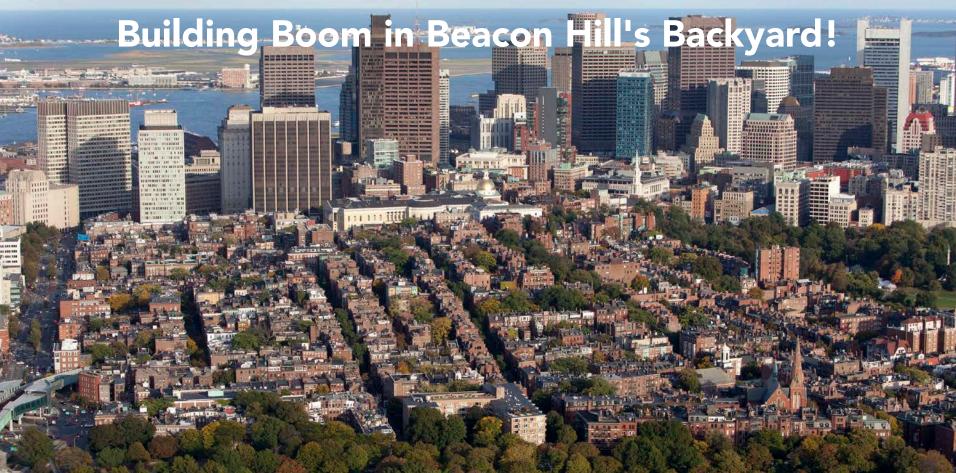
#### **Beacon Hill Womens Forum**

Hampshire House

January 7, 2014

#### Presents:



#### Randi Lathrop, Director

**Business Development Division** 



## **AGENDA**

1. Business Development Division Overview

Boston Redevelopment Authority

- 2. Downtown Boston BID
- 3. Downtown Boston's Building Boom!

## **Business Development**



Business Initiatives **Provide Resources** 

- Navigate the Permitting Process
- Provide Financing Opportunities
- Help with Site Location

Attraction Retention Assistance

## **Business Development Staff**



The BRA's Business
Development division has
crafted a number of special
initiatives to attract and
support unique businesses,
from a single artists to an
entire research laboratory.

