



April 7, 2017

The Honorable Michelle Wu  
President  
Boston City Council  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Proposed Minor Modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-56, with respect to Parcel 30A

Dear Councilor Wu:

In accordance with the policies adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") Board on December 21, 2004 and April 14, 2016, with respect to proposed urban renewal actions of the BRA, I am hereby notifying the Boston City Council that the BRA proposes to adopt a minor modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-56, with respect to Parcel 30A.

The purpose of the proposed BRA action is to facilitate the transfer of Parcel 30A known as the Rutland Haven Garden to the Boston Natural Areas Network for use as open space.

I enclose a copy of the proposed minor modification resolution. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Janet Carlson, First Assistant General Counsel, at (617) 918-4389.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Golden  
Director

Enclosure

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
 RE: MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL PLAN,  
 PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56, WITH RESPECT TO PARCEL 30A.**

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-56 (the "Plan"), was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") on September 23, 1965 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965 (said plan, as previously modified, being herein referred to as the "Plan"); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1201 of Chapter XII of the Plan, entitled "Modification and Termination," provides that the Plan may be modified at any time by the Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Authority that the modification hereinafter provided with respect to Parcel 30A in the South End Urban Renewal Area is consistent with the objectives of the Plan and is a minor modification which may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to said Section 1201; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is cognizant of the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Sections 61 through 62H, as amended, and its implementing regulations (collectively "MEPA") with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment.

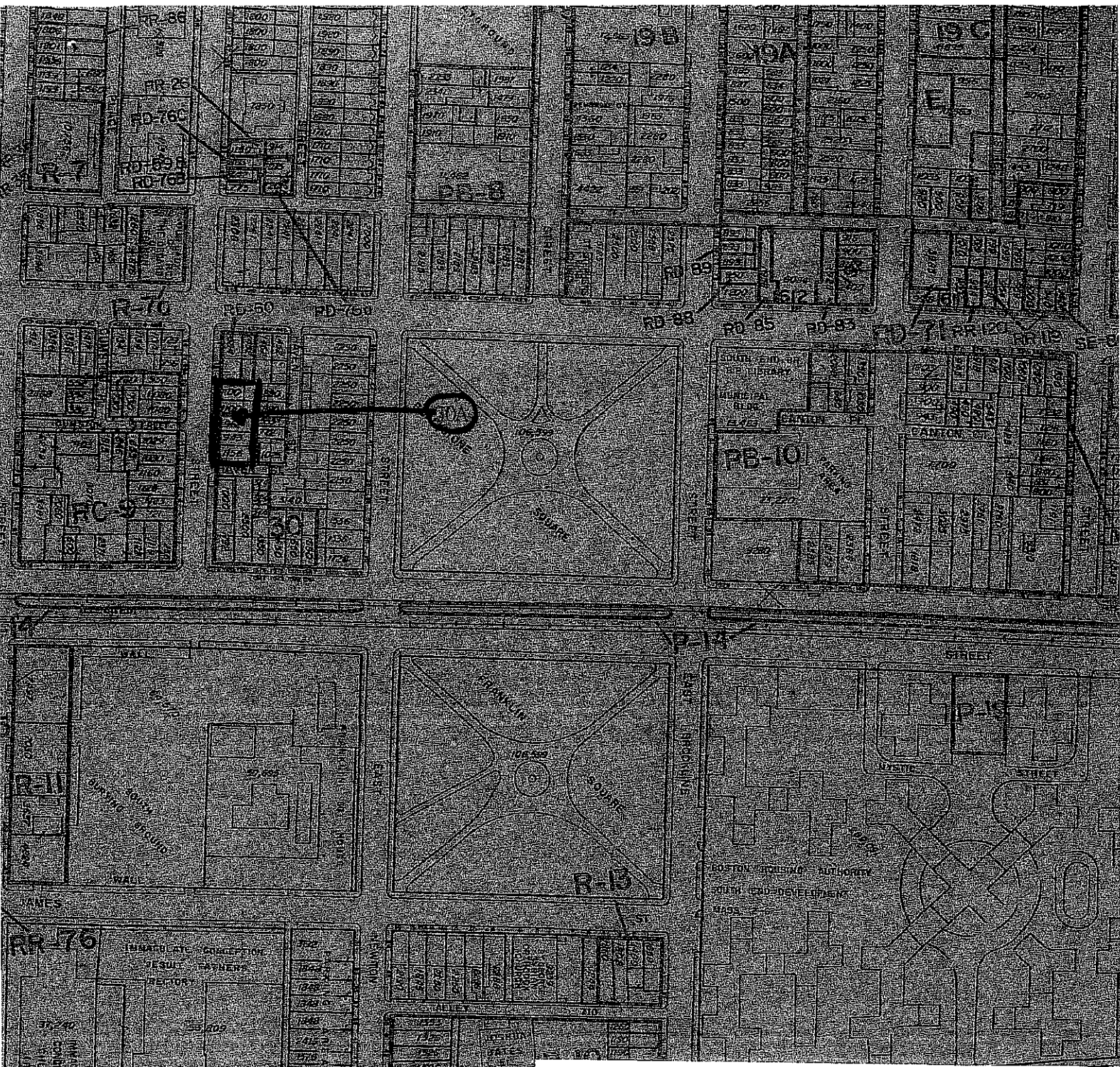
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

1. That pursuant to Section 1201 of Chapter XII of the Plan, that the Plan be, and hereby is, amended as follows:
  - (a) That Map No. 3 of the Plan, entitled "Reuse Parcels", is hereby modified by creating Parcel 30A shown on the map attached hereto.
  - (b) That Map No. 2 of the Plan, entitled "Proposed Land Use," is hereby modified by setting the proposed land use of Parcel 30A as open space.
  - (c) That Chapter VI entitled "Land Use Building Requirements and Other Controls" Section 602, Table A, "Land Use and Building Requirements" is hereby modified by inserting the following with respect to Parcel 30A:

Reuse Parcel Number	Permitted Land Use	Min. Set Back	Height In Ft. Min.	Height In Ft. Max	Max. Net Density	Min. Parking Ratio	Planning and Design Requirements
30A	Open Space	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	B

2. That this modification is found to be a minor modification, which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.

3. That all other provisions of the Plan not inconsistent herewith be, and hereby are, continued in full force and effect.
4. That it is hereby found and determined pursuant to the MEPA that the foregoing modification of the Plan, and any proposed development undertaken pursuant thereto, will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment, and further that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
5. That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to proclaim by certificate these minor modifications of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM7207.1, Circular dated August 1974, if applicable.



Map No. 3  
 Reuse Parcels  
 South End Urban Renewal Area,  
 Project No. R-56