livings or shelters. Having 130 units is an enormous amount of units."

President George Stergios said he agreed there needed to be more information, and said he would invite BMC to an upcoming meeting to clarify the use. He said he would suggest WSANA would be against any type of treatment housing facility.

"We've always said we don't want any more services here," he said. "If this is medical patients, that's not addiction and recovery people. If it is addiction and recovery people, that would contradict what we've said to the City for some time now."

•JAHO COFFEE SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE

Members of WSANA took a skeptical view of the proposal by the Jaho Coffee Shop on Washington Street to pursue an all-alcohol liquor license for the 10-plus year coffeehouse.

Owner Anil Menzini and his attorneys appeared at Tuesday's meeting and said they would like to offer a full liquor complement to their coffeehouse – looking to attract customers to the shop on their way home from work or after work. They don't intend to change the vibe, or the layout, but hope they can offer a reason for existing customers to come in at later hours. They already have three other Jaho locations with liquor licenses, he said.

"It's not a sports bar," he said upon getting negative reactions. "It's a coffee shop environment and we're not interested in having a bouncer outside or \$4 beers. I get the concern, but we are only looking to attract the

same person that already comes in for coffee, but maybe after work and at night to unwind."

A sticking point for WSANA was the fact that they were requesting a 2 a.m. closing license. While Jaho pledged to close at 11 p.m. Sunday to Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday, there was nothing that said they couldn't decide to go until 2 a.m. Another point of contention was that the alcohol service did extend to the 20 outdoor seats on the sidewalk, which neighbors said could be an issue. Likewise, there was a great deal of concern about alcohol services starting at 8 a.m. – which would likely be utilized for a brunch type situation on weekends.

"That's a blank check for Jaho to do whatever they want; a closing hour at 2 a.m. is too late," said Requena. "If you are a good neighbor, you can ask for 2 a.m. later. To give you carte blanche to open until 2 a.m. if you decide that's what you want to do is

unacceptable."

Added Helaine Simmonds, "I think 2 a.m. closing is ridiculous. I think starting at 8 a.m. is ridiculous."

However, not everyone was against the idea.

Murphy said he is a regular customer and they have been a good business for more than 10 years. It was also noted that Blackstone/Franklin Neighborhood Association had endorsed the proposal.

"I don't see how we can take an adverse position on this when there are multiple restaurants that also have liquor licenses on the same street," said Murphy. "I strongly support this proposal."

"I strongly oppose it," said Simmonds.

In the end, WSANA members agreed to write a letter that would ask to curtail the hours on the license, potentially not endorsing the 2 a.m. closing.

•TROUBLING ATTACK
D-4 Police Capt. Steven

Sweeney gave a crime report to WSANA and detailed that there had been an alarming aggravated assault this week on a woman eating in the outdoor space at Toro on Washington Street.

He said the woman had been eating when someone walking by struck her violently in the head with a chair.

"She was with a couple of friends eating when someone walking by struck her," he said. "She thought the outdoor heater fell on her because it was such a violent strike."

He said she was hurt pretty badly from the attack.

He also detailed a man who was shot in the ankle last weekend in the Shawmut and Ball Street areas near Ramsey Park. Finally, he said they are fully investigating the homicide that took place on East Newton Street and Shawmut. A South End man was stabbed to death there on May 14 around 8:30 p.m.

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“I can think of one candidate that was able to get a unanimous vote. It’s hard work and it speaks to the confidence we have in Michelle.”

Said Ben Siegel, “The Acting Mayor has been active in the Committee and so has Jon Santiago, but we all agreed to support Michelle and the vote was nearly unanimous.”

The Committee indicated there had been one proxy vote submitted for another candidate, but all others voted for Wu.

“The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee is proud to endorse Michelle Wu for mayor for her work on climate justice, housing stability, racial equity, and so much more. She helped redefine the role of the Council and will bring a similarly proactive approach to the job of mayor,” said Jonathan Cohn, Chair of the Ward 4 Democratic Committee, during the endorsement event.

Wu said getting the endorsement was important for her campaign, but meant a lot personally, as it was where her roots in politics began.