## **Business Development**

#### Resources & Initiatives









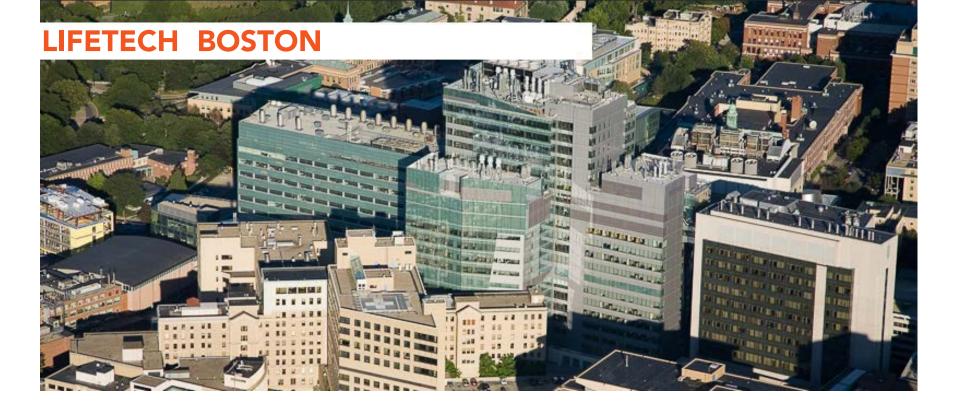












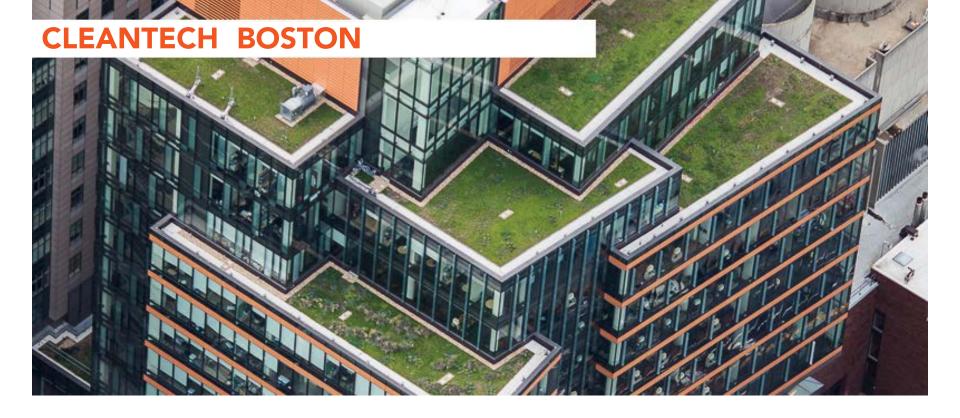
**Who We Help:** Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Healthcare IT, High Technologies, Other Related Industries.

**What We Do:** Identify industry gaps, promote Boston as the premier US location for international companies, and connect companies with city and state resources.

Martina Toponarski

Contact: Life Sciences and High Tech Sector Manager martina.toponarski@boston.gov 617-918-4457





Who We Help: Existing and new clean-tech businesses, new entrepreneurs, community partners.

What We Do: In addition to helping identify possible locations in one of Boston's neighborhoods it offers an array of very competitive office and light industrial space in the Boston Marine Industrial Park and access to financial resources.

**Contact:** Rich Pellagrini

CleanTech/ Advanced Manufacturing Sr. Manager rich pellagrini@boston.gov 617-918-4375





Who We Help: Help entrepreneurs and early stage companies navigate the sometimes complex world of capital access.

What We Do: Facilitate conversations, make introductions, educate.

#### **Contact:**

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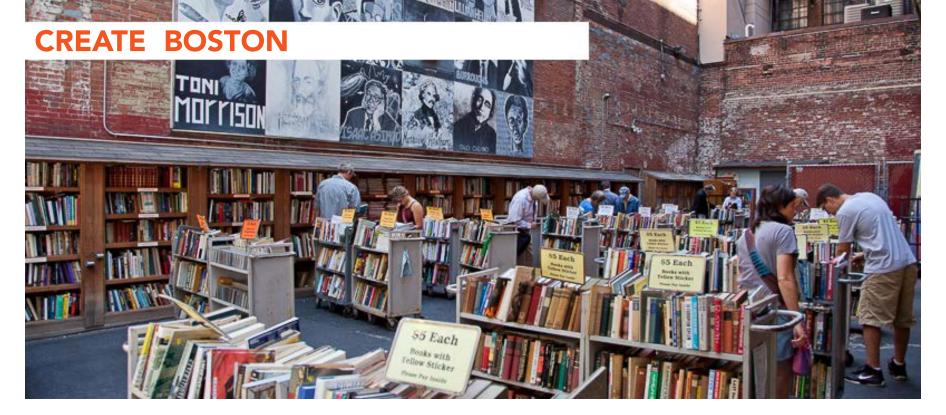
**Who We Help:** Manufacturing businesses processing raw materials, Wholesale, Commercial Services, Logistics, Buildings and Contractors, Food Processing and Importing.

What We Do: Provides individual businesses and districts in the city with a range of comprehensive industrial planning services and strategic advice. These services foster commerce and encourage entrepreneurship in the area businesses.

Sal DiStefano

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Who We Help: Film, Music, Media, Design, Visual Arts/Craft, Performance

What We Do: Create conditions that allow creative businesses and individuals to reach their full potential, help create and retain high-paying jobs based in the creative economy, connect creative industries to new audiences, markets and resources, assist in building a sustainable future creative workforce, and provide a collaborative environment by connecting arts and cultural non-profit organizations.

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Who We Help: Existing and new innovative businesses to develop the City's entrepreneurial ecosystem, New Entrepreneurs, Community Partners.

What We Do: Take advantage of the City's existing knowledge base, the area's opportunity for growth, and world-class infrastructure to produce world-class products and services while supporting entrepreneurship and mentor new ideas and projects.

