Agenda: Land Use Over Time

- Boston Parks & Recreation Department: Parcel Priority Plan (open space)
- Boston Planning & Development Agency: built environment
- Question and Answer
- Online Feedback: Open Until the End of October
- If you have a follow up item, please reach out to Jason Ruggiero (Jason.Ruggiero@boston.gov) and we will be in touch as soon as possible.
Meeting Format

- During the presentation, attendees should submit written questions to the hosts (Kelly and Jay) via the question and answer function, to be addressed after the presentation.

- During the question and answer session, participants may also use the “Raise Hand” function of Zoom. When you hit the “Raise Hand” button a staff moderator will know to unmute your computer. Please be mindful of background noise.

- Following the meeting, the online feedback tool will be available until the end of the October.
Zoom Tips

Welcome! 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 PLAN: Charlestown team 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

- 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

- Turns your video on/off
Meeting Recording

At the request of community members, this event will be recorded posted on the PLAN: Charlestown project webpage at http://bostonplans.org/PlanCharlestown 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.
2020 Census Update and Reminder

Quick Facts:

- As of 7/7, 52.2% (about 175,800) of Boston’s households have responded.
- In 2010, the final response rate was 64.4%.

The Census has never been more accessible. You can respond:

- Online (my2020census.gov)
- Over the phone, or by mail.
- 13 different languages available.

Boston depends on your household to respond. For every person not counted, nearly $2,400 per year for the next ten years is lost in federal funding.
COVID-19 Resources

Stay up-to-date with COVID-19 related announcements, City of Boston reopening plans, and resources for you and your community at:

boston.gov/coronavirus

Content available in 16 languages.
For meeting all content:

http://www.bostonplans.org/plancharlestown
PLAN: Charlestown

Ted Schwartzberg, AICP, Senior Planner
Moment of silence in honor of Bill Lamb
What is Imagine Boston 2030?

Begun in 2015 and completed in 2017, Imagine Boston 2030 (IB2030) is the first citywide plan in 50 years.

It created the guiding principles and framework to guide all growth in the City of Boston. In partnership with the BPDA, the City of Boston can ensure that priorities are carried out through creative and thoughtful land use regulations and guiding principles.
Overview

- 2019
  Pre-process engagement events
- January 2020
  Kick-Off Open House: all planning topics
- August 2020
  Open Office Hours: planning for tonight
- Tonight
  Land Use Over Time
- Oct. 13th, 2020
  Open Office Hours: feedback tools assistance
2019 - Fourteen Engagement Events

BPDA staff members attend a meeting hosted by the Charlestown Preservation Society, one of 14 engagement events held in late 2019 in preparation for today’s launch of PLAN: Charlestown.

The core of Charlestown is historic in nature: we must preserve this existing fabric.
January 31, 2020 - Open House
Parcel Priority Plan

Maggie Owens
Planner, Boston Parks and Recreation Department
PLANNING FOR FUTURE PARKS

Parcel Priority Plan

What should the City prioritize?
Where would you like to see more parks?

Help shape the future of Boston’s park system by visiting the virtual open house and taking the survey at:

boston.gov/parcel-priority-plan
History and the Built Environment

Ted Schwartzberg, AICP, Senior Planner II
Meghan Richard, Preservation Planner & Urban Designer II
Understanding Place

Kevin Lynch’s methods - historic areas

- How do we take in information about our surroundings?
- How do we process that information to build mental maps?
- How do we orient ourselves to know where we are?
  - How do we identify different parts of a city or neighborhood?
I know I’m somewhere historic...
Putnam Street
I know I’m somewhere industrial...
Boston Sand & Gravel and MBTA Portal
I’m at an edge of a residential area...
Lost Village & Sullivan Square Station
Mental Maps Put it All Together

Pleasant Street (2020)
Kevin Lynch’s Five Elements of Place

Paths  Edges  Districts  Nodes  Orienting Landmarks
Paths

Main Street (2020)
Paths

Austin Street Bridge (2018)
Paths

Bunker Hill Street 1946
Orienting Landmarks

Bunker Hill Monument (1973)
Orienting Landmarks

Bunker Hill Monument in background (1925)
Orienting Landmarks

Bunker Hill Monument and Roughan Hall (1950’s)
Orienting Landmarks

Roughan Hall (1899)
Orienting Landmarks

Roughan Hall (1965)
Orienting Landmarks

Roughan Hall (2020)
Nodes

Training Field (1965)
Nodes

Hayes Square (1949)
Nodes

The Neck: 1770 Boston Harbor Map
Edges

Lost Village (2019)
Edges

Medford Street (1965)
Edges

Chelsea Street (2020)
Edges

Rutherford Avenue (2020)
Districts

Figure Ground Representation
Districts

From Sullivan Square (1901)
Districts

From Prison Point Bridge (1917)
 Paths
Districts
This map depicts the Charlestown Neighborhood Design Overlay District in yellow, over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 1878 Boston Harbor Chart.
Current NDOD Boundary Map
Your Turn

Kelly Sherman, Planner I
Historic Area Identification

- Online input tools will be available through October 31st
- No need to do it tonight (a lot of information to take in!)
- Video of tonight’s presentation will be posted online, as a guide
- We’ll meet again remotely on October 13th in case of technical difficulties
- For links to the historic area feedback tool & the Parks Parcel Priority tool:

  www.bostonplans.org/plancharlestown
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Q&A
Thank you!

for more information about this planning process
visit: bostonplans.org/PlanCharlestown