“This is so meaningful and significant,” said Wu. “This Ward Committee gave me my first experience in Boston politics. I am honored to have been chair of the Committee when I lived in the South End...The friendship and the community here pulled around us and made sure my sister and mom were ok. We were able to live in a community that is so caring. Ward 4 also has a long history of stand up when it matters, and going against the grain when it matters.”

Most members said they really felt Wu distinguished herself by her policy record, knowing so much about the details and the bigger picture. They cited the Community Choice Electricity legislation, facial surveillance, the wetlands



The members of the Ward 4 Democratic Committee marked the announcement of their endorsement of Wu with a photo in Library Park.

ordinance and most especially, the AirBNB short-term rental restrictions she shepherded through the Council a few years ago.

Former Ward 4 Chair Janice Sullivan said she has been impressed with how Wu can cite off the top of her head data on any issue. For instance, she said Wu can tell one how much can be saved by residents on each bus and each line were the MBTA to offer free bus service – a key part of her mayoral platform.

“She knows that because she’s done the research and want to improve people’s lives,” she said. “Michelle’s philosophy is focused always on improving the lives of Bostonians – whether with jobs, housing or the environment. She always wants to know what can government do to help people be better in Boston.”

Vice Chair Carol Lasky said she was impressed with Wu’s ability to be so on top of politics and also have the perspective of a mother.

“When she would come to our Ward Committee meetings, she would often speak and typically had a baby on her hip,” said Lasky. “She would focus politics from the perspective of raising children in Boston. She is a sister, a wife, a daughter, but the mother aspect is very big.”

The Ward 4 Dems made their endorsement decision after holding a successful Zoom forum for the candidates last month.



Former Ward 4 Chair Andrea Olmstead spoke about why she supports Wu.



Ward 4 members Ben and Jane Siegel with Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu.



Ward 4 Chair Jonathan Cohn said Wu’s policy positions aligned almost perfectly with the membership of the Committee, and the vote to endorse her was not close in the end. Vice Chair Carol Lasky is seen looking on.



Former Ward 4 Chair Janice Sullivan said Wu is always trying to figure out how government can help people be better in Boston.

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FARMERS MARKET *(from pg. 1)*

busier last week, and on such a beautiful day as today, that's kind of sad," Roiter said. "But I'm glad to be back...and a lot of our regulars have been stopping by to say 'hi,' along with some tourists."

Sisters of Anarchy Ice Cream, based in Shelburne Vt., and with an additional distribution center in Amesbury that operates only during the summer months, is another returning vendor at the Copley Square Farmers Market this season.

"It's a very different crowd [as opposed to other farmers markets we work]," said Bob Clark, who along with Rachel Ciancola, was working the ice cream maker's booth in Copley Square. "It's a long duration crowd that's steady over a long period, rather than trying to squeeze it all in in two or three hours."

Doug Kasam, who co-owns Riddle Brook Farm with Shea



Tyler Lambeth, a volunteer for Boston Cares who tracked attendance at the Copley Square Farmers Market on Friday, May 21.

Maloney and her husband, Mike Cotter, said it's the first year in business for their 8½ -acre farm in Douglas, Mass., and that Copley Square is the only Farmers Market they're working this summer, selling fresh-cut flowers, as well as oyster mushroom and fresh pasture-raised

eggs. "Everyone's really excited for this," said Kasam, "and all the market managers are saying that a lot more vendors will be coming in the next few weeks to draw the crowds in."

Jennifer Merrill, an employee of Boston Smoked Fish Co., said she's relatively new to the job but that the Copley Square Farmers Market had more vendors and longer hours of operation, as well as more foot traffic, compared to the farmers market she worked at Harvard Square in Cambridge the previous Sunday.

"The market's really fun, and I like working here so far," said Merrill. "And it's great to get out after COVID and get some fresh air."

Lisa Rebello, a Boston resident said she had regularly patronized the Copley Farmers Market in the past, but this was the first time she had been back there this



Doug Kasam, co-owner of Riddle Brook Farm, a fledgling, 8½ -acre farm in Douglas, Mass.



Bob Clark and Rachel Ciancola of Sisters of Anarchy Ice Cream.



Jennifer Merrill, an employee of Boston Smoked Fish Co.