Andrew Grace

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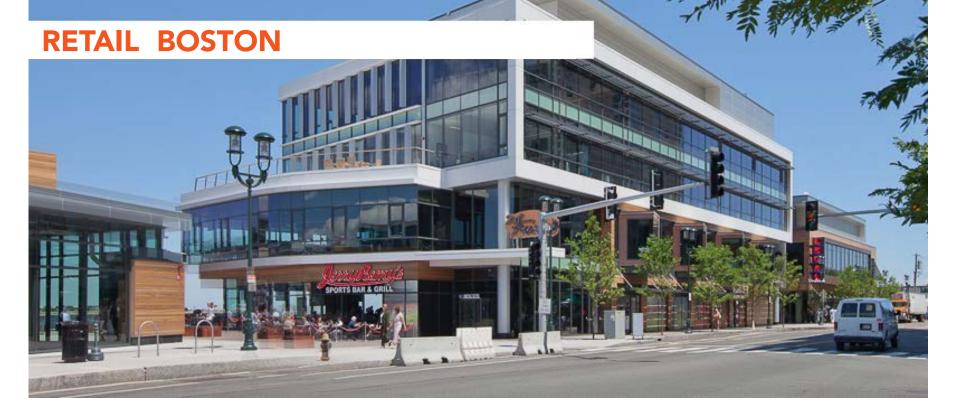
Who We Help: Young adults 20-34 year old, Young entrepreneurs.

What We Do: Links Boston's young adults population with the city's social, civic and professional resources and with each other; helps to provide more efficient access to the city's resources while developing long-lasting networks and incentives to stay in Boston; Provides an open forum for 20-34 year-olds to discuss neighborhood issues and collaborate to solve them.

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**Who We Help:** Existing retail and 'front-end' industries, New entrepreneurs, Community partners

What We Do: Provides individual businesses and districts in the city with a range of comprehensive industrial planning services and strategic advice. These services foster commerce and encourage entrepreneurship in the area businesses.

