

## **Urban Design Workshop Summary**

November 27, 2017

The purpose of this workshop was to review urban design concepts and work collaboratively to outline which concepts and massing feel most appropriate for the undesignated parcels including Blair Lot, 2147 Washington, and Parcel 8 which are within the PLAN: Dudley Square Study Area. Information and discussion materials from this workshop can be found online at: <http://bit.ly/PlanDudley>.

### **OPEN HOUSE AND NETWORKING**

Prior to the start of the workshop, staff from the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and the City of Boston spoke with workshop participants. Several informational boards summarizing findings and community input from previous workshops and other public meetings were displayed, as well as boards highlighting development parcel information.

### **DISCUSSION**

After a brief presentation by Courtney Sharpe, BPDA Senior Planner, overviewing current urban design concepts within the PLAN: Dudley Square Study Area, workshop participants gathered into small groups at tables facilitated by BPDA and City of Boston staff. Discussions began with sharing what street frontages, ground floor commercial/ retail activity, vehicular connections to sites, parts of the public realm, and place-making opportunities were important to each participant. Exercise boards visualizing Typical Development (5-6 stories), Increase Benefits Development (10-12+ stories), and Balanced Opportunities Development (mix of scales 6-12+ stories) were at each table for participants to make edits and provide comments on how each type of potential development fit within the current scale of the study area. Experts from the BPDA Housing Policy and City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development, were on hand to answer questions raised by participants throughout the workshop.

### **REPORT BACK**

Following the exercise, a participant from each group reported to the entire workshop about their group's discussion on what urban design concepts are important to successfully integrating new development into the PLAN: Dudley Square Study Area, as well as, which scales of development feel appropriate for the parcel itself and within the larger context of the study area. Each group's response was recorded by BPDA staff and is included at the end of report back notes.

## **NEXT STEPS**

The next PLAN: Dudley Square workshop is scheduled for Monday, January 22. More details about this workshop will be coming soon. We look forward to having you join us!

## **ABOUT PLAN: DUDLEY SQUARE**

PLAN: Dudley Square is an initiative to think strategically about the types of uses and the scale of development best suited for the future of Dudley Square and Roxbury. The goals of this study are to provide an inclusive community engagement process, create an updated vision with the community, and establish an implementation plan that will lead to the issuance of Requests for Proposals ("RFPs") for publicly-owned and vacant privately-owned parcels in Dudley Square.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Visit the project website at: <http://bit.ly/PlanDudley>

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