

Planning and Development Department Update

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TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren

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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 9/12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Room 204• Planning and Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 205• Zoning and Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., cancelled
Tuesday 9/13/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use Committee & P&D Board, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Economic Development Commission, 7:00 p.m. attend Land Use in Chamber and 8:00 p.m. their regular meeting, Room 204
Wednesday 9/14/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Housing Partnership, cancelled, next meeting is 10/13
Thursday 9/15/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homelessness Continuum of Care, cancelled, next meeting is 10/20• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, postponed to 9/19

- **Affordable Housing Rental Opportunity:** Two and three bedroom apartments are available for rent at 54 Taft Avenue. The two units have a preference for homeless families. **Application deadline** for this lottery is **Monday, September 12th at NOON** and are to be **submitted to Metro West CD**, 79-B Chapel Street, Newton, MA 02458 or fax 617-923-8241 or email to robyn@metrowestcd.org. To download the application and for additional information [Taft Ave Newton Info Packet and Application](#) . **Questions can be directed to Robyn at 617.923.3505 X4.**
- **Commission on Disability:** The Commission will meet on **Monday, September 12th** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following items are on their agenda for review: CDBG Report, Handicap Fines Report, Treasurer's Report, ADA Coordinator's Report, MAAB Variance – Golda Meir House, Housing Strategy Report. **Contact Jini Fairley** at 617.796.1253 or jfairley@newtonma.gov.
- **Planning and Development Board:** The Board will meet on **Monday, September 12th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following items will be on the agenda: Approval of substantial amendment to Newton's FY17 Emergency Shelter Grant recommended allocations; Reprogramming of CDBG Neighborhood Improvement Funding to Newton Corner Pedestrian Improvements; Discussion of rezoning request for Walnut Street/Washington Terrace project; Management Plan discussions; Staffing updates. **Contact Barney Heath** at 617.796.1120 or bheath@newtonma.gov.
- **Massachusetts Department of Transportation:** The Massachusetts DOT will be conveying a **public hearing on Monday September 12th**, in the War Memorial Room, Newton City Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. The proposed changes include changes in the toll collection gantry locations and rates through the implementation of all electronic tolling (AET) along the Massachusetts Turnpike and the Metropolitan Highway System. MassDOT has announced

that AET will “go live” on October 28, 2016. For more information, please contact **Donny Dailey** at **617-945-4272** or Donny.Dailey2@dot.state.ma.us.

- **Land Use Committee & Planning & Development Board Public Hearing:** The Committee/Board will meet jointly on **Tuesday, September 13th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hear petitions #179-16 and #180-16 for a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval and to rezone the site from Business 1 and 2 to Mixed Use 4 to construct a mixed use, transit oriented development consisting of three interconnected buildings with building heights of sixty feet and five stories, incorporating 171 residential units, approximately 39,745 sq. ft. of commercial space, approximately 2,030 sq. ft., of office/community space and 346 on-site parking stalls at **241-261 Walnut Street, 845-875 Washington Street, 0-22 Bailey Place, 6-22 Washington Terrace**. Contact **Alexandra Ananth** at 617.796.1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following item will be discussed: **21 Groveland Street** to request to replace side entrance porch and build new deck with slider and install window in the rear. Contact **Valerie Fram** at **617.796.1126** or vfram@newtonma.gov.
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 8:00 p.m., Room 204 after attending the Land Use meeting in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m. Items on the agenda are as follows: discussion of Newton housing strategy, overview of Zoning Reform process, update on N2 Innovation District and any other business that may come before the Commission. Contact **Nancy Hyde** at 617.796.1122 or nhyde@newtonma.gov.
- **Zoning and Planning Committee:** The regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 12th has been **cancelled**. The next scheduled meeting is on **Monday, September 26th**. For more information, please contact **James Freas** at **617.796.1137** or jfreas@newtonma.gov.
- **Housing Strategy Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):** The Newton Housing Strategy Report was released on June 23rd and marked the beginning of a housing conversation series and community engagement with members of the Newton community. Information on our webpage, www.newtonma.gov/housingstrategy, includes links to the FAQs, a “factbook” about the housing strategy as well as the full report. Comments or questions are welcome and can be sent to housingstrategy@newtonma.gov.
- **New Parking Payment Application – Passport:** The City of Newton has launched a new parking app called Passport that allows an alternative payment method for parking meters throughout the City. Watch for new decals on meter stands indicating you will now have the option to pay by phone using an app called Passport. **For more information, go to** www.newtonma.gov/parking.