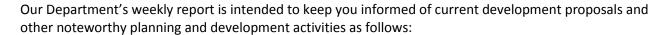
Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: January 12, 2018

TO: Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

FROM: Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development

RE: Friday Report
CC: City Council



Monday 1/15/18	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday—City Hall Closed
Tuesday 1/16/18	City Council, 7:45 p.m., Council Chamber
Wednesday 1/17/18	Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning Conference Room (B10)
Thursday 1/18/18	 Zoning Redesign Event, "A Parking Lot for Goldilocks: Zoning for Just the Right Size", 6:30 p.m., Newton Free Library (330 Homer Street) Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 205

- Urban Design Commission: On Wednesday, January 17th the Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Planning Conference Room. The Commission will review the following items on their agenda: 2050 Commonwealth Avenue Bruegger's Bagels, 118 Needham Street Pureluxe, 87 Union Street Health Bar, 79 Union Street Woops! Bakeshop, and Comprehensive Sign Package for Piccadilly Square. Contact Shubee Sikka at 617.721.1139 or ssikka@newtonma.gov.
- Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission: On Thursday, January 18th the Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. The following requests will be considered: 32 Acacia Avenue to replace 20 windows. Continuation; 60 Beacon Street to widen driveway, replace curbing with cobblestone, and replace driveway stairs; 48 Reservoir Avenue to build up main house, install dormer and modify rear additions; 85 Gate House Road to replace windows and to add dormers to rear tower; 25 Essex Road to build an attached two-car garage and a rear screened porch and deck; Administrative discussion to include approval of meeting minutes. Contact Barbara Kurze at 617.796.1129 or bkurze@newtonma.gov.
- Zoning Redesign: On Thursday, January 18th join us at the next event in our series, "A Parking Lot for Goldilocks: Zoning for Just the Right Size" at 6:30 p.m. at the Newton Free Library Druker Auditorium, 330 Homer Street. Check out the entire nine-part Zoning Redesign series online and RSVP at www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning. Also, Drop-In Office Hours will take place at City Hall in Room 106 on Wednesday, January 24th from 5:00 7:00 p.m. Have more questions or ideas? Contact us at zoningredesign@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1120
- New Affordable Homeownership Opportunity: The Planning & Development Department's Housing and Community Development Division is accepting applications to purchase an affordable condominium located at 280 Boylston St, #907, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. This unit has approximately 960 square feet, 1 bedroom, 1 full bath. Applications must be received by January 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to be considered for eligibility. Visit the project's website at www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/hcd/affhousing/default.asp or contact us at 617.796.1120.

- Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Project: The project is scheduled for the Community Preservation Committee on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. To view the most recent concept design for the housing project and to sign up to receive project updates, go to www.newtonma.gov/crescentst. Contact Amanda Berman at 617.796.1147 or aberman@newtonma.gov.
- 28 Austin Street: Pre-construction phase work will start in January 2018. Construction to begin in earnest in March. Go to www.newtonma.gov/austinstreet for more information and to sign up for occasional email updates.
- Needham Street Corridor Project (MassDOT roadwork): This project proposes roadway reconstruction and transportation safety improvements including new pavement, sidewalks, traffic signals, crosswalks, bicycle lanes and stormwater management. Email needhamstreet@newtonma.gov to sign up for occasional project updates.
- Needham Street Area Vision Plan: On Monday, January 22nd and January 29th the Community Engagement
 Group is meeting at the Barry Price Center, 27 Christina Street from 5:00 7:30 p.m. Members of the public
 are welcome to attend and there will be a portion of the agenda available for public comment. To review
 materials, sign up for email updates, and to stay up-to-date on the Needham Street Area Vision Plan, visit
 www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet
- Community Preservation Committee: On Tuesday, January 23rd the Committee will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the two off-cycle proposals below, which are available on the program website, www.newtonma.gov/cpa, under Proposals & Projects Pending. The pre-meeting packet with the full agenda and additional background information is also on the website, under Current CPC Meetings.
 - <u>Crescent Street</u> [Auburndale/West Newton] (affordable housing and community playground/park),
 \$2,575,000 in additional CPA funding for final design & construction
 - Jackson Road/Haywood House new senior housing [Newton Corner] (Newton Housing Authority),
 \$2,500,000 in CPA funding

For assistance, contact Alice Ingerson at aingerson@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1144

- Highlights of Newton transportation improvements in 2017 are published online here
 http://conta.cc/2p1CXdS. Since launching Newton-in-Motion: A Transportation Strategy for Newton in April,
 we have made progress on several priority actions including beginning work on a Street Design Guide for
 Newton. Look for events in early 2018 or email ssikka@newtonma.gov with any ideas, comments, or
 questions.
- Newton-Needham Transportation Survey: The Newton-Needham Regional Chamber is assisting the 128
 Business Council on an initiative that aims to improve transportation directly benefiting Newton and
 Needham residents, businesses, employees and customers. As a first step, they are surveying commuters in
 the Newton and Needham area. Take the survey! Win a \$40 Amazon gift card! https://128bc.org/surveys
- **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 project updates online.
- 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/westnewtonsq and www.newtonma.gov/walnutstreet.