Melissa Roiter, owner of Westborough-based Yummy Mummy Bakery.

year. "It's nice to see the market back up and running, and it makes you feel closer to the way things used to be," Rebello said. "By the same token, it's a little discouraging to not see as many vendors, but it's early [in the season], so hopefully more vendors will be out, and it's important to support small local businesses." The Copley Square Farmers Market takes place at Dartmouth and Boylston streets in Back Bay on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Nov. 23. Visit <https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/copley> for information, including 2021 market rules and safety regulations.

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Proposed Article 64 Zoning Amendments discussed at public hearing for BPDA

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a public meeting on May 11 regarding the proposed amendments to Article 64 Section 29 of the Boston Zoning Code as it relates to the South End Neighborhood District.

According to the BPDA, “this zoning amendment proposes new language related to affordable commercial and cultural spaces in the Harrison-Albany area of the South End Neighborhood.”

At the meeting, BPDA South End Neighborhood Planner

Jared Staley briefly went over the proposal, saying that the “focus” of the meeting was “really about the cultural space” in the neighborhood.

He also spoke about the existing Sections 29 and 41 of Article 64 of the Boston Zoning Code, which was updated in 2012 to include the Harrison-Albany Corridor Strategic Plan.

Right now according to Section 29, “the Proponent of any Proposed Project within a Planned Development Area (PDA) devoting any amount of Gross Floor Area to Non-Residential Uses must construct or

cause the construction of either:

5% of bonus square footage for a cultural entity or start-up business whose eligibility for the program is to be determined by the BPDA, or

A combination of 2.5% of bonus square footage for a cultural entity or start-up business and an equivalent additional contribution to the Harrison/Albany Corridor Business and Cultural Loan Fund administered by the Boston Local Development Corporation (BLDC),” according to a slide presented.

Section 41 “describes the eligibility requirements for affordable cultural space as: a 501c3 organization that has received funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council within five years prior to occupancy, or whose cultural use has been determined by the Authority to meet the City’s goals for creative economy,” according to a slide.

The goal of this amendment is to make affordable cultural space available to more people and organizations, Staley said.

The BPDA said that the five percent bonus square footage currently required frequently results in space that is too large for smaller groups; “the Boston Local Development Corporation (BLDC) is not legally permitted to manage funds related to cultural entities;” and the funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council is a “high threshold for many cultural organizations that the zoning code originally aimed to support,” a slide read.

The proposed amendments would pass the responsibility of managing funds for affordable cultural spaces to the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture, and the eligibility requirement would shift to 501c3 organizations that were recipients of funds from the Boston Cultural Council within five years before occupying a space, the BPDA said.

Public comment on these proposed amendments is encouraged and welcome by the BPDA, and can be submitted on the BPDA project page at bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/article-64-zoning-amendment. More information about the amendment can also be viewed there. The comment period ends on June 8 at 5:00pm.

Any questions can be directed to Jared Staley at jared.staley@boston.gov.

BPPA ‘PICTURES OF THE YEAR’ EXHIBIT IN COPLEY SQUARE



Former Boston Sun photographer Joe Prezioso is shown here in Copley Square this week next to a public art piece that highlights his award-winning photo of last summer’s Civil Rights protest in the downtown neighborhoods. The exhibit is part of several temporary installations in Copley Square highlighting the ‘Photos of the Year’ as voted by the Boston Press Photographers’ Association. Prezioso, shooting for the France-based AFP organization, was the first place winner with this photo. He also took third place and Honorable Mention. The Awards Ceremony will be held June 3.

BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 718 ENDORSE ERIN MURPHY FOR AT-LARGE COUNCIL SEAT



Erin Murphy, a Dorchester Democrat running for at-large city council, was endorsed Friday by the Boston Firefighters Local 718, becoming the first candidate in the city to receive their endorsement. The firefighters are supporting Erin because of her unwavering commitment to public safety, her fierce devotion to front-line workers and first responders, and her longtime record of standing in support of collective bargaining rights. During a time of deepening economic inequality in our country and our city, Erin has been a public school teacher who raised her family here and has demonstrated her commitment to ensuring that Boston is a safe, affordable, and equitable place to live for every family, in every neighborhood.

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BLC approves MLK memorial; final portion of Comm. Ave. mall statue improvements

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) met virtually on May 25, where it approved the remaining portion of the lighting and landscape improvements for the Glover, Hamilton, and Sarmiento statues on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, as well as The Embrace Memorial on the Boston Common in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King.

