


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: June 10, 2016
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development 
RE: Friday Report
CC: City Council
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Our Department's weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

Monday 6/13/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning and Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 205• Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Room 204
Tuesday 6/14/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use Committee Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers (Room 207)• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 204
Wednesday 6/15/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Design Commission, 8:00 p.m., Planning Conference Room (Basement Level)
Thursday 6/16/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homelessness Continuum of Care, 3:00 p.m., Room 211• Conservation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 204• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 205

- **Newton In Motion:** For two days, **Friday, June 10th & Saturday, June 11th**, the intersection of Washington Street and Walnut Street will feature a temporary traffic configuration that will demonstrate how the intersection could be redesigned to be more welcoming to all users. The temporary configuration will be made of moveable materials and will include elements like curb extensions, pedestrian islands, bike lanes, parklets, and art programming. Kids welcome and encouraged to participate! More info at www.newtonma.gov/transportationstrategy.
- **Affordable Apartments in Newton (Myrtle Village):** Applications must be received by **June 30, 2016** before 5:00 p.m. to be included in the lottery. Please visit Metro West CD's website www.metrowestcd.org/housing-services/information-for-renters/units-for-rent/ for an application and additional information or contact Robyn at: 617-923-3505 ext. 5 or Robyn@metrowestcd.org.
- **Zoning and Planning Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, June 13th** at 7:45 p.m. in Room 205. The following items will be heard: **#197-16, #198-16, #199-16, #200-16, #201-16, #202-16, and #203-16**, appointments and re-appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals; #222-13(2), zoning amendment to regulate front-facing garages in residential zones. **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1137 or jfreas@newtonma.gov.
- **Commission on Disability:** The Commission will meet on **Monday, June 13th** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. Items on the agenda are as follows: CDBG Report; Handicap Parking fines; Treasurer's Report; ADA Coordinator's Report; Approval of April Meeting Minutes; **Contact Jini Fairley** at 617.796.1253 or jfairley@newtonma.gov.
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 14th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 207 to hear the following petitions: #145-16, to extend a non-conforming residential use to construct an addition at **226-228 California Street**; #126-16, to modify an existing non-conforming two-family use and amend Special Permit #88702 to raze the existing buildings and rebuild the dwelling away from the floodplain and closer to the street at **17 Malvern Terrace**; #176-16, to extend a non-conforming structure by installing dormers at **47 Lewis Street**; #177-16, to waive the parking requirement associated with a 49 seat restaurant at **1375-1379 Washington Street**; and #178-16, to increase the non-conforming FAR by constructing an addition and detached garage at **39 Hawthorne Avenue**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.

- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, June 14th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **321 Central Street**, to install fence along driveway; **125 Windermere Road**, to replace 22 windows; **46 Vista Avenue**, to replace garage with new two-car garage; **304 Central Street**, to install fence ex post facto; **1 Unity Street**, to construct new house and garage; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.**
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, June 14th** at 7:30 p.m., Room 204. Items on the agenda include: Presentation on the Newton Innovation Center with representatives from MassChallenge; Preview of Newton's new parking app – Passport; Update on N2 Corridor Consulting project; Update on Transportation Demonstration and any other business that may come before the Commission. **Contact Nancy Hyde at 617.796.1122 or nhyde@newtonma.gov.**
- **Urban Design Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Wednesday, June 15th** at **8:00 p.m.** in the Planning Department Conference Room (B10). The following items will be heard: **Sign reviews for 232 California Street – KoKo Bakery, 767 Beacon Street – Unlimited-Sotheby's International Realty, 1 Boylston Street – Yogaworks, 235-241 Washington Street – Two Newton Place; Fence Appeal at 1572 Beacon Street; Conceptual Review of a commercial project at 255-257 Newtonville Avenue. Contact Rachel Blatt at 617.796.1127**
- **Homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC):** The Continuum will meet on **Thursday, June 16th** at 3:00 p.m. in Room 211. The following items are on the agenda for discussion: Merger of Brookline-Newton-Watertown-Waltham CoC with Balance of State CoC; FY2016 CoC Competition; Staff transition. **Contact Kimberly O'Brien at 617.796.1146 or kobrien@newtonma.gov**
- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, June 16**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. The following locations will be discussed for **wetland permit issues**: 42 Selwyn Road, 133 Harwich Road, 56 North Street, 483 Dedham Street, 81 Albemarle Road, and 300 Hammond Pond Parkway. **Conservation area discussion** will address: Beekeeper Proposal for Deer Park and Norumbega Slope Restoration. **Administrative matters** will include review of meeting minutes, and the draft Tree Replacement Guidance. **Updates** will be given. A detailed agenda can be found at www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/conserv/age/2015_agendas_n_minutes.asp. **Contact Jennifer Steel at 617.796.1134 or jsteel@newtonma.gov.**
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, June 16th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **374 Hammond Street**, to review proposed changes to dormers and chimneys; **360 Hammond Street**, to install a fence along Reservoir Avenue property line ex post facto; **34 Beacon Street**, to renovate house; replace windows, roof and siding; add front dormer, rear mudroom and breezeway; and add half story to garage; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.**
- **Emergency Solutions Grant Funds Available:** The City of Newton has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund homeless services within the Brookline-Newton-Waltham-Watertown (BNWW) Continuum of Care (CoC). The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is intended to provide assistance to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward stable living situations. The City of Newton announced funding availability for providers of emergency shelter services, street outreach, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing services. The City is accepting applications for service during the period from 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017, making a total of approximately \$172,231 available with the following maximum amounts for each activity:

Shelter Services: \$17,516	Homelessness Prevention: \$67,945.29
Rapid Re-housing: \$23,086	Street Outreach: \$17,516

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) corporations. Applications are due to the Housing and Community Development Division of the Planning and Development Department no later than 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 2, 2016. Information about the grant and application forms can be found on the City website at <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/hcd/homeassist.asp> or may be obtained by contacting **Kimberly O'Brien** at 617.796.1146 or kobrien@newtonma.gov.