

18:06:31 From Jay Ruggiero (BPDA) to Everyone:

Welcome, everyone. If there are any Elected Officials or representatives of Elected Officials, feel free to say Hello in the chat!

18:07:38 From Elizabeth Sanchez to Everyone:

Good evening all, Elaine Donovan Charlestown liaison with Councilor Coletta's office.
elaine.donovan@boston.gov

18:09:25 From Sean Breen to Everyone:

Hey everyone, Sean Breen with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services
Sean.breen@boston.gov

18:09:49 From Zachary Cutler to Everyone:

Is this being recorded for public viewing?

18:10:00 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:

yes

18:10:03 From Rebecca Tomasovic to Everyone:

Yes it is being recorded and will be posted on the BPDA website after the meeting

18:10:43 From Lois Siegelman to Everyone:

Is this study a repeat of the one that was done a number of years ago, or, is it the same one.

18:12:28 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

She needs to speak louder

18:14:43 From Dan Jaffe to Everyone:

Can you please post the RFP document

18:15:15 From Don'tPrivatizePier5 NoDevelopers to Everyone:

C/W/Should those commenting, chatting, inquiring (esp during any Q&A) pls identify their interest/organization e.g., Press, RE or Other Developer, Paid/Retained (or Unpaid Consultant), Charlestown Resident, Navy Yard Resident, BRA Representative, Elected Representative, Engineer, Traffic Engineer, Climate Engineer, Charitable Entity, Courageous & etc. Thank you, a Navy Yard Resident

18:15:20 From Rebecca Tomasovic, BPDA to Everyone:

The Engineering RFP can be found here:

<https://www.bostonplans.org/procurement/procurement-portal/rfp-listing-page?id=1315>

18:16:42 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

What other projects did Foth do?

18:16:55 From Tracy Iannelli to Everyone:

what similar work did Foth do in Massachusetts?

18:19:05 From Jay Ruggiero (BPDA) to Everyone:

To learn more about past projects by Foth: <https://www.foth.com/featured-projects/>

18:19:46 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

Is the condition of the piles due to the failure to maintain?

18:20:48 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

Where are the accessible piles and how many were evaluated?

18:20:53 From Kathy Elliott to Everyone:

How many site visits did you make? How many dives, if any, were done?

18:21:12 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:
rosemary, he told us that on the last slide

18:21:25 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:
Where were the measurements made at or below water line?

18:21:55 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:
Des He did not provide a number and let me ask my questions

18:22:30 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:
they tested twice as many as is normal to inspect.

18:22:45 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:
Des shut up

18:22:53 From Jay Ruggiero (BPDA) to Everyone:
The Engineering Report as well as this presentation (and the recording) are available after tonight for review. A lot of the information to your questions are in this presentation

18:23:16 From Jay Ruggiero (BPDA) to Everyone:
Rosemary, please do not speak like that to other people. We will ask you to leave it if happens again.

18:25:06 From Kathy Elliott to Everyone:
Jason, are you referring to my question. Will it tell me how many visits and dives were undertaken?

18:25:46 From Rebecca Tomasovic, BPDA to Everyone:
The presentation will cover a number of the questions and we will have a Q&A portion after the presentation for any questions that were not covered

18:26:17 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:
I want to know exactly how many piles were inspected

18:26:29 From Jay Ruggiero (BPDA) to Everyone:
Kathy, we will be sure your questions is answered/clarified

18:32:14 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:
What is the cost of demolition?

18:32:43 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:
Why is only an L shape offered

18:33:49 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:
Has an environmental impact study been done to determine the pollution released in the demo process?

18:34:06 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:
Two of the options include demolition and then some rebuilding. What portion of those costs is the demolition, i.e., Demolition NOT including the rebuilding?

18:34:13 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:
Is the cost of pollution control been taken into account for the demo

18:35:06 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:
What provisions will be made to provide public access to the piers if the Pier is replaced with floating doc

18:35:31 From Barbara Heller to Everyone:
For Program B, the public park space. Will that simply be open space?

18:36:05 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

Public Park, war memorial, and open public space

18:36:39 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

Charlestown needs more open green and blue(water) open to the public

18:36:53 From Zachary Cutler to Everyone:

When will the Environmental Impact Study be performed?

