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Council passes Operating Budget, and with mayoral melodrama included

By Seth Daniel

The City Council voted – though not unanimously – to approve the City’s Operating Budget, the School Department Budget, and the Capital Budget at its meeting on June 30, culminating what’s been a long and arduous journey that has made its way squarely into a mayoral

race issue.

It was the largest City Budget passed in the history of Boston – which is typically the case from year to year in modern times. The Budget does use more than \$80 million from the federal Rescue Plan funding, as well, to fund recovery efforts on many differ-

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Acting Mayor Kim Janey delivers first 100-days-in-office speech

By Dan Murphy

Acting Mayor Kim Janey delivered a speech commemorating her first 100 days in office on Friday, July 2, at the Museum of African American History.

“It has been just over a 100 days since I took office,” said Mayor Janey, a lifelong Bostonian. “As Mayor, I have an even deeper appreciation of our city, her people, and, above all, the work that goes into making Boston stronger every day. I must say that each and every day it has been a privilege to serve you and to lead this city. It is the honor of

my lifetime.”

During her speech, Mayor Janey announced she has established the city’s Children’s and Youth Cabinet, which serves as a policy-making group that coordinates city-based programs and services to increase equity, create opportunities, as well as to reduce disparities for the children and youth citywide. It will also work to optimize the city’s partnerships with nonprofits, faith-based organizations, higher education institutions and employers.

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COURTESY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Acting Mayor Kim Janey delivers her first 100-days-in-office on July 1 at the Museum of African American History.

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY IN BOSTON



Residents and revelers converged at City Hall Plaza on Sunday, July 4, to celebrate Independence Day in Boston with the City’s annual Fourth of July parade. See more photos on Page 5.

What’s in the Mystery Box?

First Lutheran Church, IBA officials crack open time capsule

By Seth Daniel

In the very last stone in the bottom corner of the basement of the old Villa Victoria Arts Center lay the cornerstone of the old building, and inside that cornerstone was the surprise of the summer – a 123-year-old time capsule from when the center was the predecessor of the First Lutheran Church in the Back Bay.

On Wednesday morning, in the sanctuary of the First Lutheran Church in the Back Bay, officials from the Church and from

IBA gathered to present the metal box time capsule buried on Oct. 16, 1898, and open it to see what was inside.

“This box seems to have passed out of memory and thought,” said Rev. James Hopkins of the First Lutheran Church of Boston. “We’ll get to see what was important for posterity in the eyes of our forefathers.”

Vanessa Calderon-Rosado, director of IBA, said the Lutheran Church had met at the Arts Center for many years, when it was a German-speaking church as

well. However, the congregation built a new facility in the Back Bay and moved there in the mid-1900s. IBA was formed in 1968 as the result of a protest against Urban Renewal demolition, and large amounts of affordable housing were built. In addition, the church had been purchased in 1980 to host arts and cultural events, as well as their bi-lingual pre-school. That all came to a halt a few years ago when a renovation project at the church went sideways, and it eventually

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‘We Sing: Boston’ to bring music to outdoor public spaces

By Dan Murphy

The Friends of the Public Garden is partnering with Boston Children’s Chorus for “We Sing: Boston” – a series of free, outdoor singing events taking place over five weekends from Saturday, July 17, through Sunday, Aug. 15, at outdoor public spaces in neighborhoods in and around Boston, including in

Chelsea, Roxbury, Dorchester, Chinatown, and Mattapan, and culminating in a city-wide singing event in September on the Boston Common.

The series includes “We Sing: Chelsea” on Saturdays, July 17 and Aug. 7, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Clark Avenue Middle School, 8 Clark Ave., Chelsea; “We Sing: Roxbury” on Sundays, July 18 and Sunday, Aug. 1,

from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Clifford Playground, 160 Norfolk Ave., Boston; “We Sing: Chinatown” on Saturdays, July 24 and Aug. 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Chin Park on The Greenway Surface Road and Beach Street, Boston; “We Sing: Dorchester” on Sundays, July 25 and Aug. 8, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Town Field

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EDITORIAL

NO ESCAPING CLIMATE CHANGE

Heat domes. Polar vortexes. Superstorms. Megadroughts. Wildfire tornados. Rising sea levels.

These terms were unheard of at the start of this century -- other than in academic journals -- but are now part of our everyday conversation.

Climate change and its catastrophic effects no longer exist in the realm of science fiction describing a distant and dystopian future -- they are part of the here-and-now in every corner of the globe.

Although it is true that our planet has been experiencing its hottest years in recorded history over the past decade, the term "global warming" does not really capture what is going on. Indeed, the phrase global warming almost has a warm and fuzzy connotation. After all, who likes to be cold?

But 14 years ago, the award-winning New York Times columnist and author Thomas Friedman used a different term to describe the effects of climate change. He called it "global weirding," first coined by the environmentalist L. Hunter Lovins, which Friedman described this way:

"Avoid the term 'global warming.' I prefer the term 'global weirding,' because that is what actually happens as global temperatures rise and the climate changes. The weather gets weird. The hots are expected to get hotter, the wets wetter, the dries drier, and the most violent storms more numerous."

Tom Friedman's reference to the term global weirding came amidst a torrent of climate change denial by Republican politicians and fossil fuel industry executives, but has proven to be prescient in view of the climate calamities of the past few years.

Just about everything we do, individually and collectively, impacts our climate negatively.

As Congress takes up President Biden's various infrastructure proposals, including many that address climate change, some may question the enormous expense of retrofitting our economy to lessen our impact on the planet.

However, putting the issue that way has it backwards. It's not whether we can afford to address climate change, but rather, can we afford NOT to do so.

GUEST OP-ED

Holidays and Freedoms

By State Sen. William Brownsberger

The recent hate crimes in Belmont, Winthrop, and Brighton, so close to home and so near the fourth of July, have me thinking about the meaning of our national holidays.

Seven of our eleven federal holidays celebrate our struggles for freedom and justice. Each of our national struggles have occurred in the context of broader international liberation struggles.

Independence Day and Washington's Birthday celebrate our declaration of independence from King George and honor those who fought our revolutionary war to uphold that declaration. Our revolution was just the first of many revolutions to replace the autocratic rule of European monarchs with government by the people.

Our new holiday, Juneteenth, celebrates the final end of slavery in the United States. Over 600,000 died in our civil war. By comparison, only 25,000 died in our revolutionary war. Almost as many soldiers died in the civil war as in all our other wars combined. Roughly 10 percent of the men between 18 and 45 died in the civil war and many more were maimed for life. The union soldiers sacrificed to free four million people from slavery.

It took a horrific convulsion to expunge the stain of slavery that ran so deep in our nation and to enshrine liberty for all in our constitution. It is fitting that we finally have a holiday that specif-

ically celebrates that milestone in our progress.

Martin Luther King Day celebrates a great leader and those who struggled alongside him to make freedom real for African Americans by dismantling the state and local laws discriminating against them.

The struggle for universal civil rights and freedoms continues to this day, but it is broader and more complex. It is not just about changing laws. It is about changing the behavior of individuals and institutions who may discriminate against not only African Americans but other minorities and/or women. All nations that are committed in good faith to basic human rights continue to struggle to realize those rights universally for their citizens.

The recent hateful incidents diminish the freedom of all minorities. Whether one is visibly Black, visibly Asian, visibly an orthodox Jew or visibly transgender, one should be able to walk the streets free from the fear of random violence.

Many people who commit hate crimes may suffer from some form of mental illness, but it is hateful ideology that leads them to translate their inner struggles into hateful actions. All of us, whether healthy or unhealthy, act based on the ideas we are exposed to. That is why it is so important that all of us speak out against violence and broadcast our appreciation for diversity.

We celebrate and thank the law enforcement officers who respond when hateful violence unfolds. They, like our soldiers, put them-

selves in harm's way to protect our freedoms. Veterans Day and Memorial Day are our holidays to remember those who have served and those who have given their lives to win and protect our freedom. On those days, we also honor our public safety personnel.

Labor Day honors public safety personnel, teachers, and other unionized workers, but more broadly honors all those who fought for better wages and working conditions in the international labor movement. It is easy to forget across the distance of years just how low wages often were and how cruel the workplace could be. The labor movement fought and won great victories to create the relative comfort that many of us now enjoy. As in the civil rights movement, there is more to be done.