COMM. AVE. MALL STATUES

The BLC has voted to continue portions of the proposal for landscape and lighting improvements for the Hamilton, Glover, and Sarmiento statues for several months now, and approved the remainder of the proposal on Tuesday night after discussing the best options with the project team.

After last month's hearing, the Commission still had questions about the size and siting of the proposed electrical cabinets, as well as if any of the irrigation and power controls could be combined.

Robert Mulcahy of the Friends of the Public Garden explained that the cabinets are located approximately in the middle of the block, and for this case, are "typically perpendicular to each piece of sculpture that we're lighting." He and other members of the team also discussed why these cabinets could not be located underground instead, explaining that flooding could occur.

Commissioner David Berarducci told the full Commission that after hearing the presentation, the design review committee recommends approval of the proposed locations of the cabinets, with the proviso that the color of the cabinets be changed.

Right now, the existing cabinets on the mall are a darker black/gray color, and "we were thinking more of a taupe color,"

Berarducci said, that would be applied to the existing boxes as well as the proposed ones.

He said this "gray/brown combo I think would be more appropriate in terms of helping these be a little more disguised out there."

The BLC voted to approve the cabinets with this proviso.

Berarducci also said that other items that were approved from the last hearing included relocating the proposed hoop fencing along the base of the sculpture to the back of the curb "instead of in the middle of the planting" and ensuring that the height of the proposed curbs were consistent "so that the base feels like it's part of the sculpture rather than part of the landscape," he said. Additionally, the BLC had asked the project team to "simplify the planting that was proposed to reflect more of an urban character and have it be a little more simple," which the team had agreed to do.

THE EMBRACE MEMORIAL

The BLC has been looking at the proposed sculpture honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King through advisory reviews, but on Tuesday, it came before the Commission for an official vote, where it was approved.

This was the "final hurdle" for the memorial, according to a press release from King Boston, and construction can now begin.

Jonathan Evans, a principal at MASS Design Group, explained that King Boston is the nonprofit organization that is "taking this call to action" to erect a sculpture to honor the work and legacy Martin Luther King Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King, who met in Boston.

"This is an important memorial," Evans said. This design was chosen as the winner from 126 original submissions and five finalists, and was designed by African

equity and justice." She said that on May 29, an event will be hosted "to remember those we've lost and reclaim space to do the important racial equity and justice work."

Janey then spoke about the COVID-19 pandemic, and announced additional funding that has become available to the city through the federal American Rescue Plan.



COURTESY OF HANK WILLIS THOMAS AND MASS DESIGN GROUP

A rendering of the "Embrace Memorial" sculpture.

American conceptual artist Hank Willis Thomas, along with MASS Design Group.

A slide from the presentation read: "King Boston is a privately funded non-profit working closely with the City of Boston and the Boston Foundation to create a living memorial and programs honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and their time and work together in Boston. The memorial is intended to inspire visitors to reflect on the values of racial and economic justice that both espoused."

The memorial will be located near the Tremont Street side of the park.

Liza Meyer of the City of Boston Parks Department spoke briefly about the Boston Common Master Planning process, which she said is in its final phase and is expected to be completed this year.

"The Embrace has been integrated into the planning process as an element in the park," she said.

Evans then went over some details of the memorial, which features a "peace walk" on the perimeter with paver stones, a crescent-shaped wall that will feature a quote from Coretta Scott King, and in the middle will be the 22-foot bronze sculpture of the embraced hands and arms of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, which is based on a photo of Dr. and Mrs. King in 1964 after he had found out he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Evans said that the crescent shaped wall "becomes kind of the backdrop to the piece," and there will also be recessed lighting in the plaza that will uplift the sculpture at night.

The paving will feature bronze inlays that "take some cues" from the bronze in the sculpture, Evans said, and will feature names of people from the "Boston Civil Rights Community," according to a slide presented.

The crescent wall will also feature some bench seating for people to rest and take in the memorial. The plaza is wide open for people to be able to walk through as well as walk underneath the sculpture, and Evans described the memorial as a place for everyday use as well as a "museum at the same time."

