PLAN: Charlestown

Open Office Hours

October 13, 2020
Welcome

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Meeting Format: Open Office Hours

- Quick review of October 8th workshop
- Technical troubleshooting for workshop exercise tools: questions & maps
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
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.
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 all content:
http://www.bostonplans.org/plancharlestown
Summary of Workshop

Ted Schwartzberg, AICP, Senior Planner
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.
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.
Overview

- 2019: Pre-process engagement events
- January 2020: Kick-Off Open House
- August 2020: Open Office Hours
- October 8, 2020: Land Use Over Time
- Tonight: Review, and workshop tools troubleshooting
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
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
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?
Mental Maps Put it All Together
Paths

Main Street (2020)
Paths

Austin Street Bridge (2018)
Orienting Landmarks

Bunker Hill Monument (1973)
Orienting Landmarks

Bunker Hill Monument in background (1925)
Nodes

The Neck: 1770 Boston Harbor Map
Edges

Chelsea Street (2020)
Edges

Rutherford Avenue (2020)
Districts

From Sullivan Square (1901)
Districts

From Prison Point Bridge (1917)
Paths
Orienting Landmarks
Edges
Online Workshop Tools

● Online input tools will be available through October 31st

● Links to the historic area feedback tool & the Parks Parcel Priority tool:
  www.bostonplans.org/plancharlestown
Thank you!

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