

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 5/8/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Room 204• Zoning and Planning Committee and the Planning and Development Board, 7:00 p.m., Room 205/Council Chamber
Tuesday 5/9/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 204• Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Council Chamber (Room 207)
Wednesday 5/10/17	
Thursday 5/11/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning Redesign Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Wilson Chapel, Andover Newton Theological School, 234 Herrick Rd• Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Project, 6:30 p.m., Myrtle Baptist Church, 21 Curve St• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Community Preservation Committee, Rescheduled to May 31st

- **Commission on Disability:** On **Monday May 8th** the Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following items are on the agenda: CDBG Report, Identify locations for FY18 CDBG funded Access Projects, Handicap Parking fines, Treasurer's Report, ADA Coordinator's Report, MAAB Variance at Avalon at Chestnut Hill, Sponsor AHVP in State Budget, Proposed Sunrise Senior Living project. **Contact Jini Fairley** at 617.796.1253 or jfairley@newtonma.gov.
- **Zoning and Planning Committee and the Planning and Development Board:** On **Monday, May 8th** at 7:00 p.m. the Committee/Board will meet in Room 205/Council Chamber. The following items are on the agenda: **#81-17**, Ordinance amendments relative to rDNA technology and research facilities; **#360-16(2)**, Rezoning of 160 R Stanton Avenue to Multi Residence 3; **#53-16(2)**, Zoning Ordinance technical amendment; **#104-17**, Newton Historical Commission recommendation to establish a Newton Highlands Historic District. **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1138 or jfreas@newtonma.gov.
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** On **Tuesday, May 9th** the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following request will be considered: **49 Grove Street, Units 1 and 3**, Unit 1: the left side railing system towards the front was approved for the replacement of balusters and post caps in-kind; however, work exceeded what was approved and was not in-kind. Violation. Unit 3: the left side railing system towards the back was replaced without Commission review and approval. Violation. Continuation; **30 Groveland Street**, to replace window. Violation. Continuation; **6 Graydale Circle**, to replace fence. Continuation; **41 Woodland Road**, replace windows, side entry, and condenser; build new back entry and add condenser; **39 Hawthorne Avenue**, to construct a wood pergola attached to the house. Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Barbara Kurze** at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Economic Development Commission:** On **Tuesday, May 9th** the Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 204. The following items are on the agenda: Updates to include Washington Place Project, N2 Innovation District, Northland Proposal on Needham Street, West Newton Square, Economic Development Strategy, Wells Avenue, Economic Development Director Search, Walnut Street Enhancements; Approval of Minutes; Discussion items to include Zoning Ordinance updates to the Board, proposed rDNA Ordinance, Food truck/Ordinance change and Zoning ReDesign. **Contact Barney Heath** at 617.796.1131 or bheath@newtonma.gov.

- **Land Use Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 9th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 207) to hear the following petitions: **#97-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to extend the nonconforming use to allow a manufacturing use at **966 Watertown Street**; **#98-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to vertically extend the nonconforming front setback at **37 Troy Lane**; **#99-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to extend the nonconforming use and floor area ratio at **49-51 Clinton Road**; **#100-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to convert an accessory structure to more than two-families and change the use of a nonconforming structure at 62 Walnut Park; and **#101-17** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to extend the nonconforming use to allow a residential unit at **45 Farwell Street**. The Committee will also consider a consistency ruling in conjunction to **#178-16** at **39 Hawthorne Avenue**. Please Contact Neil Cronin at 617.796.1121 or ncronin@newtonma.gov
- **Zoning Redesign Workshop:** On **Thursday May 11th**, 2017 at **6:30 p.m.** at **Wilson Chapel, Andover Newton, 234 Herrick Rd.**, Newton. At this workshop we will be presenting the full draft of the Pattern Book, a data-driven analysis of Newton's built environment. Look ahead to the next phase of the project, drafting the new zoning ordinance, and engage with three topic tracks. This event is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the future of zoning in Newton. For more information on Zoning Redesign visit <http://courbanize.com/newtonzoning>. On **May 17th** and **May 31st** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** staff will host **Zoning Redesign Drop-In Sessions**. Come by the Health & Human Services Conference Room at City Hall share your ideas with staff, and ask questions about the City's project to redesign the zoning ordinance. Everyone welcome.
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** On **Thursday, May 11th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: **1272 Boylston Street**, to replace roof, siding, front door and windows and rebuild chimneys; **50 Oak Street**, to repair and extend deck, to install pergola and add fencing; **969 Chestnut Street**, to expand front bump out and install a rear addition and shed; **75 High Street**, to renovate existing house, remove rear ells, and build rear addition, porch, sunroom, patio and garage; **70-72 High Street**, to review final project work; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. Contact Barbara Kurze at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- **Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Project:** On **Thursday, May 11th** at 6:30p.m., Myrtle Baptist Church, 21 Curve Street, there will be a Pre-Design Project Update and Public Input Meeting. The open house will begin at 6:30p.m. followed by a Presentation and Q&A at 7:15 p.m.. **Additional information can be found at:** http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/hcd/70_crescent_street.asp
- **1294 Centre Street Announcement:** Mayor Warren and First Cambridge Realty Corporation will be announcing redevelopment plans for the property on **Friday, May 12th** at 8:15 a.m. at 1294 Centre Street. For more information visit www.newtonma.gov/1294CentreStreet.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The proposal for affordable housing and historic preservation on **Auburn Street** [Auburndale], from CAN-DO, Metro West Collaborative Development, and the Barry L. Price Center for Rehabilitation, is now available on the program website, www.newtonma.gov/cpa, under "**Proposals & Projects – Pending.**" The CPC's next meeting, on **Wednesday, May 31st** includes a **public hearing** and potential funding vote on this proposal. All in-person comments are welcome at the hearing; written comments received by **May 15th** can be forwarded to the CPC in advance of the hearing. For assistance, contact Alice Ingerson, Program Manager, at alingerson@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1144.
- **Austin Street Parking Lot Meter Upgrade:** The City is replacing all parking meters with parking kiosks in the Austin Street (at Walnut Street in Newtonville). The new system responds to constituent feedback and uses the latest technology to reduce tickets and appeals. Work will take place May – June with kiosks anticipated to be installed May 19. Once complete, all spaces will have a zone and space number. Enter the zone and space number and pay by coin or credit card at the kiosk. Once you have paid, you **will not** need to place a receipt on your car. Rates will not be changed. Contact Faye Morrison, DPW Parking Manager with any questions fmorrison@newtonma.gov.