Columbus Day has become controversial for good reason. Columbus' revealed the Americas to Europeans, but he did it so in the service of a monarch bent on acquiring resources for royal aggrandizement. Those who came after him destroyed the great pre-Columbian civilizations in the Americas. I support rethinking that holiday to align it better with the consistent values expressed by our other holidays.

The remaining three federal holidays — Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day — bring families together to enjoy the freedoms we have been blessed with.

William Brownsberger is a State Senator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts representing the Back Bay.

Movie filming in Union Park to take place through next week

By Seth Daniel

A new feature film will be arriving into the Union Park neighborhood of the South End next week for nine days of filming on Union Park Street — with most of the filming indoors and some of it happening overnight.

Countess Productions held a neighborhood meeting on June 28 and sent out a letter to residents warning them of the extended filming dates and

times, some of them in the overnight periods. Movie trucks will take up parking spots on Union Park Street near Shawmut Avenue for the filming times, but the company is looking to stage most of their vehicles on Union Park Street between Harrison and Washington Streets — a measure to keep so many movie trucks out of the residential area.

"The majority of filming will take place inside two residences on Union Park," read the letter.

"There will be three nights of late night or overnight filming along with some daytime exterior filming...We are working with the City of Boston, Union Park Neighborhood Association, Boston Police and Fire, to coordinate efforts to keep reduce our impact on your community. We understand we are guests in your neighborhood and expect to conduct ourselves accordingly."

Some movies in the past have filmed in the South End and been

a nuisance, particularly one that filmed on Tremont Street and staged in front of businesses for more than a week in the summer of 2018. However, Union Park officials said this company has been very proactive and is looking to be a good guest.

"In general, we always love having people feature the neighborhood/park in media and appreciate when the production companies respect and recognize the significant impact on the

community," said Abigail Cohen of Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA).

Filming Dates and Times include: 5 Union Park

- Tues., July 13 – 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Weds., July 14 – 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Thurs., July 15 – 6 p.m.-6 a.m.
- Fri., July 16 – 6 p.m.-6 a.m.
- Mon, July 19 – 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Tues., July 20 – 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Weds., July 21 – 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Thurs., July 22 – 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Fri., July 23 – 3 p.m.-3 a.m.

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1565 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester; and “We Sing: Mattapan” on Saturday, July 31, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Hunt-Almont Park, 40 Almont St., Boston, on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Harambee Park, 930 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan.

The details of the September event on the Common are still being finalized, but will be announced shortly, said Andrés Holder, executive director of the nonprofit Boston Children’s Chorus. “Essentially, we want to invite everyone who has participated in all the singing events and say, ‘let’s gather one more time before the fall to sing on the Common,’” he said.

The events, which will comply with local COVID safety guidelines, will also include games and prizes, including a raffle for gift cards from Black- and brown-owned businesses in the neighborhoods where they will be taking place.

Holder is quick to point out, however, these will be interactive “singing events” where the event facilitators and the audience will learn and sing the music compositions together, as opposed to traditional concert experiences.

As for the impetus for these events, Holder, who joined BCC last summer, said, “It was a happy accident, really. Boston Children’s Chorus, throughout the pandemic, had to change how we deliver our programming. Since we couldn’t sing indoors, we perfected the art of the outdoor rehearsal, and in doing that, at least for me, it was a really transformative experience, hearing children singing with masks outdoors. We thought, ‘why is this just for BCC, and why can’t we share it with the whole city?’”

Soon afterwards, Holder was talking with Liz Vizza, president of the Friends of the Public Garden, and mentioned to her the BCC’s plans to bring their

singing events to the city. Vizza immediately embraced the idea, said Holder, and offered for the Friends to partner with BCC to stage these events.

The Friends has since helped BCC connect not only at the city-level through its extensive experience in working in Boston’s public parks, said Holder, but they also helped BCC “deeply with community connections.”

And for the Friends, they are pleased to partner on these events that offer a new and creative way to enliven parks in and around Boston.

“We are so thrilled to be partnering with the BCC for this summer series ‘We Sing: Boston,’” said Vizza. “We love that these free outdoor singing events are using music to bring joy to diverse communities through-



out Boston. And since these wonderful events will be held in local parks throughout the City, they will help lift up the parks as well.”

“We Sing: Boston” is receiving additional support from the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

“We’re really blessed to be able to be in so many neighbor-

hoods in the city,” said Holder. “It’s really a blessing and a privilege to be able to offer this, and we hope that the community as a whole embraces the joy of collective music-making through children.”

To volunteer or register for the singing events, or for more information, visit <https://www.bostonchildrenschorus.org/our-programs/we-sing/>.

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According to the city, the cabinet’s initial efforts will include: the creation of an inventory of programs serving children, families, and youth ages 0 to 24 within the city; identifying coordination across departments and cabinets that leads to better services and outcomes; establishing baseline metrics to measure and track progress on the wellbeing of children, families, and youth in the city; and integrating strategic plans and performance metrics across departments.

The cabinet has already coordinated a recent collaboration between Boston Public Schools and the Boston Public Library to enable student ID cards to function as library cards, according to the city, while in June, its Policy and Planning team partnered with BPS, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, and the Office of Workforce Development to launch the College and Career Pathways initiative with Harvard University’s Project on Workforce. The Harvard team is scheduled to deliver a landscape analysis to the cabinet at the end of July.

Also, Mayor Janey said her transition committee, co-chaired by Linda Dorcena Forry, Betty Francisco, Steve Grossman, Quincy Miller, and Kate Walsh, and comprising 160 members of the public, drafted a set of recommendations on how the city can recover from this pan-

demic, which, she said, “lay the groundwork for a stronger city going forward” on topics ranging from public health to public education, from economic development to housing, from transportation and climate justice to safety and healing.

“We have made great strides in expanding equitable vaccine access, supporting businesses in reopening, and getting our children back to school safely,” she said. “We have stood up for climate and racial justice in proposed projects and we have worked to change how our community responds to mental health crises.”

As the city recovers from the pandemic, nearly 3,000 renters have used the City’s Rental Relief Fund to date, said Mayor Janey, while the city has allocated \$1 million in job training for industries that were hit the hardest, as well as another \$1 million dollars in job training for artists. On July 1, the city also hosted its first Community Advisory Board meeting, she added, with community partners in labor, environmental justice, and education “to shape \$4 million dollars of investment in green jobs.”

Mayor Janey said the city has also created its Office of Participatory Budgeting, which will “allow even more people to directly impact how their tax dollars are invested.”



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State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz announces her candidacy for governor

By Lauren Bennett

Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz announced on June 23 that she is joining the race for governor of Massachusetts. Chang-Diaz currently serves as the state senator for the Second Suffolk District, which includes parts of Jamaica Plain.

The Boston Globe and other outlets report that Ben Downing and Danielle Allen, both Democrats, have also announced their candidacies, and incumbent governor Charlie Baker has not made an announcement regard-

ing running for a third term.

"I've spent my life listening to powerful people tell me to slow down, to think smaller, to wait," Chang-Diaz said in a video published on her YouTube channel on Wednesday.

"Voters didn't send me to the State Senate to wait. I'm Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Beacon Hill has learned three things about me: I speak up, I organize, and I win."

Chang-Diaz is the first Latina on the Massachusetts Senate, and in the video, she said "Beacon Hill insiders drag their



State Sen. and candidate for Governor of Massachusetts Sonia Chang-Diaz.

feet every step of the way, saying 'think smaller.' Instead, we fought unapologetically for the things working families actually need."

Chang-Diaz is a Jamaica Plain resident, along with her husband and two children.

"Our state is at a turning point now, and we face a choice," she said in the video. "Do we go back to business as usual, or do we run toward problems with the urgency and determination to solve them. That's the kind of fire we need in government."

She tweeted on the 23rd, along with a group of photos of her supporters holding signs, "I was proud to kick off our campaign today alongside so many organizers, community leaders, & residents working on the front lines for justice -- and who are hungry for change. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We can build the Commonwealth we know is possible."

Chang-Diaz has launched a campaign website, which can be found at www.soniachangdiaz.com.

