Urban Renewal North Station

June 18th, 2019
Why Are We Here?
2016 Urban Renewal Extension Process

• In 2016, the Commonwealth’s Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) approved a six-year extension of the Boston Planning and Developments Urban Renewal powers, which are seen as an important tool for planning and economic development.

• As we enter the mid way point of that extension the agency is coming out to all 16 Urban Renewal Areas to update the community on their actions and gain feedback into the future of each plan area.
Urban Renewal Community Engagement - Phase 1

- Brunswick - King
- Park Plaza
- Kittredge
- North Station
- CBD School Franklin
- CBD Boylston Essex
Community Engagement Next Steps - Analyze

Phase 2
- Campus High School - September
- CBD South Station - September
- South Cove - October
- Fenway - October
- Downtown Waterfront - November

Phase 3
- Charlestown - November
- Government Center - December
- South End - January
- Washington Park - January
- West End - February
Who Am I?
Hi!

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Urban Renewal Area Agenda

1. Urban Renewal Background
2. Urban Renewal Action Plan
3. Land Disposition Agreement Inventory Update
4. Analysis and Inventory of BPDA Owned Land
5. Community Feedback
Urban Renewal Background
Urban Renewal Origins

• Urban Renewal dates back to the American Housing Act of 1949, when the Federal Government began to invest great sums of money to redevelop cities that were rapidly declining after World War II. Early Urban Renewal efforts attempted to tackle widespread blight by assembling land to develop massive infrastructure and public facilities usually at the expense of displacing poor and marginalized residents.
Urban Renewal Plan Areas
Urban Renewal Background

The 16 Existing Urban Renewal Plans (After 2016 Extension)

- Central Business District – School-Franklin
- Central Business District – Boylston-Essex
- Central Business District - South Station
- North Station
- Government Center
- Brunswick King
- Park Plaza
- South End
- South Cove
- Kittredge Square
- Washington Park
- Campus High School
- Fenway
- Downtown Waterfront
- Charlestown
- West End
Expired Urban Renewal Plan Areas

- New York Streets
- Whitney Streets
- St. Botolph
- CBD – Bedford West
- Sumner Street
- North Harvard
- Tremont Mason
Urban Renewal Background

North Station Urban Renewal Area
North Station Urban Renewal Area: July 1980 – July 2020

- Remove the Elevated Structure of the MBTA Green Line to eliminate blight.
- Provide a safe, comfortable and attractive public transportation system at North Station.
- Provide for rehabilitation of Boston Garden.
- Maximize river edge walkways.
- Provide adequate utilities, landscaping, streets and lighting services.
- Provide a lively mixture of active uses which reinforce each other and stimulate day and evening activity.
Madison Hotel – Site of the Federal Building
Urban Renewal Tools and Terms
Urban Renewal Tools

- Site Assembly
- Title Clearance
- Vertical Discontinuance
- Land Use Control
- Urban Renewal Overlay Districts
What is in a Land Disposition Agreement?

- Open Space Requirements
- Specific Land Use Requirements (Institutional, School, Residential/Office)
2) BPDA: Urban Renewal Action Plan
A Resolution Approving the ABA (Arts, Business, and Housing) District in the City of Boston

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has worked tirelessly to promote the social, economic, and physical benefits of the ABA district; and

RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby approves the ABA district in the City of Boston.
The Boston City Council’s Committee on Planning and Development will hold a public hearing on Friday, September 30, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Lannella Chamber, fifth floor, Boston City Hall. This hearing is a biannual urban renewal progress update by the BRA d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA).
# Urban Renewal Document Center

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Land Disposition Procedures and Actions
Community Meetings and RFP Process

SALE OF 41 REGENT STREET, ROXBURY - PARCEL L-43-B WITHIN THE WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA

The Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BRA") is pleased to issue this Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the redevelopment of Parcel L-43B, located at 41 Regent Street, ("Parcel") in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24. The Parcel is available from the BRA for sale and development to create residential use. Preference will be given to the proposals that include homeownership units in the proposed project.

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Completion of LDA and BPDA Owned Property Inventory
3) LDA Inventory
North Station Urban Renewal Area
Expires 2020
Parcel P-1
Thomas P. O’Neill Jr. Federal Building
Parcel P-1
Thomas P. O’Neill Jr. Federal Building
4) BPDA Owned Property
North Station: BPDA Owned Inventory
Easement Parcel and Air Vent
5) North Station : Feedback