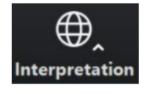


Higginson Parcels Community Meeting 6 - Third Round of RFP Reviews

Interpretation and Translation



"Spanish" – for Spanish

"Haitian Creole" – for Haitian Creole

"Cape Verdean Creole" – for Cape Verdean

"English" – for English

Links to translated slides will be provided in the chat box.



Zoom Tips

Here are some tips on using Zoom for first-time users.

Your Controls are at the bottom of the screen.



Use the chat to type a comment or ask a question at any time Members of the BPDA will moderate the chat.



To raise your hand, click on "Participants" at the bottom of your Screen, and then choose the "Raise Hand" option in the participant box, or press *9 on your phone.



Mute/unmute – Participants will be muted during the presentation. The host will unmute you during discussion if you raise your hand and it is your turn to talk. To mute/unmute on your phone press *6



Turns your video on/off



Recording

- At the request of community members, this event will be recorded and posted on the Higginson Parcels Community Meeting – Third Round of RFP Reviews Calendar webpage at http://bit.ly/3Uypm92 for those who are unable to attend the Zoom event live.
- Also, it is possible that participants may be recording the meeting with their phone cameras or other devices. If you do not wish to be recorded during the meeting, please turn off your microphone and camera.
- If your camera and microphone are off, you can still participate through the text chat feature.



Zoom Etiquette

- We want to ensure that this conversation is a pleasant experience for all attendees.
 - Please remain muted until called on. If you'd like to speak during this time, please use the "Raise Hand" function in Zoom so a BPDA moderator can unmute attendees.
 - Please be respectful of each other's time.
 - We ask that participants limit their questions so that others may participate in the discussion. If you have more questions, please wait until all others attending have an opportunity to ask questions.
 - If we are unable to get to your question at this meeting, please put them in the Chat at the end of this meeting or email <u>jonathan.short@boston.gov</u>



What is Our Focus Today?

- Presenting RFP draft development guidelines for 157 Harrishof, that were crafted based upon feedback received at the previous community meetings.
- This is your chance to guide the development of these sites.
- We want to hear your thoughts and ensure that all opinions are heard and play a part in the redevelopment of these sites.
- There are <u>NO WRONG IDEAS</u>. Please feel free to speak your mind regarding these parcels.





Agenda

- 1. Review of 157 Harrishof Street Site
- a) Site Overview
- **b)** Guiding Principles for the 157 Harrishof Disposition
- c) Draft Development Objectives & Design Guidelines
- d) Evaluation Criteria
- e) Community Conversation
- 2. Next Steps
- 3. Overview of Other Projects
- 4. Fin



1.a)

157 Harrishof Street Site Overview



157 Harrishof Street Overview

Lot Size: 4,292 SqFt

Current Use: Vacant

- The parcel is a sloping hill with mature trees along the edges
- Historical Maps show that the parcel has been vacant since back to 1931
- Parcel is surround by a mix of housing through the years. Today you multi-unit housing surrounding the parcel total 23,663 sqft of living space









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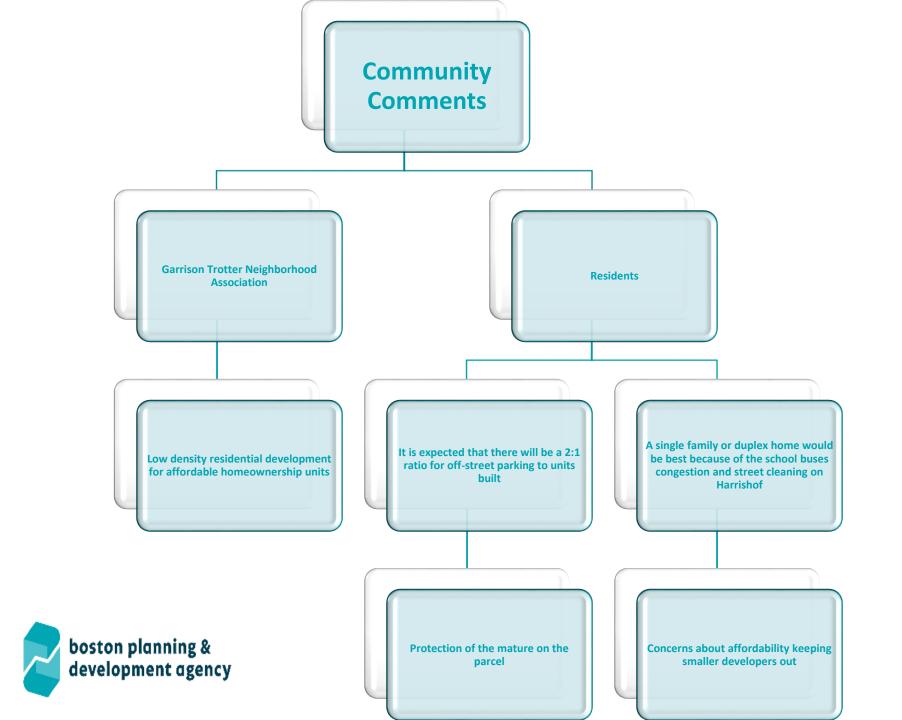
Guiding Principles for 157 Harrishof Disposition



Sources of The Guiding Principles for 20 Townsend's Disposition

- ✓ Comment from Neighborhood Leaders and Organizations
 - ✓ Three Higginson Parcels Community Meetings
 - ✓ The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan
 - ✓ The Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan





The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan

Build housing on publicly held land

New building types should be compatible with the predominant character of the existing housing in each subneighborhood.