Greg Galer of the Boston Preservation Alliance said that "I just want to thank the design team and the Parks Department for working collaboratively on this effort." He said that this is an "appropriate memorial," adding that he believes this will be popular with the public and that "it's really embracing the entire movement and there's lots to look at in an appropriate way."

"I think this is a much enhanced proposal," he said.

There was a question from Commissioner Christopher Hart regarding accessibility, and Evans said that "we want to be very proactive and not reactive to how we think through making this an accessible experience for everyone." He said that one example of

accessibility could look like somehow "narrating the experience of the sculpture" for those who cannot see it.

"We are thinking about ways this can be an immersive experience," he said, adding that the team is working with disability consultants to ensure proper accessibility for all.

The BLC voted to approve this application as submitted. "I think it's going to be an amazing piece out there," Commissioner David Berarducci said.

He added that the project team had listened to the Commission's previous requests to remove things from the "foreground leading up to the sculpture," which he feels "makes this sculpture so much more elegant."

The sculpture is expected to be fully installed by October of next year.

"Most of Boston's historical monuments, buildings and other commemoratives are physical reminders of white supremacy, inequity, and racism, yet 'The Embrace' will be a new landmark honoring the Kings, Boston civil rights leaders and the city's unique contribution to social justice. It will be unveiled in a city that is 25% Black, more than twice the percentage of the Black population of America," a press release from King Boston states.

"This is a momentous achievement, not only for Boston but for society in general," Imari Paris Jeffries, Executive Director of King Boston, said in a statement. "Boston has the opportunity post-pandemic to continue and differentiate itself from the rest of the country by being one of the most welcoming, friendly, forward-looking cities in America. One the anniversary of the death of George Floyd and the national racial reckoning that followed, the approval of 'The Embrace' goes a long way in helping do just that."

Additionally, Janey said that 60 percent of Bostonians have gotten at least one dose of the vaccine, and nearly half of residents are fully vaccinated.

"While the pandemic is not over, our progress is real, and our public health recovery is the foundation of a stronger, more equitable Boston," Janey said.

(RECOVERY INVESTMENTS Pg. 11)

Janey announces new funding for recovery investments in the city

By Lauren Bennett

May 25 marked the one year anniversary of George Floyd's death after former Minnesota police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck for more than nine minutes. Acting Mayor Kim Janey on Tuesday said that "on this anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, we honor his life and legacy throughout our collec-

equity and justice."

She said that on May 29, an event will be hosted "to remember those we've lost and reclaim space to do the important racial equity and justice work."

Janey then spoke about the COVID-19 pandemic, and announced additional funding that has become available to the city through the federal American Rescue Plan.

"I am proud to report that we continue to see Boston's COVID metrics trending in the right direction, including in our hardest-hit neighborhoods and in communities of color," Janey said.

