Welcome

Technology & Tips

Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager
Kelly Sherman, Planner I
Format

- **Informal** opportunity to talk with the staff team for an hour, and get comfortable with the technology.
- Help staff design and prepare for upcoming planning workshops.
- Process update followed by general discussion.
- If you are unable to speak at office hours and 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 Process

- Attendees may participate via the chat feature, as well as by using 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.

- During the presentation attendees will be able to submit comments and questions to the hosts (Kelly or Taylor) via the chat that will be addressed after the presentation.

- During the discussion section, members will be able to chat with BPDA staff and other attendees.
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 and 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.
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.
2020 Census Update and Reminder

Key Dates:

• August 11 - Doorknocking begins.

• September 30 - Last day to respond.

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.
Staff Team

- Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager
- Kelly Sherman, Planner I
- Ted Schwartzberg, AICP, Senior Planner II
- Meghan Richard, Preservation Planner & Urban Designer II
- Chris Breen, Urban Renewal Manager
- Quinlan Locke, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services
- Reay Pannesi, Senior Real Estate Development Officer
- Ocean Luo, Senior Planner for Imagine Boston 2030
- Raul Duverge, Senior Project Manager
- Taylor Herman, Planning Intern
Update

Picking up from where we left off...

Ted Schwartzberg, AICP
Senior Planner
Today’s Event

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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.
1. January 31st: Process Kick-Off Open House (all planning topics)
2. Tonight: Open Office Hours
3. Next: Monthly Public Workshops (focused planning topics)

Stay Involved: visit website to sign up for Planning, and Development
Review meeting announcements
PLAN: Charlestown

Kick-off Open House

Date
Thursday, January 30

When
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Where
Warren-Prescott School Cafeteria,
Playground Entrance of Pearl Street,
Charlestown, MA 02129

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Please join us for an open house community meeting about the PLAN: Charlestown neighborhood planning initiative. Meet members of the City and the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s planning team, share your ideas, and learn about the planning process and how you can get involved.

Light refreshments will be provided.

*In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 6.
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January Open House
Open House Highlights: Transportation
Open House Highlights: Schools

TOTAL SEATS AVAILABLE PER STUDENT
Within One Mile of Student’s Home

Source: Boston Public Schools

TOTAL SEATS AVAILABLE PER STUDENT
On Student Choice List

Source: Boston Public Schools
Open House Highlights: Participation

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.
Open House Highlights: Participation

Plan: Charlestown
Participation and Outreach

Who else should be invited to participate in this process?
What is the best way to reach out to these groups/people?

How would you like to participate in this process?
Share your ideas for future events.

Join the Advisory Group

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Nominations Due:
March 6th, 2020

www.bostonplans.org/plancharlestown
Open House Highlights: Participation

Who else should be invited to participate in this process? What is the best way to reach out to these groups/people?

- Residents - Patrick, OneChordtown on CLG Knock and doors (if you aren't online)
- ALL AGENCIES, CITY, STATE, FEDERAL THAT HAVE INTEREST IN THE AREA - MONTHLY PRESENTATION
- CMA Preservation Society
- Police

How would you like to participate in this process? Share your ideas for future events.

- Public meetings on public spaces for community groups
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- Field trips to city spaces that can reach people outside

GROUP MEETINGS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC THEMES (I.E., ZONING)

Development issues

Need a meeting option for people who are unable to attend in-person meetings.

2 meetings on same topic (to ensure people who can't make one, could make the other)

Hold close to people/stakeholders engaged in dialog (i.e., ministers)

Alternative way to reach community
Open House Highlights: Participation

Draw a tally line for as many as apply to you:

Live Here:  

Work Here:  

Want to Become a Resident Here:  

Go to school here:  

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Open House Highlights: History

Charlestown Bridge, 1899.
Source: Boston Public Library

Main Street, 1900.
Source: Boston Public Library
Open House Highlights: History

Site of Gardens for Charlestown, 1960's. Source: City of Boston Archives

Vacant lots adjacent to Tobin Bridge approach, 1960's. Source: City of Boston Archives
Upcoming

Meghan Richard
Preservation Planner & Urban Designer
What’s Next

View south from Sullivan Square, 1901. Note historic core to the east (left) and industrial uses to the west (right).
Source: City of Boston Archives

View north from Austin Street, 1928. Note prison in foreground, historic core to the east (right) and industrial uses to the west (left).
Source: Boston Public Library
This map depicts the Charlestown Neighborhood Design Overlay District in yellow, over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 1878 Boston Harbor Chart.
Discussion
PLAN: Charlestown
Thank you!

For more information about this planning process visit: http://bostonplans.org/PlanCharlestown
This time we have invited the BPDA (BRA) in to help us create an implementable and enforceable plan for the entirety of Charlestown that will prioritize our unique community needs.

We hope that you will join us in the PLAN: Charlestown process and planning for our collective future.