Maximize Affordable Housing Units

Housing

Appropriate housing density for each subneighborhood should be determined based on historical densities, land use and context

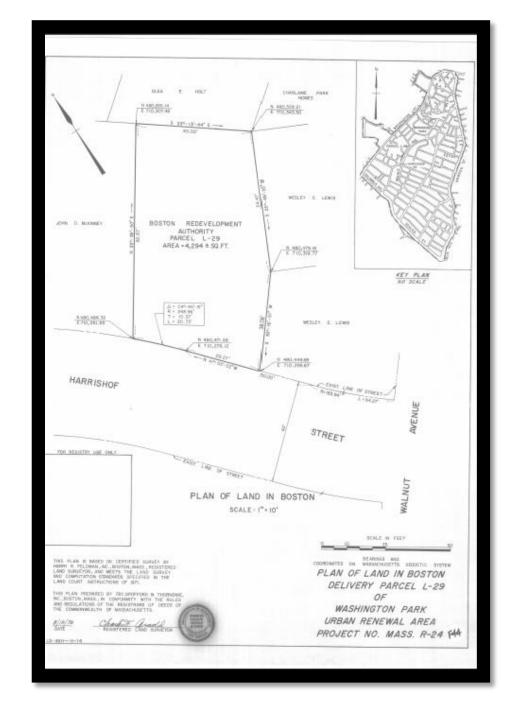
Increase individual and cooperative homeownership rates



New construction should respond to existing topography and retain natural features, such as rock outcroppings and large trees.

Washington Park Urban Renewal Area

- 157 Harrishof was designated as Urban Renewal Parcel L-25 In May 2005
- The minor modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan permits the parcel to be used for Residential and Associated Parking development





BPDA Disposition Goals and Objectives Consistent with Urban Renewal Plan and Zoning

- Development creation of a **low-density** residential development
- Create Affordable Home Ownership opportunities for all segments of the Roxbury community
- Provide off-street parking to residents coming into the area.
- Maintain the mature trees on the lot and keep as much green space as possible
- Design and plan innovative housing and its integration with the neighborhood's social and economic structure



1.c)

Draft Development Objectives & Design Guidelines



DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

Housing Affordability

<u>Provide</u>

 <u>affordable</u>
 homeownership

Parking

- Development must include off-street accessory parking to the Proposed Project
- Additional parking spaces would provide relief to a densely developed area

Green Space

 The proposed project should seek to maintain the mature trees on the parcel



Development Objectives Cont.

All housing developments utilizing City funds or City land must comply with the City's Affirmative Marketing Program requirements Proponents of small housing developments using City funds or City Land must advertise in a neighborhood newspaper or daily general and list on Metrolist

> Support to Local Residents

The Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) will notify the Boston Fair Housing Commission of these projects by sending the Affirmative Marketing Program a copy of the project approval letter



Development Objectives Cont.

• <u>Development without Displacement</u>: Proposals must describe measures they will take to avoid displacement of existing residents of the Roxbury neighborhood. As part of their submission, proponents must include a narrative describing how their proposal supports the community's goal of "development without displacement."



Development Objectives Cont.

Diversity and Inclusion

RFP Respondents must submit a Diversity and Inclusion Plan which reflects the extent to which they plan to include significant and impactful economic participation, employment, and management roles by people of color, women, and certified M/WBEs to participate in the development of the Property.

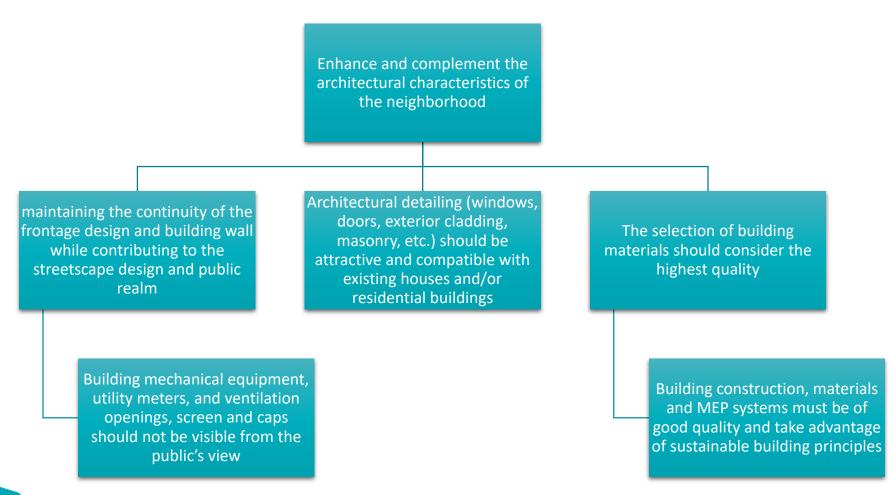
25% of Evaluation

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan should reflect economic participation and management roles by people of color, women, and M/WBEs in all phases of development, including but not limited to: Pre-development, Construction, and Ongoing Operations