**Contact:** 

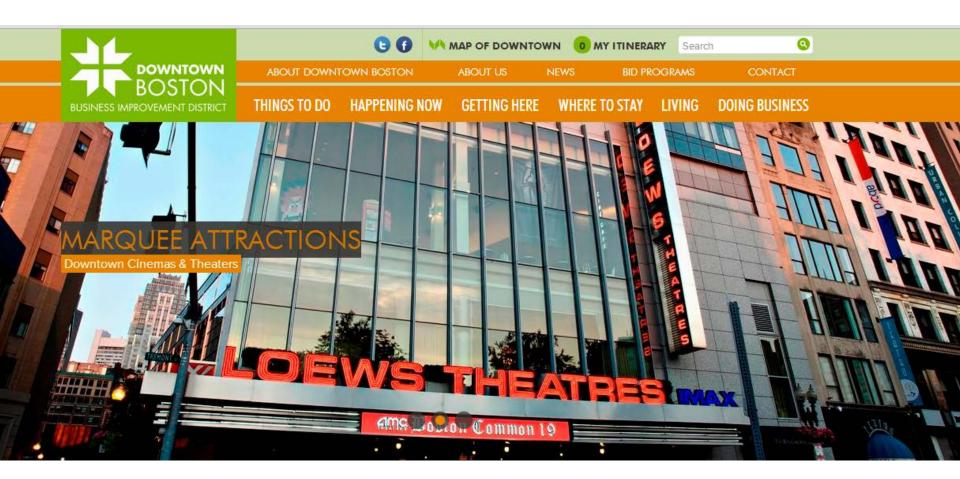
Randi Lathrop Citywide

Martina Toponarski Innovation District Retail



## **Downtown Boston**

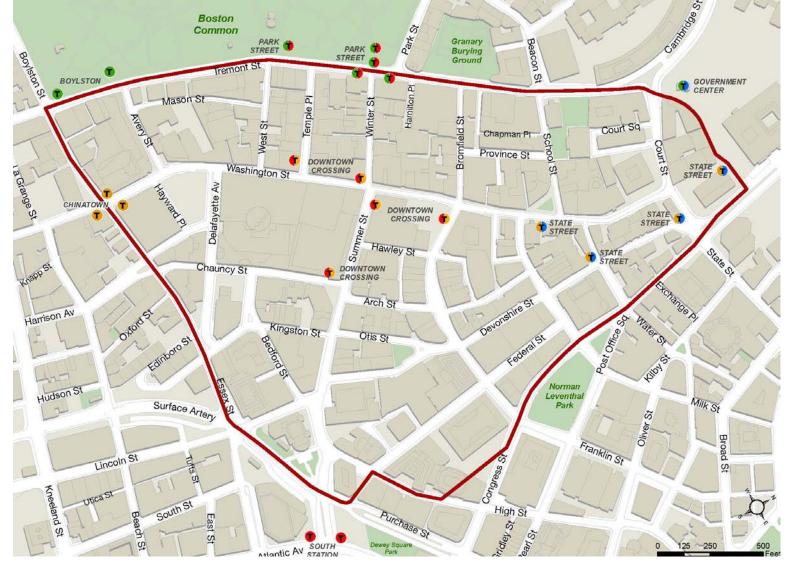
## **Business Improvement District**





- Downtown Boston BID established in 2010
- First BID created in Boston, 7<sup>th</sup> BID in Massachusetts
- Campaign spearheaded by BID's predecessor, the DCP, with strong support from the BRA and Mayor's Office





- BID encompasses 34 square blocks
- Approx. 250 commercial and tax-exempt property owners, controlling 750 tax parcels, make up BID membership
- Approx. \$4.2 million annual budget

## **BID Programs: Cleaning & Hospitality**





#### BID Ambassadors are on-call 24/7/365 providing

- Litter & graffiti removal; Powerwashing & snowshoveling
- Helping tourists/visitors with directions/escorts
- Reporting vandalism/broken streetlights, etc. to BID property owners and the city

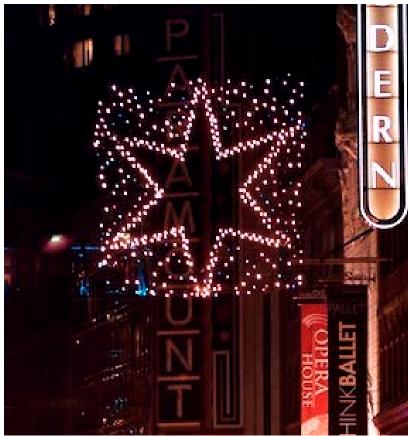
## Wayfinding: Pilot program Spring 2014





**BID Programs: Streetscape Beautification** 





#### The BID's capital improvements initiatives include:

- Seasonal decorations: year-round plantings, banners, holiday starlights
- Ongoing collaboration with City/BRA to standardize benches, sidewalk & paver materials, plant holders, & wayfinding

## **BID Programs: Marketing/Promotions & Special Events**

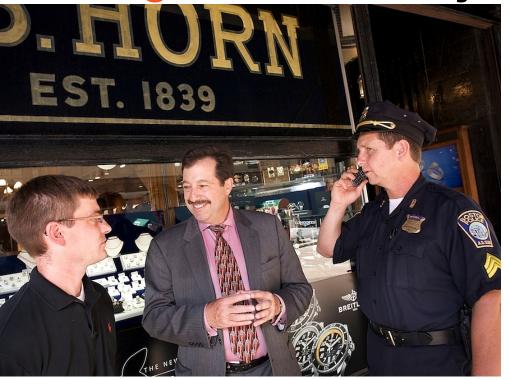




#### Downtown Boston BID marketing/promotions & special events include:

- Weekly E-Newsletter, Website, Social media channels
- Advertise in Boston Magazine, Improper Bostonian, Playbill/Panorama, etc.
- Year-round special events on Summer Street Plaza, Walgreens Plaza, etc.

