

Planning and Development Department Update

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TO: Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

FROM: Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development

RE: Friday Report

CC: City Council



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 2/26/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning & Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 205
Tuesday 2/27/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 211• Washington Place Liason Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 205• Zoning Board of Appeals, cancelled, next regular meeting is 3/27
Wednesday 2/28/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning Redesign Drop-In Hours, 5:00 p.m., Room 106
Thursday 3/1/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newtonville Historic District Commission, cancelled, next meeting is 4/5

- **Zoning & Planning Committee:** On **Monday, February 26th** the Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. The following items are on the agenda: **#75-18**, Zoning Redesign Series updates; **#143-18**, Zoning amendment to delay effective date of Garage Ordinance; **#144-18**, Zoning amendment to allow parking facilities in MU1 by Special Permit; **#59-18**, Ordinance amendment for licensing and loading houses. **Contact James Freas** at 617-796-1137 or jfreas@newtonma.gov.
- **Land Use Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 27th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211 to hear the following petitions: **#18-18** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to allow an oversized dormer at **165 Harvard Street**; **#68-18** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to establish a for-profit educational use at **227 Washington Street**; **#65-18** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to amend **Board Order #152-14** to amend the site plan at **1186 Chestnut Street**; **#71-18** Special Permit/Site Plan Review to amend **Board Order #515-61** to amend the site plan at **JFK Circle**. **Contact Neil Cronin** at 617.796.1141 or ncronin@newtonma.gov.
- **Washington Place Liaison Committee:** On **Tuesday, February 27th** the Washington Place Liaison Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 205. The Committee will review final demolition plans and will preview forthcoming consistency ruling requests. Go to [Washington Place/ Orr Project](#) for more information.
- **Zoning Redesign: Drop-In Office Hours** will take place at City Hall in Room 106 on **Wednesday, February 28th** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Check out the entire nine-part Zoning Redesign series online and **RSVP** at www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning. Have more questions or ideas? **Contact us** at zoningredesign@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1120
- **Sustainability + Preservation: Energy Efficiency for Old Houses:** Can you make your home more energy efficient while still respecting its historic character? Yes! Join Historic Newton on **Wednesday, March 21st** at 6:30pm at the Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds (286 Waverley Ave) in a program that covers how to blend reducing your carbon footprint with comfort and preservation. The panel will include Stephanie Horowitz (ZeroEnergy Design), Paul Eldrenkamp (Byggmeister Design & Build), and Nick Falkoff (Auburndale Builders), with moderator Katy Hax Holmes, City of Newton's Preservation Planner. Free admission. For more info: 617-796-1450 or www.historicnewton.org

- **Community Preservation Committee:** The main agenda item for the CPC's **March 13th** meeting will be a **public hearing** on [proposed revisions to their current funding guidelines](#), which have been online since November 2017 from the program's home page, www.newtonma.gov/cpa, and its [Guidelines & Forms](#) page. If you wish to comment on these proposed revisions but cannot attend the hearing or submit written comments by the packet deadline (today, **February 23rd**), please **contact Alice Ingerson** at aingerson@newtonma.gov or 617.796.1144.

Recent Actions: On February 13, the Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously (8-0) to commission a review of the [Crescent Street](#) project's financials by an independent, expert consultant. Work is underway to finalize the scope of work and identify the consultant. The project's \$2,575,000 CPA funding request for final design & construction remains pending.

Upcoming Deadlines: Proposal sponsors hoping to submit a full proposal for the regular annual funding round in **fall 2018** must submit requests by **March 29th** for the required initial meeting with staff, so they can submit eligible pre-proposals by **May 25th**.

- **Crescent Street Housing and Reverend Ford Playground Expansion Project:** To view the most recent concept design for the housing and sign up to receive project updates, go to www.newtonma.gov/crescentst. **Contact Barney Heath** at 617.796.1131 or bheath@newtonma.gov.
- **160R Stanton Avenue Redevelopment Project:** In November 2017, JCHE was designated by the City of Newton to develop the water tower parcel to expand the Golda Meir House with additional affordable apartments and services for seniors, as well as 9-12 units of housing for the chronically homeless. To review materials and to stay up-to-date on this project, visit our website: [160R Stanton Ave](#). **Contact Barney Heath** at 617.796.1131 or bheath@newtonma.gov.
- **28 Austin Street:** Construction to begin in earnest in March. Go to www.newtonma.gov/austinstreet for more information and to sign up for occasional email updates.
- **Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance Update:** To review materials and stay up-to-date on this project, go to www.newtonma.gov/Inclusionary_Zoning **Contact James Freas** at 617.796.1137 or jfreas@newtonma.gov
- **Needham Street Area Vision Plan:** 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 or email needhamstreet@newtonma.gov
- **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.
- **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.
- **Mayor's State of the City Address:** To view the Mayor's address given on Tuesday, February 20th go to www.newtonma.gov/gov/mayor/speeches_n_press_releases.asp.