

Planning and Development Department Update

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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:

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| Monday 7/11/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning and Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 205 |
| Tuesday 7/12/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205Land Use Committee Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 204 |
| Wednesday 7/13/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">West Newton Square Enhancements Project Site Walk, 9-10 a.m. & 6:30-7:30 p.m., Washington St in West NewtonCommunity Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 204Newton Housing Partnership, cancelled |
| Thursday 7/14/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205 |

- **Newton-in-Motion Draft Strategies Survey Open until July 15th:** At past workshops, the City collected input on goals, visions, ideas, and tools to improve transportation in Newton. Now, the Newton-in-Motion project team will present draft strategies that Newton could employ to achieve these goals. We want your help to select and prioritize these strategies. Please visit our website at www.newtonma.gov/transportationstrategy.
- **Planning and Development Board:** The Board will meet on **Monday, July 11th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following items are on the agenda: Continued Public Hearing of **#184-16**, rezoning of **369 and 377 Walnut Street** from Single Residence 2 to Multi-Residence 1; Approval of meeting minutes from May 2nd meeting; Discussion and approval of FY17 Emergency Solutions Grant Awards; Housing Strategy and Management Plan overview; Staffing updates. **Contact Barney Heath** at 617.796.1120 or bheath@newtonma.gov.
- **Commission on Disability:** The Commission will meet on **Monday, July 11th** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. The agenda will include approval of meeting minutes, CDBG Report, Handicap Parking(HP) Fines Report, Treasurer's Report, ADA Coordinator's Report, Newton Community Engagement Manager, Projects to fund with the HP fines revenue discussion and a State budget update. **Contact Jini Fairley** at 617.796.1253 or jfairley@newtonma.gov.
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, July 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **1 Unity Street**, to construct new house and garage (continuation); **304 Central Street**, modify fence installed ex post facto to comply with zoning and install landscaping; **348 Central Street**, install 23 solar panels; **176 Grove Street**, install wood fence on property line to match existing; and **30 Lake Avenue**, add rear two-story addition and a front portico. Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 207 to hear the following petitions; **#219-16** to extend a nonconforming structure and exceed the floor to area ratio (FAR) at **21 Orient Avenue**; **#179-16 and #180-16** to rezone the site from

Business 1 and 2 to Mixed Use 4 to construct a mixed use, transit oriented development in excess of 20,000 square feet consisting of three interconnected buildings with building heights of sixty feet and five stories, total gross floor area of 238,075 sq. ft., incorporating 171 residential units, approximately 39,745 sq. ft. of commercial space, and approximately 2,030 sq. ft., of office/community space; 346 on-site parking stalls, and to allow an FAR of 1.92; waiver of 97 parking stalls, waive number of signs and allow for free-standing signs and loading bay at **241-261 Walnut Street, 845-875 Washington Street, 0-22 Bailey Place, 6-22 Washington Terrace**. Contact Neil Cronin at 617.796.1141 or ncronin@newtonma.gov.

- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, July 12th** at 7:30 p.m., Room 204. Items on the agenda are as follows: Update on N2 Innovation Corridor consultant final presentation and study; discussion of Newton housing study; discussion of Annual Business Awards and any other business that may come before the Commission. **Contact Nancy Hyde** at 617.796.1122 or nhyde@newtonma.gov. NOTE: The August meeting is CANCELLED.
- **West Newton Square Enhancements Project:** Visit West Newton Square **Wednesday, July 13th from 9 – 10 a.m. or from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** to discuss location specific ideas for the West Newton Square Enhancements Project. **Project staff will be located at three stations:** Intersection of Washington Street and Chestnut Street – in the plaza area, Intersection of Washington Street and Highland Street - in front of the Police Dept (1321 Washington St), and Intersection of Washington Street and Elm Street – on the pedestrian refuge island. **Please visit our website for more information and to participate online:** www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsq
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The CPC will meet on **Wednesday, July 13th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. All CPC meetings are public, and the public is welcome. However, this meeting does not include any public hearings or funding votes, so time will not be set aside formally for public comments. The CPC will be discussing with Planning & Development staff the City of Newton's newly released **housing strategy** (www.newtonma.gov/housingstrategy) and in the context of that strategy, 3 **housing projects** that have received or are expected to request CPA funds (all project managers and sponsors also invited): **Homebuyer Assistance**, **Crescent Street** (Auburndale) and **Jackson Road Senior Housing** (Newton Corner). For links to housing strategy documents, the full meeting agenda and pre-meeting packet, see www.newtonma.gov/cpa. For assistance, contact Program Manager Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, July 14th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be reviewed: **109 High Street**, to renovate house and add detached garage; **91 High Street**, to demolish garage and replace and build new greenhouse; **Elliot Street Bridge**, to amend approved plans for stone veneer on north side, replace cement veneer on south side sidewalk; **117 High Street**, approval for work done to carriage house ex post facto; **Echo Bridge**, request replace chain link fencing with galvanized steel railing. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** The Board will hold a **continued Public Hearing on Thursday, July 14th** at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Room 207 on the following petition: **#01-16**, Waban AMA Realty Ventures LLC for the issuance of a Comprehensive Permit authorizing the applicant to construct 48 rental units including 38 market rate units and 10 affordable units to be called “1521 Beacon Street” on land located at **1521 Beacon Street**. A detailed agenda for all items can be found at www.newtonma.gov/gov/inspsvcs/appeals/default.asp. **Contact Adrianna Henriquez** at 617.796.1133 or ahenriquez@newtonma.gov.
- **Newton Leads 2040: A Blueprint to Promote Affordable, Diverse Housing and Economic Growth:** On Thursday, June 23rd the Newton Housing Strategy Report was released and marks the beginning of a housing conversation series and community engagement with members of the Newton community. The webpage www.newtonma.gov/housingstrategy has a link to a “factbook” about the housing strategy, which the Planning Department team developed to make this information accessible for a wide audience. Comments or questions are welcome and can be sent to housingstrategy@newtonma.gov.