18:37:29 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

Also since the BPDA has privatized Shipyard Park in the form of the Anchor we deserve to have that open park space restored on Pier 5

18:37:39 From Chris Capuano to Everyone:

I am a navy yard resident. Thank you for the presentation. I have 2 questions:

- Several abutting piers are privately owned. Will the planned 2024 resiliency study look at pier 5 in isolation or be done in coordination with other stakeholders?

- Pier 5 and surrounding seawall are eroding into the harbor each day. It is tragic to see the amount of pollution this is causing (concrete, rebar, rotted piles, etc. almost daily in the harbor) and the effects on the natural habitat. Is this of concern to BPDA? Which agency is responsible for cleanup of dilapidated BPDA owned property in the interim?

18:37:50 From Tracy Iannelli to Everyone:

If it is a pier what will be the rules and regulations for fishing?

18:38:22 From Robert O'Leary to Everyone:

Prefer green open public space

18:38:34 From Jackson Myers to Everyone:

I believe he said the L plan was the exact length and width of the existing pier.

18:39:01 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

Why is the vision so limited and why can't we have floating docks, pier park and seagrass islands and oyster upwellers?

18:39:43 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

The BPDA owns it and should pay for it

18:39:53 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:

good questions, lois

18:40:04 From Zachary Cutler to Everyone:

Payment can partially come from the maintenance budgets unused.

18:40:39 From Mo Ehsani to Everyone:

For your consideration, this video shows our latest development that could greatly help reduce the cost of repair of the deteriorated pile cap and deck repairs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzqXTqNOpZM>

Professor Mo Ehsani

President, QuakeWrap, Inc.

18:40:46 From Zachary Cutler to Everyone:

Also, Battlefield Grants per its historic significance.

18:41:07 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

The BPDA has collected over 40mil from CNY prior to 2011 and it is the owner and obligated to maintain its assets

18:41:34 From Kathy Elliott to Everyone:

The BPDA collects millions from the CNY in the form of Transfer taxes, Lease Payments and other revenue . They have severely underinvested in the Navy Yard,

18:41:37 From Sherrie S Cutler to Everyone:

Why was the west side selected to predominate the L shape pier, rather than the east side which would open the water sheet to Courageous Sailing Center and a spline facing Park possibility?

18:41:37 From Tracy Iannelli to Everyone:

If it becomes a pier, will there then be projects that build on it? Can this be prevented so we truly have an open space regardless of what footprint you use.

18:42:08 From Tracy Iannelli to Everyone:

Will this go through the IAG and Article 80 process regardless?

18:43:17 From Kathleen Kolar to Everyone:

Thank you for his presentation, May I please speak briefly (<2 minutes)? I am uncertain as to how to ask a Q on the Chat, but if you could recognize me when it is my turn, I would appreciate it.

18:44:13 From Jay Ruggiero (BPDA) to Everyone:

Hi Kathleen, the "Raise Hand" feature might be under the Reaction tab

18:44:23 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

What type of stabilization for the landward buildings is planned if there is demolition?

18:44:24 From Tracy Iannelli to Everyone:

I would like to understand more about the water sheet option.

18:44:28 From Jay Ruggiero (BPDA) to Everyone:

But we can call on you in a moment if you can't figure it out

18:44:31 From Connie Gutierrez to Everyone:

It is difficult to come up with well reasoned responses to your request for what the community would like. Perhaps if the report had been released over 5 weeks ago, when it was prepared, we could be better educated in both our questions and our thoughts on the future development. FOIA request went unheeded.

18:44:47 From Kathleen Kolar to Everyone:

Tx

18:45:24 From Sherrie S Cutler to Everyone:

We should realize that an L shape spline does have design options to link a variety of floating structures of many uses.

18:45:32 From Susan Conway to Everyone:

I am in favor of a park, BPDA should pay for it.

18:45:56 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

What is the year that the climate study was done that projected 9 inches by 2030? How much if any has the water level changed from that time?

18:46:04 From Jackson Myers to Everyone:

I love seeing people really take advantage of the harbor. Public access for kayaks is something we don't have on pier 4 or 6 and the marina also forbids paddle launches on their pier (even the water taxi pier closer to the water they have a sign up saying it's forbidden for

public paddle sport usage)

18:46:09 From Tom & Moree Meehan to Everyone:

We would love to see the pier converted to a public park.