She added that COVID infections have decreased by 51 percent in the past two weeks, and the citywide positivity rate is 1.6 percent, "a historic low," she said.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The oval window in the last clue is on 229 Berkeley Street. Circular or oval windows are known as oculus windows or more flamboyantly as Oeil-de-boeuf (translated from the French Bull's Eye) windows. Spotting this type of window would make a great "Attention to Detail" wander around the neighborhood.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Shahabi FT	Gibb, Adam	138 Beacon St #6	\$1,550,000
Rumrill, Kathryn	Woodhouse, Michael A	68 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$2,750,000
Boskey, Noah	Chevalier, Chase	13 Dartmouth St #1	\$1,300,000
Slesinger, Meredith L	Spicker, Hermann	298 Marlborough St #3	\$934,000
Cleifton LLC	Tully, Carol E	416 Marlborough St #605	\$1,970,000
Cleifton LLC	Tully, Carol E	416 Marlborough St #607	\$1,970,000
BEACON HILL			
Kluender, Raymond	Marx, Benjamin	49 Garden St #C	\$750,000
Jennings, William	Varano, Andrea H	65 Mount Vernon St #1	\$490,000
Gavetti, Giovanni	Scott, Victoria E	97 Mount Vernon St #22	\$929,000
1 Otis Place LLC	Daniel A Mullin RT	1 Otis Pl	\$6,595,000
Ling, Gabriel	Cigarroa, Ricardo G	41-43 Phillips St #20	\$2,300,000
Kobylka, Justin	Lucent LLC	68 Phillips St #4	\$510,000
Young, Christopher R	Pinckney T6 LLC	16 Pinckney St	\$3,825,000
Lee, Jacob	Fujii, Gregory	50 Revere St #2	\$535,000
Larrow, Danielle R	Volwiler, Adam S	8 W Hill Pl #4	\$2,054,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Schleyer, William T	Morrison, James S	98 Appleton St #3	\$2,600,000
Chandler Realty LLC	60 Chandler St LLC	60 Chandler St #1	\$1,030,000
Chandler Realty LLC	60 Chandler St LLC	60 Chandler St #2	\$2,645,000
Schafer, Stephen	Reece, Schuyler S	9 Holyoke St #4	\$1,075,000
Peterson, Erica J	106 Mt Pleasant Ave LLC	108 Mount Pleasant Ave #4	\$579,000
Lakumarapu, Shraavan K	15 Woodbriar LLC	46-52 Robey St #48	\$699,000
Hunt, Williams J	Abukhadra, Ramzi K	110 Stuart St #20G	\$2,220,000
Ayala, Alejandro G	Bagnoli, Elena	110 Stuart St #24H	\$1,175,000
Egan, Daniel J	777-1 Tremont Street	15 Warren Ave #3	\$1,115,000
Sinicropi-Yao, Sara L	Wertheimer FT	19 Bay State Rd #3	\$1,345,000
Perlman, Gregory A	Papadopoulos, Stavros	534 Beacon St #805	\$635,000
903 Beacon LLC	Barbara P Divaio RET	903 Beacon St	\$2,250,000
Pang, Edward K	Anderson, Roland	10 Charlesgate E #102	\$1,150,000
Howe, Courtney	JME Funding T	64 E Brookline St #1	\$667,500
Labrie, Matthew	Harris, Russell P	25 E Springfield St #1	\$1,240,000
Carey, Samuel	Sondhi, Archana	7 E Springfield St #4A	\$1,077,200
Ellis, Nathan	Yann, Wu M	35 Fay St #508	\$850,000
Rosenfield, Zachary	Gallagher, Joseph	111 Gainsborough St #104	\$749,000
Montes, Melissa	Chase, Molly	96 Gainsborough St #102W	\$665,000
Alex Hamilton RT	Dangelo Inc	7-9 Hamilton Pl	\$7,900,000
Vicino, Derek J	89 Pembroke Street LLC	89 Pembroke St #2	\$2,450,000
Purvis, Quinon K	Mackay, David	9 Rutland Sq #2	\$700,000
Wang, Chen	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #1007	\$1,555,439
Stevanovic, Aleksandar	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #411	\$675,000
Adler, Nathan	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #608	\$1,079,900
Corman, William H	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #810	\$599,900
Bhat, Arvind	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #811	\$821,150
Rosenfield, Zachary	Due Sorelle LLC	28 Symphony Rd #3	\$805,000
Kibel, Adam S	Depp, Lawrence R	133 W Concord St #2	\$2,642,000
Cherukara, Abraham M	Allied Residences LLC	88 Wareham St #302	\$959,000
Doubilet, Sarah	Mcardle, Thomas R	1411 Washington St #10	\$1,200,000
Doubilet, Sarah	Mcardle, Thomas R	1411 Washington St #9	\$1,200,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
11 Adl Property LLC	Elderhostel Inc	11 Avenue De Lafayette	\$22,925,000
Lau, Samuel W	Rama Kanthan LT	40-42 Beach St #5D	\$660,000
Finnegan, Andrew M	Greene, Peter P	154 Commercial St #3	\$874,000
Pokuri, Sreekrishna	761 Harrison Church LLC	77 Harrison Ave #202	\$705,000
Lin, Pan	Mahanna Mary Est	37 Oak St	\$1,050,000
Offner, Olivia C	151 Tremont Street T	151 Tremont St #10S	\$650,000
Fox-Moskowitz, Lara	Zhao, Benzhang	580 Washington St #2B	\$2,000,000

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Gov. Baker files legislation to extend certain COVID-19 emergency measures

Staff Report

On May 25, Governor Charlie Baker filed legislation to extend certain emergency measures currently in place via executive orders that are set to expire on June 15 when the State of Emergency will be rescinded. Most restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, will be rescinded effective May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents. This legislation proposes to extend measures providing for a temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining at restaurants, and billing protections for COVID-19 patients. When the State of Emergency ends, these orders will expire, and temporarily extending these measures will allow for time

to transition. Extending these measures, which were instituted by executive order, requires legislation.