Police arrest man for Sept. 2020 homicide on Hammond Street

Staff Report

On Friday, July 2, members of the Boston Police Fugitive Unit arrested Brandon Campbell, 28, of Dorchester in South Boston on an outstanding Suffolk Superior Court warrant for Murder, two counts of Armed Assault with Intent to Murder, and two counts of Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon.

The facts and circumstances surrounding the original incident are as follows: At about 7:46 PM on Friday, September 18, 2020, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a radio call for a person shot in the area

of Hammond Street and Westminster Street in the South End. Upon arrival, officers located three adult male victims suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. The three victims were transported to local hospitals, two with non-life-threatening injuries and one with life-threatening injuries. The victim suffering life-threatening injuries later succumbed to his injuries. That victim was later identified as Dennis Mejia, 43, of Boston.

The Boston Police Department continues to review the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and is asking anyone

with information relative to this investigation to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at (617) 343-4470.

HIT POLICE CRUISER

One officer from a citywide Special Unit was hit and injured on July 3 at the intersection of Tremont Street and Mass Ave. in the South End by a reckless driver fleeing from a domestic incident in another part of city.

Around 4:49 p.m., the officer – who is not part of the local D-4 contingent – was travelling through the busy intersection when the driver of the other vehicle ran the intersection and slammed into the officer's cruiser.

The officer was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The incident drew a huge police response, as the driver had earlier fled a domestic incident with his mother in another part of the city, and had been driving erratically throughout the neighborhoods ever since. He was arrested for the domestic incident

and the injured officer is expected to recover.

ARRESTED FOR FIREARMS

At about 6:17 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, members of the Youth Violence Strike Force made an onsite arrest of Lamar Tillery, 30, of Hyde Park for firearm and drug related offenses, due to a traffic stop in the area of Washington Street and E. Brookline Street in the South End.

While on patrol, officers observed a motor vehicle with extremely dark tinted windows traveling on Washington Street.

Officers activated their emergency blue lights and sirens to conduct a traffic stop. Upon speaking to the driver (Tillery), and after conducting a CJIS query, it was revealed that his license to operate a motor vehicle had been suspended. Tillery was safely removed from the motor vehicle and placed under arrest for Operation After Revocation/Suspension.

As officers searched the motor vehicle, they located a Glock 27

.40 caliber with fifteen rounds in the chamber. Also recovered from the vehicle was a bag containing scale, fourteen plastic bags of a brown powdery substance believed to be Heroin, totaling 25 grams, one plastic bag containing a white powdery substance believed to be Cocaine, totaling 28 grams, and one plastic bag containing a yellowish rock like substance believed to be Crack Cocaine, totaling 68 grams.

Tillery was additionally charged with; Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, Possession of a Firearm with a Defaced Serial Number, Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device, Trafficking Class A, (Heroin), Trafficking Class B, (Cocaine) and Trafficking Class B (more than 36 Grams of Crack Cocaine).

Tillery is expected to be arraigned in Boston Municipal Court.

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State approves final proposal for Shattuck site; ENC calls for alternative placement of housing, services

By Lauren Bennett

The discussion of alternative sites for health care and housing services proposed for the Shattuck Campus site has been a topic of conversation among residents who live in the communities surrounding Franklin Park, and what should be done with the site has also been a point of contention, as some agree with the state's plan, and others do not.

With plans for the hospital to move to the South End's East Newton Pavilion, the state has put forward a Request for Proposals (RFP) for plans to use the Shattuck site for health and behavioral services and create supportive housing.

Other organizations and residents, however, are calling for the 13 acre Shattuck Campus to be returned to Franklin Park as open space, and many have suggested the MBTA Arborway Yard as an alternative site for the supportive housing and services.

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy (ENC) is one of those organizations. ENC President Karen Mauney-Brodek wanted to make it clear that the organization absolutely supports these resources and services for the formerly homeless and those dealing with substance abuse, but the organization believes they should be sited elsewhere.

She said that "I wanted to be very clear that the Shattuck Hos-

pital and the services it provides are essential to our city and the public."

She said that "the Commonwealth of Massachusetts decided that the [hospital] building should be torn down and most of the services relocated to the South End well over a year ago." She said that the state did not ask the community "what would you like to do with this public land?"

Mauney-Brodek said that while the state proposed using this land for supportive housing for the formerly homeless, it "is not proposing to provide any funding for that."

According to the project page for the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment at Morton Street Proposal on the state's website, at the beginning of 2020, the state finished a "vision planning process" for the site that lasted more than a year, and in December, a "Preliminary Project Proposal was approved by the Asset Management Board (AMB)."

The site reads, "The AMB reviews and approves proposed projects that involve the long-term lease of real estate assets held by state agencies, and enables a competitive disposition process (such as a Request for Proposals (RFP) process)."

The AMB on June 29 "voted on and approved a revised Final

Project Proposal," which can also be viewed on that site.

On a Frequently Asked Questions document on the project page, one of the FAQs is whether these services can be sited at the Arborway Yard.

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) stated as a response that "The Shattuck Campus is an important public health resource for the Commonwealth and it is the Commonwealth's intention that the site continue to be used in a manner that is consistent with the statutory and deed use restrictions that require the site be used for public health purposes..." as has been stated at previous community meetings. "Furthermore, our discussions with the MBTA have indicated that the Arborway lot is not a viable option at this time for the foreseeable future."

Several planning principles are also listed in this document, including "improve access to neighborhoods with public transit, bike and pedestrian options; increase green and open space," among others.

"The Commonwealth is proposing building [supportive housing] on this fairly isolated property away from the Forest Hills T station, away from shops, away from work opportunities, away from housing of mixed incomes," Mauney-Brodek said.

"Today, we don't build or isolate different types of housing. We build it in a more inclusive... environment."

She added that the ENC believes that it is "extremely poor planning" that the state did not include other sites as part of its proposal.

"We took time with North eastern [University] to evaluate other options," she said, and "looked at other sites around the park which could serve community members."

She also said that the parkland is much needed in Franklin Park, despite its large size.

"Almost 40 percent of what was originally open space has already been limited in one way or another, be it by cost or access or the maintenance yard, which takes up many acres of the park," she said.

She said that through the work with Northeastern University, it was discovered that the Arborway Yard, which encompasses 18 acres of space, could be a contender to site these services.

She said that the existing building at 500 Arborway is "essentially abandoned." She said there is a "huge area there, and we know that it's really important that the MBTA move to electric buses..."

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CELEBRATING FOURTH OF JULY



Patriot re-enactors gathered in front of City Hall on July 4 to help usher in the July 4th Parade through downtown Boston, after it had been cancelled last year. Along the route, excited participants gathered with American flags to celebrate the return of public events like Independence Day and Parades.

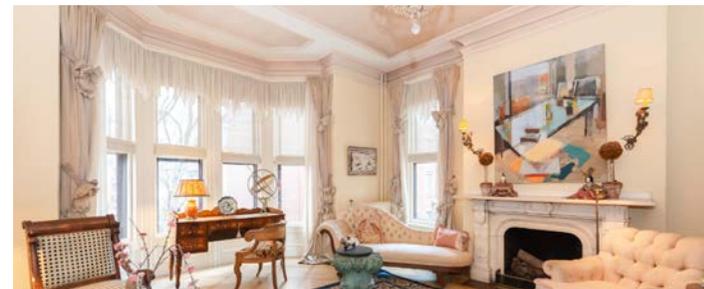


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She said that an electric bus yard would provide several benefits, ranging from being “much more attractive” to the fact that electric buses can be parked underground.

“We believe that the Northeastern study shows us that we can accommodate a better, expanded, environmentally forward-thinking bus facility,” Mauney-Brodek said.

Mauney-Brodek said that cur-

rently, there are “definitely some important services at the Shattuck. Shelter services are key,” she added, and “I know that this is going to be a process over time and so we want to work with all parties to achieve the best things for the services and the community...”

She continued, “this is an important moment; we hope that again the radical idea that two state agencies work together could be realized for the ben-

efit of the folks that the services could serve.”

Though DCAMM said in the FAQ document that planning to site these services at the Arborway Yard “would add significant delays the redevelopment and provision of these urgently needed services,” Mauney-Brodek said that the ENC believes “the timeframe is the same as the one the state is providing” to build the housing and services on the

Arborway Yard site rather than at Franklin Park.