18:46:16 From Susan Conway to Everyone:

Otherwise remove the pier. It is a safety hazard.

18:46:47 From Kathleen Kolar to Everyone:

sorry- I havcto pass

18:47:09 From Don'tPrivatizePier5 NoDevelopers to Everyone:

Marina = Privatization (based on prior Charlestown Navy Yard and other marina experiences and observations)

18:47:25 From Connie Gutierrez to Everyone:

Here is an example of why these so-called public meetings aren't so public. Difficulty with the zoom features excludes community members. Please go back to live public meetings.

18:47:31 From Lois Siegelman to Everyone:

There's a pier behind Harborview that is used for kayak's and paddle sports

18:48:01 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

I think we need to memorialize our history on the Pier

18:48:16 From Philip Cappadona to Everyone:

A park would be great, similar to Piers Park in East Boston. Trustees is working on a new open space area next to Piers. All are examples of what the waterfront should be used for: open space & public park land for all to enjoy.

18:49:17 From Ann Kelleher to Everyone:

Thank you Connie, we need public meetings .

18:50:38 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

What is the timeline for the work to be done? Will Pier 5 be done in time for the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill? You do realize that the British ships bombarded Bunker (Breed's Hill) from the area of Pier 5

18:52:01 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:

thanks for the cost of demolition, and the details.

18:52:13 From Tracy Iannelli to Everyone:

How does this tie in with the upcoming tall ships festival? Could it be done in time? What are the timelines for each potential use? Would the visiting tall ships be able to be docked here in that location?

18:53:54 From Kathleen Kolar to Natalie Deduck(Direct Message):

Thank you, I am afraid my internet connection is unstable. For the record,I would like to have this last pier remain open to educational and passive uses, The Navy Yard needs more open spaces open to all persons who are interested in actually viewing the ocean, and cannot "buy" the access through leasing a space for a boat, or for paying for sailing classes.

18:54:04 From Kathleen Kolar to Natalie Deduck(Direct Message):

Thank you!

18:54:12 From John Modzelewski to Everyone:

Does climate resilience require a 13 ft elevation if a park is put there ?

18:56:00 From Zachary Cutler to Everyone:

Who manages Public-Private Projects in Boston?

18:56:43 From Susan Conway to Everyone:

A public meeting is a must. How can the BPDA get feel for the public sentiment from a chat.

18:56:48 From Zachary Cutler to Everyone:

It has to be built above the BFE. Call me with any flood related question. 646-236-3066

18:57:17 From Sherrie S Cutler to Everyone:

Complete demolition and removal for marina use expunges the historic existence of Pier 5. This was not to be according to the Transfer documents from the US Navy. A Head of the Harbor Memorial Park and CSC use as opposed to a privatized marina is most appropriate.

18:57:25 From Kathy Elliott to Everyone:

How can you say this will be guided by community input given what has happened with PLAN: Charlestown and the Constitution Inn which were rubber stamped by the BPDA Board ins spite of opposition by the community and our elected officials? Why will this be any different. A favored developer will be given the inside track.

18:58:02 From Tracy Iannelli to Everyone:

Will the BPDA be answering the chat questions post the meeting if time runs out, and publishing them with all the other documents?

18:58:12 From Mo Ehsani to Everyone:

Since there was a mention of sea level rise, you may like this new solution we have developed that will soon be implemented on a few sites in Miami FL. A low cost durable solution.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VtX2UMb1Qi4>

Prof. Mo Ehsani

QuakeWrap, Inc.

18:58:47 From John Modzelewski to Everyone:

zachary what is BFE Base flood elevation - for a park?

19:00:01 From Zachary Cutler to Everyone:

zcutler@arkresilience.com

19:00:30 From Connie Gutierrez to Everyone:

Paul D - exactly!

19:01:01 From Sherrie S Cutler to Everyone:

Will this Chat line be preserved and transcribed as part of the recording? There are many important points that are not being covered by speakers.

19:01:08 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:

Good point, Paul

19:01:13 From Jay Ruggiero (BPDA) to Everyone:

Yes, Sherrie.

19:01:13 From Philip Cappadona to Everyone:

Well said, Paul.