To allow public bodies to safely meet during the pandemic and ensure public access to meetings, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order in March 2020 allowing these bodies to meet quorum requirements even if meetings were held remotely through electronic means as long as measures were taken to ensure the public with electronic access to the proceedings. The bill filed by Governor Baker today will extend these provisions related to the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law until September 1, 2021, which will allow additional time to consider possible permanent changes to the open meeting law to provide for greater flexibility in con-

ducting open meetings through reliance on electronic streaming and similar measures.

The bill will also grant municipalities authority to extend special permits for restaurants offering outdoor dining issued under the State of Emergency through November 29, 2021. Under an Executive Order issued in 2020, municipalities were permitted to use an expedited process to approve temporary permits for new or expanded outdoor dining and alcohol service. Without a legislative extension, special permits granted under the Governor's Order will expire 60 days after the end of the State of Emergency.

The legislation will also extend a protection adopted in an executive order that prohibits medical providers from billing patients

who have received COVID-related emergency and inpatient services for charges in excess of costs paid by their insurers. As filed, the protection would extend until January 1, 2022, at which time recently passed federal legislation that included protections for both emergency and non-emergency cases will become effective. Earlier this year, Governor Baker signed legislation establishing surprise billing protections for patients for non-emergency services.

"Massachusetts is leading the nation in the vaccination effort and that progress is enabling the Commonwealth to return to normal," said Governor Charlie Baker. "These temporary measures will help businesses and residents in this transition period, and I look forward to working on these and other issues in the week

ahead with our partners in the Legislature."

Last week, Governor Baker announced that on May 29, all industries will be permitted to open.

With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

Before June 15, the administration plans to take additional steps that will permit the continuation of targeted public health measures beyond the end of the State of Emergency, including the mask requirements announced last week.

RECOVERY INVESTMENTS (from pg. 9)

She announced \$50 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan to invest in the city's recovery.

"This is the first allocation of funding that will total \$500 million over 5 years," she said.

Janey said that she is putting together an "equitable recovery coordinating committee consisting of members of my cabinet, along with external stakeholders that will help ensure the equitable distribution of this funding."

She said that this committee

will work in conjunction with the City Council on addressing inequalities that existed before the pandemic hit.

The money will be put towards a "robust package of investments that protect the lives and livelihoods of Boston residents," including investments in small businesses, the public health response, and treating behavioral health and substance use disorder.

"Ten million dollars will sup-

port the hardest hit communities affected by COVID-19," Janey said, with investments in affordable housing, childcare, language access, and other services.

She said that \$14.5 million will be dedicated to food access, tourism and culture, and housing, "in addition to the \$50 million I've already invested in the Rental Relief Fund," Janey said, and \$15.5 million will be allocated for small businesses that have been affected the most by

COVID-19;

Additionally, Janey announced that City Hall will remain operating for in-person service four days a week May 29 through July 9 by appointment only, but as the city approaches full reopening, "you can enjoy the convenience of walk-in services at City Hall five days a week" beginning on July 12, she said.

"I want to thank all of our amazing, dedicated city employees who have been working hard

over the last 14 months of this pandemic, and as we reopen City Hall for full services, we are welcoming back our employees in a phased in approach over the next six weeks, because we understand that people need to work out their childcare options and summer camp options for their children and other responsibilities," Janey said. "We will continue to support our city employees as they return back into the building."

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

•June 3, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budget for the Department of Innovation and Technology.

*6 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is public testimony on any aspect of the FY22 Budget.

From the March 26 License Board hearing, online:

•Raising Cane's Restaurants, LLC; D/B/A: Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers - 755 BOYLSTON St., Back Bay. Has applied for a Common Victualer License to be exercised on the above - On two floors, first floor consisting of kitchen with stor-

age, manager's office, serving area, two restrooms, dining room, and basement consisting of storage and utility room. An outdoor annual patio on private property for 14 patrons, same operating hours as indoor restaurant. Manager: David Campo. Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.