She also urged the mayoral candidates to look over the RFP, adding that the ENC feels that the outreach was not “done as deeply” as it should have been. She said that while an advisory board was created, “they were not given an approval process. You will not see folks from Mattapan or Dorchester on that.” She said that more voices need to

be included in the process.

Mauney-Brodek added that the “JP side of the park is more open and accessible than other sides,” which have more fencing and other barriers.

“This is another part of the park that has been impenetrable,” she said. “It’s important that questions get asked and the state be required to look at alternatives if they have the opportunity to do that.”

CITY BUDGET (from pg. 1)

ent fronts.

With Acting Mayor Kim Janey, and three city councilors – Michelle Wu, Andrea Campbell and Annissa Essaibi George – all being mayoral candidates and having a say in the City Budget process this year, the document became one centerpiece of this year’s campaigns.

That was evident in the votes on June 30, with Wu and Campbell voting against the Operating Budget – and Essaibi George voting for it and Janey clearly championing her first effort in running the process. The Operating Budget passed by a vote of 10-2.

“The budgets passed today make Boston stronger, more equitable, and will help every resident through this year of recovery, reopening, and renewal,” said Janey. “I am proud to lead our city with funding priorities that reflect our shared values. I thank the Boston City Council and the residents of Boston for their partnership and participation in our Fiscal Year 2022 budgeting process.”

But both Wu and Campbell indicated it wasn’t a great effort.

“This budget represents a lack of vision at a moment that desperately demands it,” said Wu. “We need a new approach to the housing crisis, real reforms to the Police Department, and investments in communities of color. This budget should set the foundation for the next Mayor to implement the big changes our city deserves. Instead, it fails to adequately address our biggest challenges.” Campbell was critical of the effort, and of using federal Rescue Act monies for budget items.

“Bostonians deserve more than a status quo budget following an unprecedented year of loss, economic instability, public health crises, learning disruption, and increased demands for systemic change,” she said. “We shouldn’t have to wait for systemic reform. Acting Mayor

Janey’s budget fails to deliver true change on the most pressing issues facing our city -- particularly on police reform, the opioid and homelessness crisis that folks are experiencing particularly at Mass & Cass, and giving every child access to a quality education in the Boston Public Schools.

“The additional funds from the American Rescue Plan provide important but only temporary investment in efforts to increase mental health services, community-based violence prevention, addressing the opioid crisis, when these demand systemic reforms and long-term investment in our annual budget,” she continued.

Councilor Essaibi George said she didn’t agree with everything in the City Budget, but wasn’t interested in making it a political football in the mayoral race.

“We had a responsibility to pass the City budgets today (June 30),” she wrote on her Twitter Account. “I want to be clear that I do not agree with everything in them and critical investments are missing. But we needed to have the difficult conversations, pass them, stop playing politics and deliver for the people of Boston.”

Charlestown Councilor Lydia Edwards, who is not running for mayor, voted for all three budgets, even though she said the process is broken. She used the moment to advocate for her upcoming Charter Amendment that will go to the voters citywide on the November ballot – an amendment that would re-design the City’s budgeting process.

“The City Council...passed the operating budget for the next fiscal year,” she wrote. “Our current budget process is a broken merry go round. No one budget vote can bring systemic change. That’s why we are asking the people of Boston to change the process this fall.”

Campbell and Councilor Frank Baker voted against the School Department budget, and it passed 10-2. The vote on the

Capital Budget was unanimous.

This Budget includes an additional \$31.5 million in funding for the emergency relief plan, building on the previously announced \$50 million. In total, the City of Boston has proposed \$81.5 million to support an equitable recovery and reopening for Boston residents, workers and small businesses in partnership with the City Council, using funding the City of Boston has received from the federal government following the passage of the American Rescue Plan. Funding will be allocated to City and community programs and initiatives, focused on public health, the economy and resources for individuals hardest hit by the pandemic. Boston expects to receive more than \$500 million through the American Rescue Plan to support the City’s recovery from the pandemic through the end of 2024, with millions in other federal funds going directly to schools and rental relief efforts.

The \$81.5 million emergency relief plan will focus on the following priority areas:

- \$14 million to support public health response:

- *\$7 million for COVID-19 response including mobile vaccine and testing operations and outreach

- *\$6 million for behavioral health and substance use, including funding for opioid treatment and services

- *\$1 million for maintaining digital access to City services

- \$32.9 million for communities most impacted by COVID-19, including:

- *\$22.4 million for investments in affordable housing and housing navigation services.

- *\$20 million for acquisition of occupied buildings to prevent displacement.

- *\$2 million for additional land acquisition opportunities.

- *\$400,000 for housing navigation assistance and stabilization services.

- *\$3.5 million for addressing health disparities and social determinants of health.

- *\$2.5 million to tackle key gaps in social determinants of health, as outlined by the Health Inequities Task Force.

- *\$1 million for community violence intervention programs.

- *\$2 million for supporting childcare and early learning initiatives.

- *\$2 million for BPS student and family supports, including additional dollars for social workers to ensure a full time social worker in every school.

- *\$2 million for ensuring pedestrian safety through additional support to the Slow Streets program.

- *\$500,000 for green building retrofits.

- *\$500,000 for supporting language access, communications, and evaluation.

- \$18.6 million to address the economic impact of the pandemic on food access, housing, arts, culture, and tourism:

- *\$4 million for arts and culture, including \$3 million for the creative economy industry to help working artists reopen safely and \$1 million to support other projects and creative professionals across the city.

- *\$3.1 million for programs strengthening homeownership and supporting individuals facing housing insecurity.

- *\$3 million for food access and equity, including initiatives to support community-based solutions, expand local growing spaces, pilot an affordable community supported agriculture (CSA) model, provide assistance with applying to safety-net programs, and destigmatize utilization of food resources.

- *\$3 million for expansion of Green Jobs program, building on the \$1 million investment in the FY22 budget.

- *\$3 million for digital equity and access, including an initiative to integrate digital literacy training into job training programs to

meet labor market needs and an initiative to expand Wi-Fi in public housing.

- *\$1 million for basic needs assistance for families not eligible for previous COVID-19 benefits.

- *\$1 million to expand reach of All-Inclusive Boston campaign and support the tourism industry.

- *\$500,000 for expansion of Young Adult jobs pilot, building on the \$300,000 investment in the FY22 budget.

- \$16 million for small business relief:

- *\$8 million to build on previous small business funds and create a new, flexible grant fund designed to help small businesses cover expenses related to their reopening, recovery, and growth.

- *\$7.5 million to meet existing demand for the Commercial Rental Relief Fund, designed to stabilize small businesses and prevent commercial displacement due to the pandemic.

- *\$500,000 for expansion of High Roads Kitchen Restaurant Relief Fund.

The allocation of this immediate funding was guided by the City of Boston’s Equitable Recovery Coordinating Committee (ERCC), which is being formed to ensure the equitable and efficient coordination of stimulus resources for the short- and long-term benefit of Boston residents, with an intentional focus on those who have been hurt most by the pandemic. The ERCC is steered by City leadership, with additional representation across City departments and external stakeholders.

The ERCC will continue to be informed by residents and community stakeholders. The \$81.5 million emergency relief fund represents 15 percent of the overall \$500 million federal investment that Boston expects to receive through 2024. The City of Boston will launch a city-wide engagement process and work with the people of Boston to program the remaining federal funds.

TIME CAPSULE (from pg. 1)

was condemned. In November, IBA began the demolition of the building, with the hopes of raising money and building a brand-new center in its place.

During demolition, however, they found a pleasant surprise.

“During demolition we came across this box buried inside the cornerstone of the building,” she said. “We actually called



PHOTOS BY MAUREEN CAVANAUGH OF THE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORY, INC. Rev. James Hopkins shows off the Oct. 18, 1898 edition of the Boston Herald that was buried inside the time capsule.

our preservation consultant and told her we found a box and it was sealed...She said maybe we should open it and it could be a time capsule. We decided to reach out to the church and open it together. We believe anything inside will be of historical importance to both the church and to us as curators of the space.”

As a precaution, they even had a German translator in the house to read any important messages that might be written in the native tongue of the former congregation.

After a prayer by Rev. Hopkins, a craftsman was able to unseal the metal box, and it was opened.