19:01:14 From Rebecca Tomasovic, BPDA to Everyone:

Yes the chat will be saved and posted

19:01:19 From Barbara Heller to Everyone:

Really good comments, Paul.

19:01:35 From Zachary Cutler to Everyone:

Paul, I have looked into equity issues if you'd like to talk.

19:02:34 From Susan Conway to Everyone:

What is the timeline? Who will pay for a park or the removal of the pier? It appears the majority of individuals prefer a park. Who will answer these questions?

19:03:44 From Kathy Elliott to Everyone:

E-inc. Dr. Ricky Stern has a remarkable program for young kids.

19:05:28 From caren arnstein to Everyone:

I prefer a public park on Pier 5.

19:06:29 From Crystal Galvin to Everyone:

Thanks for the presentation. This site should become an open public space for ALL.

19:08:09 From Karen DiPietro to Everyone:

A park with educational components accessible to all; boats that are rented to the public; an amphitheater for musical and theater performances

19:09:06 From Don'tPrivatizePier5 NoDevelopers to Everyone:

We need to heed the learned advice of Sherrie Cutler and the many other qualified planners, historians and climate engineers living among our community (some for a long while and have much experience with the BRA's Pier 5 machinations) and perhaps engage some historic/academic experts (USMA @ WP comes to mind) or those who contributed to the success of NYC's Pier reclamations rather than the BRA, it's RFP'd or otherwise favored vendors and developers and/or where this is rather obviously heading.

19:09:39 From Don'tPrivatizePier5 NoDevelopers to Everyone:

Combined Live and Virtual meetings can safely be conducted, it's 2024.

19:11:32 From Noelle Dye to Everyone:

Yes, a floating pool!

19:12:02 From Jules Pieri to Everyone:

Hear hear to floating pools. Courageous is teaching kids to swim already, and they and the public could use this.

19:12:22 From Pamela Daly to Everyone:

POOL YES! Floating pool is the best idea yet.

19:12:35 From Sherrie S Cutler to Everyone:

All of the community and historic activities shown on our Pier5.org Analysis (on line) could also be floated off a main spline that is a Park that is oriented more towards Courageous Sailing Center side than towards privatized marina development.

19:12:48 From Dan Jaffe to Everyone:

This pier has a great vantage point being at the head of the harbor! You can see the harbor fireworks and when the USS Constitution.

We should look at a small pool within the dock. In the Netherlands they have a few in the rivers!

19:13:23 From Tracy Iannelli to Everyone:

Hear hear Dave!

19:14:13 From M Damo to Everyone:

Open to seeing the area used for experiential and educational activities for the families in the community, taking into consideration safety measures

19:14:31 From Noelle Dye to Everyone:

With the sea level rise, we will also have increased heat. A floating pool is a public park of sorts, and would be inclusive of anyone in the city. Also, fishing- YES.

19:14:36 From Robin DiGiammarino to Everyone:

Well said David Di Lorenzo

19:14:52 From Eric Bender to Everyone:

One unanimous note from this meeting: not another private marina.

19:15:02 From Kathleen Kolar to Everyone:

I too prefer a public park on Pier 5, with visual access to the ocean for all from the walkway. I would support educational environmental/ science uses/activities for young people and adults. Most importantly: payment for pier-fixing and maintenance of this space as a park should be in the City's budget, as it will be used by all. Failing that, I favor demo of the pier: The BPDA exists to do the Will of the people.

19:15:12 From Diane Valle to Everyone:

A public park at Pier 5 adds 2 critical acres to Charlestown's low inventory of open green recreational and relaxation space. The open vista at Pier 5, the Head of The Harbor, shows the Old North Church to Bunker Hill, upon this sacred site, to educate residents, workers and visitors of the birthplace of American Democracy. Pier 5 Park will attract valuable tourist dollars to Boston. A comprehensive, meaningful, community engagement will build community support and civic pride. Together, Pier 5 can be an iconic, valuable asset for all in Boston.

19:16:28 From Pamela Daly to Everyone:

I live in the Navy Yard and travel to the north shore to swim at least 3 days/wk. I would love to swim here in my own backyard! Love the idea of growing Courageous Sailing!

19:17:29 From M Damo to Everyone:

Yes to more swimming, fishing, sailing

19:17:45 From Jackson Myers to Everyone:

Paddling too!

