Planning and Development Department Update

October 27, 2017 DATE:

TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren

FROM: Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development

RE: Friday Report CC: City Council

Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer

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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 10/30/17	
Tuesday 10/31/17	NIC Halloween Potluck, 12:00 p.m to 1:00 p.m., NIC 124 Vernon Street Newton Corner
Wednesday 11/1/17	Fair Housing Committee, 8:00 a.m., Room 205
Thursday 11/2/17	 Farm Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 211 Newtonville Historic District Commission, cancelled

- Newton Innovation Center (NIC) Halloween Potluck: On Tuesday, October 31st there will be a Halloween pot luck taking place at the NIC, 124 Vernon Street, Newton Corner from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign up here events.attend.com/f/1383782305#/reg/0/ to bring a pot luck dish -- could be a main dish, side dish, salad, dessert or a beverage. Since we don't have a stove or oven, crock pot dishes or salads would be ideal. Be creative! Costumes highly encouraged. There will be prizes! **Contact Kathryn Ellis** at 617.796.1122 or kellis@newtonma.gov.
- New Affordable Housing Opportunity: The Planning & Development Department's Housing and Community Development Division is accepting applications for an affordable single family home at 101 Hawthorn Street in Nonantum. The property has 3 bedrooms, 1 full and 1 half baths. Nearby schools include Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School, Bigelow Middle School and Newton North High School. Applications for this property must be received by November 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible. Visit the project's website at www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/hcd/affhousing/default.asp or contact us at 617.796.1120.
- Fair Housing Committee: On Wednesday, November 1st the Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. in Room 205 to have a discussion about the next steps for auditing for housing discrimnitation in Newton. Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. Contact Malcolm Lucas at 617.796.1149 or mlucas@newtonma.gov.
- Farm Commission: On Thursday, November 2nd the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Department's Basement Conference Room (B10). Contact Adrianna Henriquez at 617.796.1133 or ahenriquez@newtonma.gov.
- Community Preservation Committee: The regular-round CPA full proposal for the Newton <u>Cemetery's Whipple-Beal Cast Iron Fence</u> is now online for a public hearing on **November 16**th. For additional information, go to www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa or contact Alice Ingerson, Program Manager, at aingerson@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1144.
- Zoning Redesign: Check out the entire nine-part Zoning Redesign series online and RSVP at www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning. Have more questions or ideas? Come to our Zoning Redesign

Drop-In Session on **Wednesday, November 15**th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 106 (1st floor main entrance). Contact us at zoningredesign@newtonma.gov or 617-796-1120 with questions.

- **1294 Centre Street:** Conceptual plans for the redevelopment of this property and an adjacent rear property are available at www.newtonma.gov/1294CentreStreet. Sign-up for updates online.
- Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion: To view the most recent concept design for the housing and sign up to receive updates, go to www.newtonma.gov/crescentst.
- Village Enhancement Projects: To review materials and stay up-to-date on the West Newton
 Square Enhancements Project and the Walnut Street Enhancements Project, visit the respective project websites at www.newtonma.gov/westnewtonsg and www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet
- **Newtonville Historic District Commission:** The regularly scheduled Thursday, November 2nd meeting has been **cancelled** as no applications were submitted. The next meeting will be on **Thursday**, **December 7th**. Contact **Barbara Kurze at 617.796.1129 or** bkurze@newtonma.gov.