Roxbury - Highland and Marcella Street

Community Meeting Notes: Group B July 16, 2012

Community Comments:

- Explore creating a connection from Beech Glen Ave to Highland Street using Oakview Ave (northwest of parcel 3).
- Explore having parking on both sides of Marcella Street.
- Concerns about off-street parking with proposed density.
- Advocate for area resident parking sticker.
- Better outreach from different organizations.
- Explore how to create parcel linkages in RFP responses.
- Abutters expressed interest in developing/purchasing parcels 5 and 7.
- Explore parcel 2 as a possible location for community gardens.
- Promote more commercial use.
- Mixed use on the corner of Marcella/Highland Street.
- Bring cost comparisons and estimate for total development cost/budget.
- Think about amenities.
- Improve think about better communication.
- Local developers.

Group A

Note: There is a parcel on Fuller Street that is not maintained, please look into who owns it.

- It was express to have the PRC community Vision be combined with the new community vision that will come out of tonight's meeting.
- Provide as much affordable housing as possible.
- The community would like to know if renting would be a possibility? The group agreed to affordable home ownership and owners with rental units. Try to keep a balance and avoid keeping those without wealth out of the neighborhood.
- Places with absentee ownership usually are poorly maintained.
- The group agrees that the presented plan has a good balance of built and open space.
- An orchard could be an open space use.
- With three separate RFPs, try to keep some unity among the developments.
- Who will maintain the open space? Common ownership will have to apply. Having a land trust is also the goal.
- There is concern about how parking ratios will work with condos units.
- Roxbury has the least amount of car sharing services, please promote car sharing in this area.