•GEORGE BEST, INC. D/B/A: LIR - 903-905 BOYLSTON St., Back Bay. Holder of a Common Victualer 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license and the location from the above - To: Powder Dry, Inc. d/b/a Leader Bank Pavilion, 290 Northern Avenue Boston, MA 02210. The entire premises known as the Leader Bank Pavilion performance space, including seating area (5,493 capacity), concessions areas, concourse, and private function space. Joseph Dunne, Manager.

•CANTONA, INC. D/B/A: GLOBE; 384 BOYLSTON St., Back Bay. Holder of a Common Victualer 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license and the location from the above - To: Omni Boston Seaport Entertainment, LLC. d/b/a Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport, 450 Summer Street Boston, MA 02210. The entirety of the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport, consisting of 811,371 total square feet of space on 22 floors, including 1,054 guest rooms; meeting and event space; spa; retail and fitness areas; terrace and pool bar; full service restaurants, to go market, sporting club, brasserie and boulangerie

with dining areas and bars located on the ground floor, as well as lobby and lobby bar on the ground floor. Michael Charles Jorgensen, Manager. Secondly, has petitioned to change the License Type - From: Common Victualer 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License To: Innholder All Alcoholic Beverages License. Lastly, has petitioned for approval of Management Services Agreement between Omni Boston Seaport Entertainment LLC and COJE LLC., and Omni Hotels Management.

•Montecristo Mexican Grill LLC; 748A HUNTINGTON Ave., Fenway. Has applied for a Common Victualer 7 Day Malt & Wine License to be exercised on the above - The first floor and main entrance to the restaurant is on Huntington Avenue. It measures approximately 400 square feet, including kitchen, storage and dine in area. Maximum seating capacity is 18. No outdoor seating is offered. The restaurant operates 7 days per week between the hours of 11 a.m. and midnight. Manager: Endis Elias Ventura. Closing Time: Midnight.

•86 Mass Ave Wild Duck, Inc. D/B/A: Wild Duck; 86 MASSACHUSETTS Ave., Back Bay. Has applied for a Retail Package Store All Alcohol License to be exercised on the above - on one floor (3096 SF), consisting of a sales area with beverages and food displays, wine tasting area with bar top seating, product gondolas, sixteen (16) product coolers, walk in cooler, storage area with employee kitchen and lounge,

restroom, and office. Manager: Lalit Verma. Closing Time: 11 p.m.

•C.G.K. on Newbury, LLC D/B/A: Crazy Good Kitchen; 266 NEWBURY St., Back Bay. Has applied for a Common Victualer 7 Day Malt & Wine License to be exercised on the above - The Commercial restaurant located in the two subterranean floors of 266-268 Newbury Street, Boston, MA containing approx. 2,319 square feet, with two rooms, seating capacity of 102. There are two outdoor patios (open year round on private property) containing approx. 700 square feet on the first floor with 10 tables. Patio hours are the same as the restaurant, 11am-10pm. Storage is in the basement. Manager: Selma M. Desouza. Closing Time: 10 p.m.

•Mothership Alewife LLC; D/B/A: Revival Café - 103 NEWBURY St., Back Bay. Has applied for a Common Victualer 7 Day Malt, Wine & Liqueur License to be exercised on the above - on one floor (1579 Square feet) with kitchen/prep space, two restrooms, and café seating (34 seats), 2 exits, 1 entrance. Annual patio on private property with 18 seats, same hours as the restaurant. Additional 28 patio seats on public property (on street). Manager: Steven Postal. Closing Time: 9 p.m.

From the June 3 BPL and Public Facilities meeting, 6:30 p.m., online:

•Boston Public Library, McKim Master Plan Update: This study is looking comprehensively at the programming and functions of key public

spaces within the Boston Public Library's McKim Building, with an aim to repair, renovate and re-imagine.

REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS

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

HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

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

THE SUDBURY CONDOMINIUMS



110 SUDBURY STREET #4005
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,848 SQFT
\$3,250,000



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



36 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE #1
4 BEDS | 4.5 BATHS | 3,565 SQFT
\$7,499,000



812 E 6TH STREET #15
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,207 SQFT
\$1,349,000



15 MARLBOROUGH STREET #4
3 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 2,120 SQFT
\$4,200,000

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