Inside was mostly papers, which had eroded significantly over the years despite the seal. There wasn't gold or precious treasure, but in a way there was treasure, as it revealed documents and papers that told the story of the German immigrant congregation that once gathered in the South End – a congregation long absorbed into the life-stream of America and lost mostly to the current Back Bay Lutheran wor-

shippers.

The materials buried in the box include the following:

- A hymnal;
- A catechism;
- A copy of the Augsburg Confession;
- The history of the congregation;
- The constitution of the church;
- Signatures of the parish's officers;
- Church papers;
- Newspapers – The Telegraph (written in German) and The Herald, both dated October 16, 1898

•And several coins (a quarter, nickel, dime and penny from 1898).

Of the materials included in the box, parts of the newspapers were intact along with the coins.

The Boston Herald from Oct. 18, 1898 told the harrowing story of a water tragedy where some 68 people were reported to have drowned, with heroic efforts by rescuers to save people.

“This history had gone unknown and buried in a box for 123 years until now when it has



First Lutheran Church of Boston Rev. James Hopkins (left) and IBA Director Vanessa Calderon-Rosado (second from right) open the mystery box time capsule inside the church on Wednesday, July 7. The box had been buried in the cornerstone of the South End's Villa Victoria Arts Center, now demolished, which had previously been home to the predecessor congregation of the First Lutheran.

Also looking on are former First Lutheran leaders Rev. Ingo Dutzmann (1997-2019) and Rev. Walter Reuning (1967-1997).



A view of the papers and books, many highly eroded, that were viewed when opening the mystery box time capsule – long forgotten in the cornerstone of the former Villa Victoria Arts Center.

been uncovered again,” said Rev. Hopkins.

Also on hand for the opening were former leaders of the First Lutheran Church in Boston, including Rev. Ingo Dutzmann (1997-2019) and Rev. Walter Reuning (1967-1997).

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Exam School Admission Task Force puts off test for this fall, embroiled in further controversy

By Seth Daniel

For just a small fraction of the Boston Public School (BPS) student population, the Exam Schools have proffered no shortage of controversy and outsized attention this year.

That was on display last Wednesday, June 30, when the Exam School Admissions Task Force co-chairs Tanisha Sullivan and Michael Contompasis presented their recommendations to the full School Committee amidst controversy and a recommendation for delaying the administration of the entrance exam another year.

The recommendations were to be discussed once more at a School Committee meeting on July 7, and then they are expected to come up for a vote on July 14 – with that vote ushering in a permanent change to an admissions process that has been under examination since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City's three exam schools include Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy and O'Bryant High.

The recommendations as presented were supported by both co-chairs and Supt. Brenda Cassellius, but many on the Task Force were very upset by a sudden change in the recommendations last Tuesday night, June 29, and as such presented a dissenting viewpoint at the meeting charging that “powerful” politicians intervened for “affluent” Bostonians to cook the process toward their style of stew.

The change came in a last-minute addition to how seat invitations were allocated – with a new 20 percent of seats carved out citywide and not subject to the new socio-economic status tiers that were recommended. Previously, 100 percent of the seats were under the socioeconomic tier system, but the final recommendation only included 80 percent, with the new 20 percent carve out to go to the top students ranked citywide without consideration of socioeconomic tiers.

Members Dr. Rosann Tung and Simon Chernow, who just graduated from Boston Latin Academy this spring, delivered the dissent and alleged politics upstaged hundreds of hours of work to get to a consensus among the Task Force.

“Reserving seats for the privileged goes against our charge,”

Summary Final Recommendation

Step 1: Who Is Eligible

Purpose: Determine Student Preparedness

Admissions Cycle	Criteria	Weight
SY22-23	Grades (B average or higher) +High Poverty Indicators	100%
SY23-24 And beyond	Assessment Grades +High Poverty Indicators	30% 70% (10 or 15 points)

High poverty indicator:

- 15 Points for students living in BHA housing, experiencing homelessness and in DCF care.
- OR
- 10 points for students attending a school whose enrollment reflects 50% or greater low income students

Step 2: Who is Invited

Purpose: Ensure Citywide Access

Admissions Cycle	Mechanism	Weight
SY22-23 And beyond	Straight Rank City-wide Straight Rank Socioeconomic Tiers	20% 80%

Chernow said.

“We were asked to throw democracy and open meeting rules out the window,” he said. “We weren’t even given the chance to vote. Behind closed doors, powerful people formed a recommendation that ended hundreds of hours of Task Force members’ work. It is an insult to people who bravely gave public comment...Their voices will never be prioritized and elite and powerful Bostonians went above them and reversed the strides BPS made...What happened (June 29) will go down as a step in the wrong direction. We feel angry and demoralized by this last ditch effort.”

He said he hoped that the politicians that changed things would be outed and the voters could decide whether they should remain in office, though he did not disclose any names.

Supt. Cassellius said she did support the recommendations, even with the 20 percent carve out.

“If you told me two years ago we’d be bringing you a policy that increased equitable access to our Exam Schools for all students, I wouldn’t have believed it would have come this soon,” she said. “We live in a divided country and we have divisions within our own city. To say our Exam Schools are a third rail or a hot topic in our City is really an understatement.”

She also added that the system cannot go on with the perception that there are only three good high schools, and they are the three Exam Schools. She said the high school re-design program aims to fix that situation so there is equal rigor in all high schools

across the city, whether Exam Schools, Application Schools or Open Enrollment Schools.

Sullivan said the recommendations come from more than 60 hours of meetings over the last few months, with 24 meetings and four public listening sessions since February. A change from the past is they have separated the eligibility process from invitation process – making two different processes, which was hailed by some School Committee members.

A key change in the upcoming admission cycle, 2022-23, is that there will be no test for a second year, though the test is expected to be reinstated for the 2023-24 cycle.

“You will see the absence of an assessment in the school year 2022-23,” said Contompasis. “It is the strong feeling of the Task Force that due to the pandemic, it would not really be fair to offer an assessment in this year to students, many of whom had disruption to their education through no fault of their own.”

For the upcoming 2022-23 cycle, the eligibility will be based on grades, with a B average or higher the standard. There will also be a new system created for High Poverty Indicators which gives extra points to students in tough situations.

For instance, students attending a school with 50 percent or more of students identified as economically disadvantaged would get an extra 10 points in the invitation process. Likewise, students experiencing homelessness, students in the care of DCF and students living in Boston Housing Authority properties would get an extra 15 points in

the invitation process.

In 2023-24, the assessment would be reintroduced, but would only count for 30 percent of students ranked score, while grades would account for 70 percent. High Poverty Indicators would continue to offer 10 and 15 extra points for those in tough circumstances.

The controversial piece came in how invitations are distributed after the eligibility and ranking process has transpired, and that is where the new 20 percent citywide carve out was introduced to the disdain of some members.

That controversy erupted due to the new socioeconomic tier system that was introduced based on Census Tracts – which is believed to be fairer than was the use of zip codes this past year. Using socioeconomic data from the American Community Survey of the U.S. Census, students would be grouped into similar socioeconomic Census Tracts and seats would be doled out starting from the lowest-income tracts to the highest income tracts.

That system was immediately applauded by Committee member Michael O’Neill – who said many zip codes in Boston can have tremendous wealth and tremendous poverty in the same area.

“We all know neighborhoods in the City where you see huge socio-economic changes within a block and I think zip codes can hide that,” he said.

The controversy in the recommendations came because 100 percent of the seats were to be decided based on that socioeconomic system using the ranked list and choosing students based

upon Census Tract. However, the 20 percent carve out that exists outside that process was introduced late in the game, and obviously some were unhappy.

Sullivan and Contompasis said the carve out came from looking at how Chicago Public Schools implemented their socioeconomic tier system. There, they have a 30 percent citywide carve out, and then 70 percent of the seats are based on the tier system. They said they looked at 40/60, 30/70, and 20/80, and did have simulations run to see how they would work in real time – simulations that they said would likely be public.

Sullivan added that the Task Force never intended to take a vote, so complaints about not voting June 29 were unfounded.

“We did not take a formal vote on either recommendations,” she said. “The goal was to get to consensus.”

As a sobriety check point in the exhaustive Exam School Admissions discussion, many stopped to say that there needed to be less concern about Exam Schools and more concern about the 50,000 other students in the district. Both Sullivan and Supt. Cassellius said as much in their comments.