The Diversity and Inclusion Plan should include the following good faith measures relating to M/WBE participation: Providing information on the M/WBE firms participating, the nature of their participation in each phase(s) and the extent to which such M/WBE involvement is committed as of the date of proposal submission.



Design Guidelines: Urban and Architectural Design





Reference Model of Housing







Design Guidelines: Landscaping and Preserving

Trees

Landscaping and site improvements should include the use of loam and seed on all non-paved areas. New trees, shrubs and other plantings are strongly encouraged. All exterior spaces must be well-maintained

Use plants appropriate to the region and to all seasons that require little or no irrigation or irrigate with collected storm or gray water. Plant trees that will form tree canopies.

Substantial topographic changes should be avoided. The existing overall site topography should be maintained with minimum cut and fill. Debris and unpaved, nonlandscaped areas are prohibited.

Walkways and sidewalks should be designed to be fully accessible to people with mobility disabilities and they should be lit at night without disturbing the surrounding residences.

Disposal areas, accessory storage areas or structures and dumpsters should be placed at the rear of the Property and appropriately screened from view.

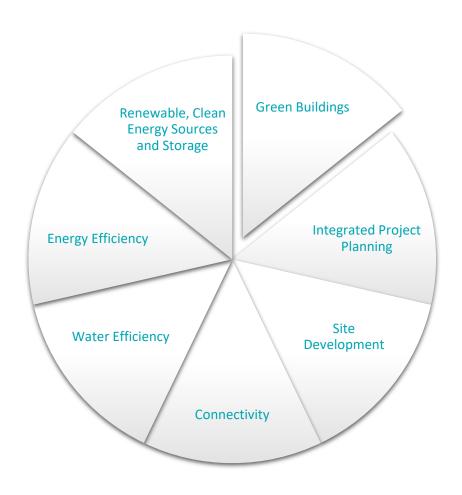
Types and heights of fences should be designed and selected properly considering appearance, maintenance and locations.

Any exposed concrete foundation should be screened by landscaping treatment.

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The selected proponent must repair and/or replace, as appropriate, any alteration or damage of existing sidewalks, paving, lights and street trees that occurs during construction.

Design Guidelines: Resilient Development and Green Building





1. d)

RFP Draft: Evaluation Criteria



1. Ability to Execute the Project as proposed

- Development team qualifications and experience
- Feasibility of development and operating budget
- Development schedule
- Sustainable maintenance plan for urban wild with ongoing funding



2. Exceptional Design, Development Program and Public Realm Contribution

- How well does the proposal address the development objectives?
- How well does the proposal address the design guidelines?
- Is the proposed design high-quality, creative, innovative, and contextual?
- How does the development contribute to the public realm?
- What community benefits does the proposal offer?



3. Financial Capacity

- Does the proposal have a feasible financing plan?
- Does the proposal provide evidence of confirmed financing offers to fund its development budget?



4. Diversity and Inclusion Plan

- How comprehensive, realistic, and executable is the proposal's Diversity and Inclusion plan?
- Does it include specific strategies for maximum participation by people of color, women, and M/WBEs in the fields of:
 - Construction
 - Design
 - Development
 - Financing
 - Operations
 - Ownership



1.e)

Community Conversation



Comments and Q&A

- Please click the raise your hand option to be called on OR place your question in the comment section.
- What are your thoughts regarding the Draft Request for Proposal?
- We want to hear the good and the bad! All of it matters
- You will be asked to take a poll at the end of questioning.



2.

Next Steps



Opportunities to give feedback

- Email: jonathan.short@boston.gov.
- Visit http://bit.ly/3Uypm92 to download the presentation, download the RFP, and submit a comment online.
- Comment period closes on May 3rd.



After Comment Period

- Hold another public meeting if needed
- Submit Request to Advertise at the May BPDA Board Meeting
- Release RFP with a three-month response period
- Developer presentations to the community
- Selection and Tentative Designation



3.

Overview of Other Projects



Updates to Other Projects

- Status
 - Under Review
 - 7-9 Westminster Terrace Residential Development
 - One Proposal Received Community Meeting in June 2023
 - 44 Maple Open Space/Community Garden
 - One Proposal Received Community Meeting in June 2023





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