19:18:58 From Susan Conway to Everyone:

I strongly encourage the BPDA to expedite this process as they have done with several other projects in Charlestown. The pier is a safety hazard and an embarrassment to the Boston and the Navy Yard. A park embracing green space, education and history is a must.

19:19:49 From Jennifer Bodde to Everyone:

Thanks for this presentation and all of this feedback, everyone! As the Education Director of Courageous Sailing, I want to add that that science, especially marine science and environmental studies, are very much part of what we do, and we see increasing access to ocean-related STEM as part of our mission as well. Love all the suggestions about providing ways for the public to interact with the marine environment up close!

19:20:32 From Robin DiGiammarino to Everyone:

Well said Jen

19:21:06 From Jane Lundquist to Everyone:

We have heard it may cost between \$11 - 32 million for several options. How much will the agency invest into any project? I worry we will end up with 50 foot buildings with a park on top like before.

19:21:07 From Karen DiPietro to Everyone:

Are you talking about The Trustees?

19:22:14 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:

Good point, Connie. We need to be realistic about whether a park can be funded.

19:22:49 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:

What's the cost of just doing nothing?

19:23:10 From Dean Abruzzio to Everyone:

We prefer a public park on Pier 5. Spaulding pier is a great pier that is used year-round by the public. We also would like to see the Community Sailing expanded to use this pier as well. The elephant in the room is the 9 inch sea level rise by 2030 - Boston waterfront as a whole is unprepared.

19:23:55 From Sherrie S Cutler to Everyone:

An important consideration for Pier 5 is the unique view shed and vistas it provides up the Harbor and to the City from the Harborwalk. This is a unique vista that should never be destroyed by structures. This should be memorialized along with Pier 5 History.

19:24:03 From William Devlin to Everyone:

Partner with Trustees of Reservations similar to East Boston project:

<https://thetrustees.org/boston-waterfront-initiative/>

19:25:02 From Gamze Munden to Everyone:

Pier 4 is a good example for that as well

19:27:12 From Connie Gutierrez to Everyone:

William Devlin - I believe the trustees were approached, and weren't interested.

19:27:21 From Noelle Dye to Everyone:

This concept from SF is a very interesting model to consider:

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/realestate/article/s-f-floating-pool-pier-30-32-18547643.php>

19:28:33 From Sherrie S Cutler to Everyone:

The question regarding removal and replacement must take into account the the captured carbon as part of the cost estimates.

19:28:56 From Rebecca Tomasovic, BPDA to Everyone:

<https://www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/pier-5>

19:29:10 From Tom & Moree Meehan to Everyone:

Would love to have in-person meetings going forth.

19:29:39 From Susan Conway to Everyone:

Community meeting should be an in person meeting.

19:29:40 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

The community would like input into the RFP

19:29:52 From Kathy Elliott to Everyone:

In person community meeting. Presentations released beforehand. Not withheld.

19:29:56 From Des Parris Landing to Everyone:

well run meeting. Thank you, Natalie.

19:29:58 From Diane Valle to Everyone:

Yes, in person and hybrid meetings are the most inclusive.

19:30:08 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

We need to get this done for 250th

19:30:21 From Elizabeth Sanchez to Everyone:

Thank you all. Any assistance our office can provide we're happy to help! Goodnight

19:30:27 From Connie Gutierrez to Everyone:

Public in person meetings, with zoom option please

19:30:34 From Zachary Cutler to Everyone:

Where can we find the FOTH report in full?

19:30:36 From Chris Capuano to Natalie Deduck(Direct Message):

Hi can I please get a response after the call to my questions? Thanks so much

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19:30:37 From Robin DiGiammarino to Everyone:

Thank you. An informative and well run meeting.

19:30:38 From Connie Gutierrez to Everyone:

Release material BEFOREHAND

19:30:38 From Rebecca Tomasovic, BPDA to Everyone:

<https://www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/pier-5>

19:30:40 From Kathia Capellupo to Everyone:

Could you include hard data/ examples of private and public partnerships

19:30:48 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

www.pier5.org

19:30:51 From Don'tPrivatizePier5 NoDevelopers to Everyone:

Check the Box!

19:30:59 From Rosemary Macero to Everyone:

Look at Pier 5 Association plan