Will Austin, of the Boston Schools Fund, said in his discussion of the meeting that a good lesson from this process would be to see that there is too much attention paid to where 190 kids will go to 7th grade next year.

“Very rarely in education do our policy decisions become so pitched, so zero sum, over such a small number of kids,” he wrote. “If the final crux of the debate is truly about the top 20 percent and who has the straightest line to Boston Latin School, then we are potentially talking about a 190 or so kids...The exam school task force met 24 times. The meetings were observed by thousands of people. One of its recommendations nearly ground city government to a halt...We cannot achieve a vision of equitable access and opportunity to high-quality schools in Boston if we continue to limit our time and attention to controversy, clicks, and where 190 7th graders may go to school to in the fall of 2022.”

The School Committee is likely to vote on the recommendations on July 14.

SELDC provides feedback on proposals for Ebenezer Baptist Church; tent for outdoor seating at Atelier 505

By Lauren Bennett

The South End Landmark District Commission (SELDC) met virtually on July 6, where members discussed two projects under advisory review, which allows project proponents to get feedback from the Commission before formally submitting an application for a vote.

The first project was at 157 West Springfield St. to redevelop the former Ebenezer Baptist Church into residential housing, and the second was at 505 Tremont St. to build a non-permanent addition on the Berkeley St. side for four season dining.

157 WEST SPRINGFIELD ST.

Architect Mike DellaFave presented the proposal for the Ebenezer Church, saying that the architecture team had done a lot of research into the history of the building when working on the design for the new proposal.

He said that the church was built in 1860 for the Third Presbyterian Church, and eventually “taken over by the Ebenezer Baptist Church.” The building was designed by N.J. Bradlee, a “notable architect in the South End,” according to SELDC Chair John Amodeo.

The church had become a location for civil rights rallies, and is now a Black Heritage site. He said the team is “very conscious of that history,” and they “want to create a place that is respectful of that.”

The church is currently vacant, and features an asphalt roof, chain link fence, empty gardens, and stucco infill above the red front doors.

DellaFave said that the team wants to bring the door on Ward Way down to grade and use that as the residential entrance, which would also help their goal of having more foot traffic on Ward Way and “allows us to get handicapped accessibility into the building for future residences,” he added.

The current doors on the building are not original, but he said that at community meetings the team learned that the “community was very interested in drawing attention to the front of the building,” so “our idea is to be inspired by those original doors” but make the new ones

more glassy to let in more light to the amenity space.

“We’ve chosen not to paint them red,” he added, saying that red signifies a “sacred space” which this building will no longer be. The existing stained glass windows will be moving with the Ebenezer Baptist Church as part of the purchase and sales agreement.

The team also proposed a window concept that is based off of the stained glass windows.

Additionally, DellaFave said that the team wants to create a new entry canopy on Ward Way as well as create a sidewalk on that side of the building.

He then talked about the roof addition, which will help bring some light into the residential units, as the existing brick church does not offer many windows. The mechanical equipment will be located in a “depressed area in the center of the roof,” and as of right now, will be “completely contained and not visible,” he said.

Potential materials for the roof include green slate tiles or copper, and then the sides of the addition would feature “rich wood” and glassy windows. The brick work on the existing building will be restored.

Commissioner John Freeman asked the team why they chose wood for the side of the addition.

“We were originally thinking of metal,” DellaFave said. “We actually had a much glassier facade at one point in our process,” but he said that other materials “...felt too institutional,” and when researching other churches, they “felt wood would be a good match here.”

He said that there are four units on the upper floor, so that’s why there are four dormers. He said that the team “felt the project should be kind of roof-like.”

The Commission and the team also discussed whether or not Ward Way was a public way, but the answer is not definitive at this time. The Commission requested that this information be found out before the team comes back, as it will determine what is and isn’t within the purview of the Commission on that side of the building.

Overall, Commissioners seemed pleased with this proposal, and offered some comments and suggestions for the team as

they prepare to submit a formal application.

Commissioner John Freeman said he would like to see more information on the garden areas as they are a “very important part of the South End vocabulary.” He also had some concerns with the design of the canopy.

“In terms of the addition, I think it’s great,” Freeman said. He continued, “my focus is mainly on this south side and how it works,” including the “canopy at the lower level and how the addition interacts or not with the south wall of the existing building.” He also said that the windows replacing the stained glass “need more development.”

Commissioner John Amodeo said that he is typically “apprehensive” about additions on historic buildings, as “adding floors to a historic building is tricky business.”

However, he said he believes the addition proposed for this building is “clever,” and it “breaks down the massing. It doesn’t look like a huge box added to what was a pitched roof building.”

Commissioner David Shepherd also said that the “roof line is very interesting,” and wanted some more of the heavier details present in South End buildings, but “overall, I think very, very good,” he said of the proposal.

Amodeo did say that the design needs a little more development to make it have more South End character. He added that he likes the proposed doors, but cautioned the team to ensure that they have depth and detail.

He also liked the concept of restoring the gardens, and thinks that using Ward Way as the accessible entrance is a good idea, so there doesn’t have to be vast changes to the front of the building.

“Have as much context as possible when you come back,” Amodeo advised. The team thanked the Commissioners for their comments.

505 TREMONT STREET

At 505 Tremont St, home to the Atelier 505 condominium building, architect Tim Love proposed a non-permanent addition to the building on the Berkeley St. side for seating for the Life Alive Cafe.

“It’s a four season tent,” he

said of what was being proposed, and would not be permanently attached to the building.

Although the proposed tent would be permanent for as long as Life Alive rents the space at the building, “it is not imagined to be a permanent part of the building,” Love said.

He added that the proposed tent does not “penetrate the plaza,” but rather would utilize “cast concrete shoes with planters” as well as a flashing strip that will keep water out and be attached to the mortar of the building.

The roof would be made of canvas, and the sides would be made of clear vinyl that could be rolled out of the way three out of the four seasons.

“The tent itself will be a different darker blue than the existing lighter blue on the rest of Atelier 505,” Love said.

He proposed “branding and lettering” for the side of the tent as well.

The tent will provide more seating for the cafe year-round, as heaters will be installed for

use during the winter. He said that Down Under Yoga is also partnering with Life Alive Cafe, and this tent will provide access to one of the yoga studios as well as the cafe.

“This is going to be open air as much as it can,” Love said. “Only with inclement weather or extremely cold weather would the enclosures come out.”

Commissioner John Freeman had some concerns about the material for the windows, as he said he has seen this type of window get foggy before.

Keith Pascal, one of the owners of Life Alive Cafe, said that they are made of vinyl, and while they are “not quite as translucent as glass,” they are “completely clear” and “non-frosted.”

Love added that the panels on the side are proposed to be made of wood.

“Why didn’t you consider a more permanent architectural addition?” Freeman asked.

“This is a tenant funded addition,” Love said, and is “not part

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Virtual District 7 City Council Candidate Forum set for July 15

Staff report

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Center; Fenway CDC; Madison Park CDC; MassVOTE; Greater Boston NAACP; and Nuestra Comunidad; and the South End

Forum for a forum with the candidates for City Council District 7 being held via Zoom on Thursday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m.

The forum will be moderated by former City Councilor, the Honorable Tito Jackson, Tania Anderson, Brandy Brooks, Angie Camacho, Marisa Luse,

Leon Rivera, and Lori Wheeler have all confirmed attendance. R.S.V.P. for the Zoom link at tinyurl.com/2021D7Forum.

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of the base of the building. It also complicates then issues of heating and code and things like that too.”

Commissioner David Sheperd said, “I think, overall, I don’t have a problem with any of it. I would just maybe caution about the exterior being wood.” He added that “it’s tricky because it’s impermanent yet permanent...Overall, I think having an enclosed space and exterior seating” is “probably something we need more of in the neighborhood.”

Love agreed that wood might not be the best material if this structure is to remain for several

years.

Commissioners John Freeman and John Amodeo had a slightly different opinion of the proposal.

“I’m struggling with this,” Freeman said. He said it was “worrying” to him how many years the structure could possibly remain up for.

“I think from the viewpoint of the Commission, we kind of have to think about this as a permanent structure,” he said, adding that “I can’t get past the feeling of that wedding tent vinyl” and reiterating his concerns for the appearance of it as it is rolled and unrolled repeatedly.