**BID Programs: Community Relations/Social Services** 



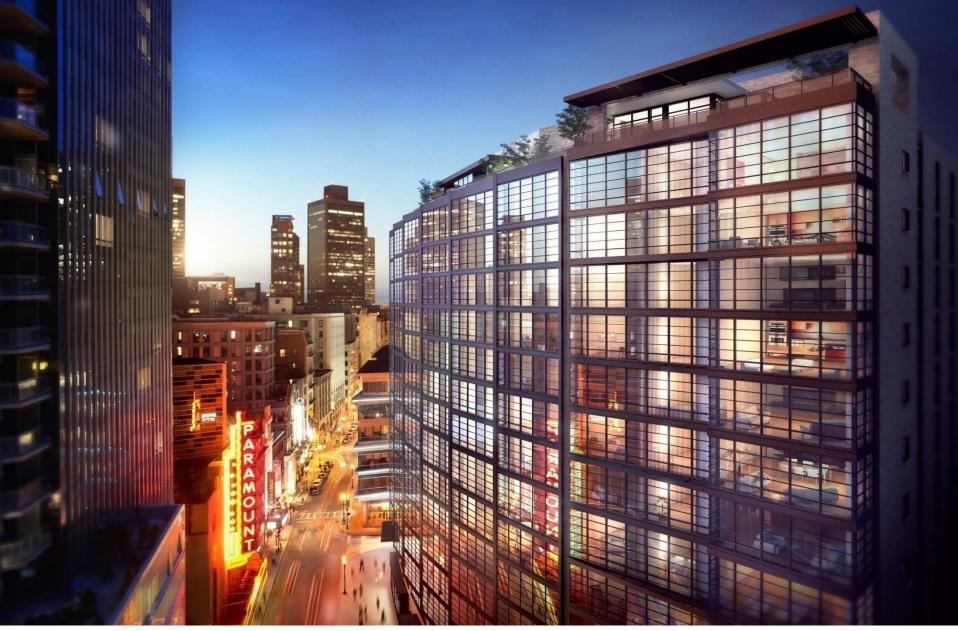


BID community relations/social services include:

- Collaboration with Police, Fire, DPW, and other municipal agencies
- Partner with St. Francis House, St. Anthony Shrine, etc.
- Actively participate with neighborhood organizations: MPPNA, etc.
- Employ full-time social outreach coordinators

## **Downtown Boston's Building Boom**

- \$6 Billion under construction city-wide
- Additional \$10 billion of development in pipeline
- \$1.7+ billion in Downtown Crossing
- 103 new businesses in last 3 years Downtown Crossing
- Over 45 new food establishments in past 5 years



Millennium Place, Washington Street

256 Residential Units, Legal Crossing, Caffé Nero





Millennium Tower: Opening Spring 2016 600 Residences and Flagship Retail



**Burnham Building:** Opening Fall 2014 Office, Retail and Roche Bros. Food Market



401-407 Washington: Former Fox Furs building
14 residential units plus commercial space



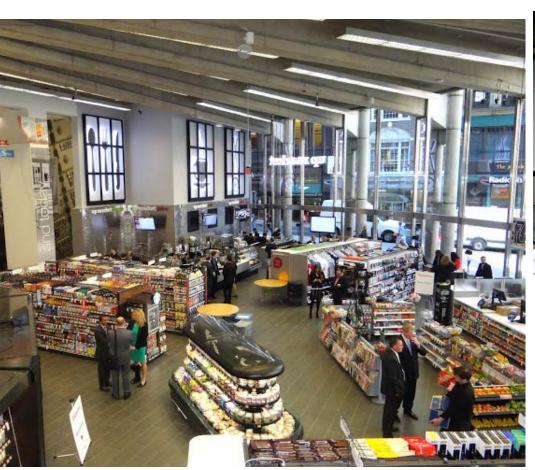
**59 Temple Place: Godfrey Hotel** Opening Fall 2014 273 rooms and 2 ground floor restaurants



**120 Kingston Street** 240 Residential units



# 1-4 Winter Place: Former Locke-Ober 6 units residential and 2 commercial spaces







Walgreens Emporium: Opened Spring 2013 Flagship location





1 Boston Place: Paul Opening Spring 2014 Flagship location



**467 Washington: Liberty Travel** Flagship location

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