“Canvas would not be the

appropriate structure for the roof,” he added. “What I like about it is the energy that it would bring to the corner,” he said of the proposal.

“Like Commissioner Freeman, I’m struggling with this,” Amodeo said. He said he would “struggle with it less” if the structure being proposed was permanent with more permanent materials.

“This feels to me that it’s neither one or the other,” he said, adding that it does not feel “permanent” or “temporary. It puts it in a gray area for us.”

Love said that he and the design team have also struggled

with this notion. “This is also caught up in the question of post-COVID outdoor dining and how permanent some of those installations are going to be moving forward.”

He said that it’s a “requirement from the landlord” that anything installed be able to be removed easily. “Maybe this is conceptually impossible,” he said.

“It might be,” Amodeo said, “but that would be for you to determine. You’ve laid out some constraints that may present a Catch-22 to to you or your client.”

Commissioner David Shep-

perd added that it “would be more approvable if this was just awnings,” but Amodeo said that awnings would not provide the “four season protection” that the applicant desires.

There was some more discussion over what would or wouldn’t be approved by the Commission based on how temporary the structure is, but Amodeo said that “...the best advice we can give you right now” is “not to submit an application next, but to come back with another advisory. There are just too many variables here that are unresolved.”

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.

From the July 7 Conservation Commission meeting, 6 p.m., online ([HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/6864582044](https://zoom.us/j/6864582044)):

- Notice of Intent from SOLitude Lake Management on behalf of the DCR Lakes and Ponds Program for the creation of an Aquatic Management Program at the Charles River to control nuisance and non-native plant and algae growth utilizing treatment with USEP/MA State registered aquatic herbicides, algaecides, and other BMPs, Boston.

- Request for a Determination of Applicability from CDM Smith on behalf of the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department for the removal and replacement of three dead heritage trees, the removal of geocells, and the removal of in-water fencing located along the Muddy River, Fenway.

- Request for a Certificate of Compliance for the playground renovation located on the Charles River Esplanade, Back Bay.

From the July 9 School Committee Nominating Panel, 3 p.m., online: Review and discuss School Committee applications received, Determine list of can-

didates to interview on 7/13/21 and 7/14/21, and Public Comment.

From the July 13, 11 a.m., COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of \$91,270,000 for the purpose of paying cost of designing, construction, equipping, and furnishing a new building for the William E. Carter School, that is to be built on the site of its current location at 396 Northampton St. in the City of Boston, including the payment of all cost incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of Boston Public Schools. This matter was sponsored by the Administration, and was referred to the Committee on June 23.

From the July 13, 2:30 p.m., COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARING: Ordinance amending the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, paid Parental Leave for City of Boston Employees. This matter was sponsored by Councilors Lydia Edwards, Michelle Wu, and Annissa Essaibi George and was referred to the Committee on March 31, 2021.

From the July 13 Bay State Road/Back Bay West Architectural District meeting, 5 p.m., online via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88696945539](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88696945539)): DESIGN

REVIEW

- 587 Beacon Street: CONTINUED FROM 6-8-2021: Replace light pole and attach wireless communications antenna at top of pole and equipment at base.

- 147 Bay State Road: Replace light pole and attach wireless communications antenna at top of pole and equipment at base.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL

- 27 Bay State Road: Replace eleven windows in-kind.

- 52 Bay State Road: Replace twenty windows in-kind.

From the July 13 New JQ Upper School building meeting, 6 p.m., online and in-person:

- Presenting the Construction Management Plan and Preconstruction Survey plans for the Josiah Quincy Upper School Building. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom and also in person at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School Auditorium located at 885 Washington St.

From the July 14 Air Pollution Control Commission hearing, 1 p.m., online:

- Application for a Modified Downtown Boston Parking Freeze Permit from Animal Rescue League of Boston for 25 exempt parking spaces located at 425 Tremont St. This permit is to add 15 exempt parking spaces to be shared between the public, lessees, employees, patrons, customers, clients and guests. Issuance of the permit would have no effect on the Downtown parking freeze bank.

- Application for a Modified Downtown Boston Parking Freeze Permit from Animal Rescue League of Boston for 20 exempt parking spaces located at 7 Appleton St. This permit is to add 4 exempt parking spaces to be shared between the public, lessees, employees, patrons, customers, clients and guests. Issuance of the permit would have no effect on the Downtown parking freeze bank.

From the July 14 Back Bay Architectural Commission meeting, 5 p.m., online via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81078226870](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81078226870)):

DESIGN REVIEW

- 545 Boylston Street: At roof installation of two exhaust fans.

- 149-155 Newbury Street: Landscape plan and site plan related to construction of a new, mixed-use (retail/office) building on the site of the existing surface parking lot.

- 390 Commonwealth Avenue: At front facade entry replace lighting, entry doors, flooring and railings.

- 382 Commonwealth Avenue: Replace roof and expand existing roof decks.

- 407 Beacon Street: Construct roof deck and headhouse, replace windows in-kind, replace slate roof in-kind, and replace gutters and downspouts in-kind.

ANNUAL MEETING - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE.

Chester Square Neighbors Summer Festival, Chester Park, July 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join the Chester

Square Neighbors for food, fun and music to celebrate the summer and formally dedicate new signs marking the historic significance of Chester Park. A speaking program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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.

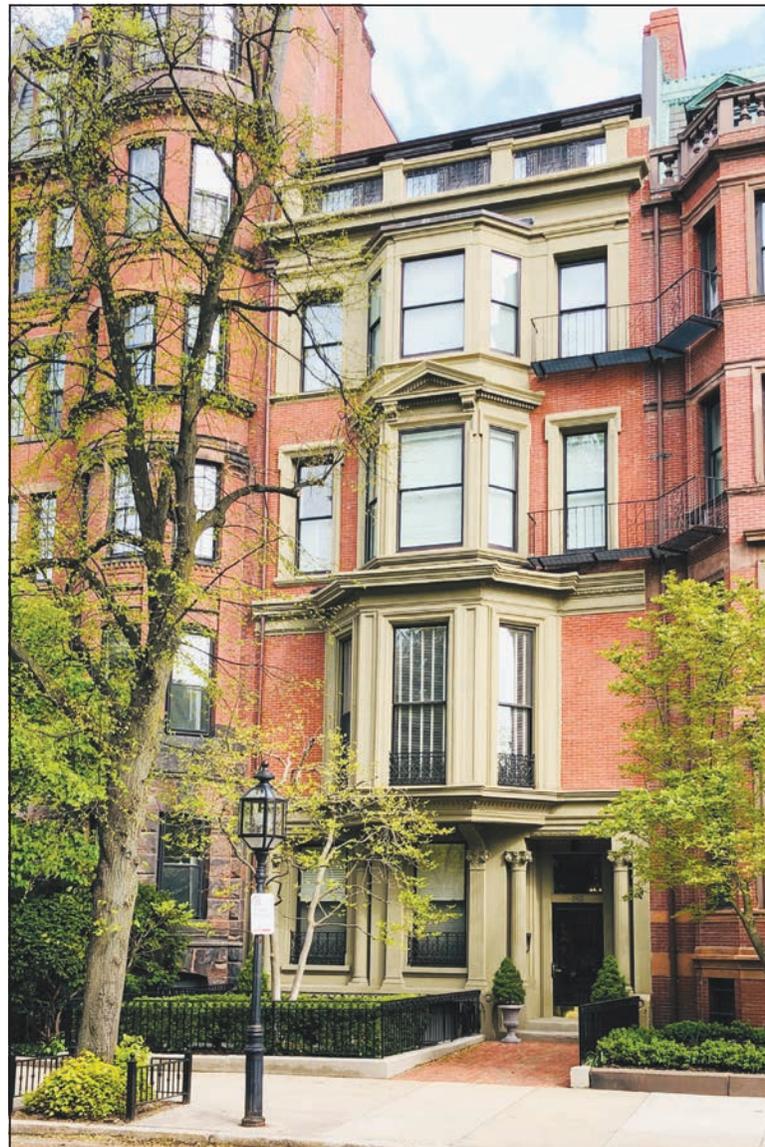
Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Herr-Husain, Daniel	ADS Prop Management LLC	265 Beacon St #2A	\$495,000
Gabriel, Tracey A	Grainger, Julianne E	280 Commonwealth Ave #301	\$1,600,000
Flaherty, Richard G	Berman, George A	43 Commonwealth Ave #5	\$2,525,000
Alpha Union 1 LLC	45-47 Comm Ave RT	45-47 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$6,988,000
Martha J Winston RET	Semel, Donna	82 Dartmouth St #82	\$2,325,000
Sidelko, Stephen W	Heaton, George R	21 Fairfield St #6	\$1,630,000
Crockett, Emma R	Lagrange, Christo D	146 Marlborough St #1	\$450,000
Mcmohan, Robert J	Zhuo, Zibo	69 Saint Botolph St #4	\$1,555,000
Xiangming Fang FT	J D Feinberg Marital T	412 Beacon St #7	\$1,600,000
Liang, Valerie	Wong LT	492 Beacon St #16	\$400,000
Sanieoff, Michael	711 NT	390 Commonwealth Ave #711	\$1,175,000
BEACON HILL			
Tenero, Annmarie	Kienlen, GERALYN	105 Beacon St #8	\$615,000
Richardson 1999 Issue T	Ross, Warren K	10 Otis Pl #5A	\$1,650,000
Tenreiro, Francisco J	Quinn, Jennifer B	38 Temple St #3	\$850,000
Constitution Prop LLC	Wierzbicki, Aleksander	6 Whittier Pl #2D	\$415,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Jiang, Qiannan	ADS Prop Management LLC	29 Fayette St #3-3	\$460,000
Timothy Zheng 2020 RET	Chu, Jacqueline T	110 Stuart St #18F	\$930,000
Casper FT	Francolini, Walter V	101 Warren Ave #2	1,550,000
Antonellis, Anne	Deedy, Ryan	148 Chandler St #4	\$1,926,667
Lohrmann, Atle	Barton, Wesley	188 Brookline Ave #23E	\$2,930,000
Blue Lake RE Prop LLC	30 East Concord LLC	30-34 E Concord St #18	\$590,000
Long, Amy N	Xue, Emily Y	80-82 Fenwood Rd #805	\$246,521
Asher, Rupesh	Kane Christine E Est	103 Gainsborough St #203	\$527,000
Arellano-Quintana, Carlos	761 Harrison Church LLC	771 Harrison Ave #104	\$985,000
Campolieto, Alexa M	761 Harrison Church LLC	771 Harrison Ave #208	\$855,000
Baradar, Ali R	761 Harrison Church LLC	771 Harrison Ave #304	\$1,050,000
804 Huntington Avenue LLC	Oaxaca RT	804-812 Huntington Ave	\$2,000,000
Mankovski, Amir	Bhadelia, Nahid R	183-185A Massachusetts Ave #802	\$846,000
Bebell, Lisa M	Strickler, J Gilbert	19 Milford St #3	\$754,000
Maria Nad Magnus Rene LT	Ishmael, Safraz	23 Milford St #3	\$1,900,000
Sanieoff, Michael	Page, Arthur B	425 Newbury St #C100	\$1,175,000
Howland Exempt T	Junakar, Nachi	452 Park Dr #12A	\$1,200,000
Howland Exempt T	Junakar, Nachi	452 Park Dr #9	\$1,200,000
Egan, Michael C	Alesayi, Ahmed S	45 Province St #2404	\$5,200,000
Mallavarapu, Kiran	Macri, Keith R	60 Queensberry St #D	\$469,000
Thompson, Leah L	Bushey, Katelyn	118 Riverway #32	\$535,000
Wang, Lan	Rakita, Michael J	118 Riverway #5	\$547,000
Rosenfield, Zachary	Portman, Michael	25 Saint Stephen St #8	\$620,000
Porter, Alexander S	Keith, Matthew W	499 Shawmut Ave #1	\$755,000
Bogdanok, Anna	Shikari, Munir A	12 Stoneholm St #511	\$449,000
Duck Dodge Hyde RT	Saw, Wei J	32 Traveler St #706	\$1,655,000
Boys, James D	28A Union Park RT	28-30 Union Park #4	\$4,500,000
Giammanco, Michael J	Sulzer Douglas C Est	98 W Concord St #1	\$1,280,000
78 Waltham Street LLC	Brennan, Robert T	78 Waltham St #1	\$1,685,000
Chitiz Regmi 2019 RET	46 Wareham Street LLC	46 Wareham St #4D	\$3,100,000
Davis, Matthew	46 Wareham Street LLC	46 Wareham St #5B	\$1,525,000
Huang, Yi M	Allied Residences LLC	88 Wareham St #304	\$862,000
Derkevorkian, Lena	Han, Song Y	1672-R Washington St #201	\$575,000
Bissonnette, Jamie W	Mollie Jane Baird LT	1672-R Washington St #PH2	\$1,875,000
Samuels, Peleg	Stern, Aliza A	1721 Washington St #507	\$775,000
Munro-Birch, Craig	Cole, Vince	5 Wellington St #1	\$1,744,000
Mcgrath, Hannah	Lennon, Peter	65 Worcester St #5	\$835,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Reed-Betts, Julia B	Nelson, Karen A	440 Commercial St #203	\$337,516
90 Commercial Street 3	Buckland, Arthur R	90 Commercial St #3	\$687,000
Sullivan, Colin	Szeniawski, Charles	113 Fulton St #1	\$915,000
Wanamaker, Amy	Gilroy, Genevieve	99 Fulton St #3-5	\$699,000
Zhang, Yingjuan	Chen, Jennifer	151 Tremont St #15R	\$650,000
Chow, Charlene C	Punjabi, Tony T	151 Tremont St #17M	\$670,000
Tran, Hai	Coldwell, Tiffany L	170 Tremont St #1801	\$1,639,000
Sun, Xiao H	Cassaro, Joseph A	449-463 Washington St #6B	\$662,000

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

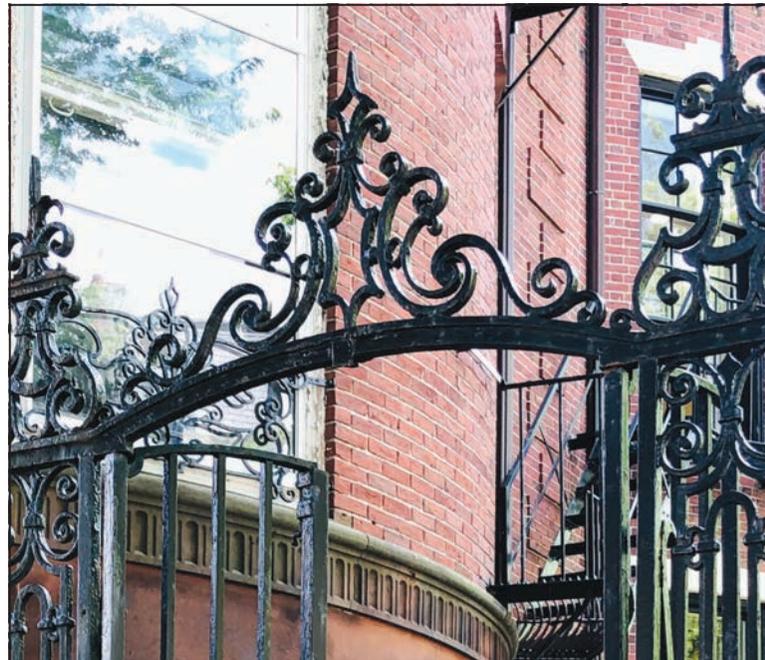


The doorway frame in the last clue is on 183 Commonwealth Avenue designed by the architectural firm Snell and Gregson and constructed in 1878. Like most Back Bay townhouses, it began as a single-family home, expanded to eleven apartments and today contains six condominiums. The next clue will be found in the Fenway.

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





**EXCEPTIONALLY
WIDE TOWNHOUSE**

16 EXETER STREET #1
4 BEDS | 4 BATHS | 3,882 SQFT
\$5,450,000



110 SUDBURY STREET #4602
3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,315 SQFT
\$5,500,000



**OPEN SUNDAY
12:30 - 1:30**

110 ARLINGTON STREET #4
3 BEDS | 3 BATHS | 2,310 SQFT
\$2,700,000



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



180 TELFORD STREET #515
1 BEDS | 1 BATH | 721 SQFT
\$710,000

