

# P3 Workshop February 22nd, 2021





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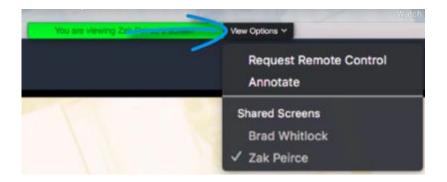
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# **Agenda**

#### **Presentation**

- Goals of this meeting
- PLAN: Nubian Square Process to Date
- P3 Timeline
- P3 Overview

**Questions + Comments - (throughout)** 

**Next Steps** 



# Why are we here tonight?

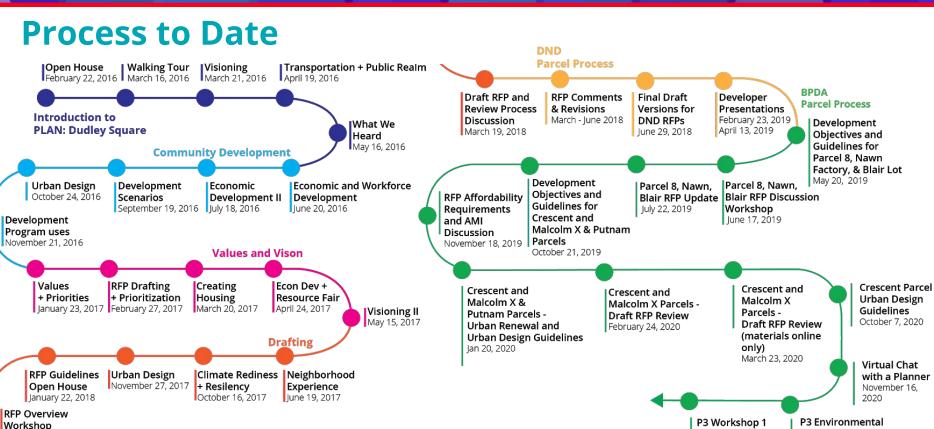
- Continue the PLAN: Nubian Square Process
- Discuss how P3 fits into Nubian Square
- Discuss the future of P3
- Determine Next Steps for the process

#### **PLAN**: Nubian Square

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February 26, 2018



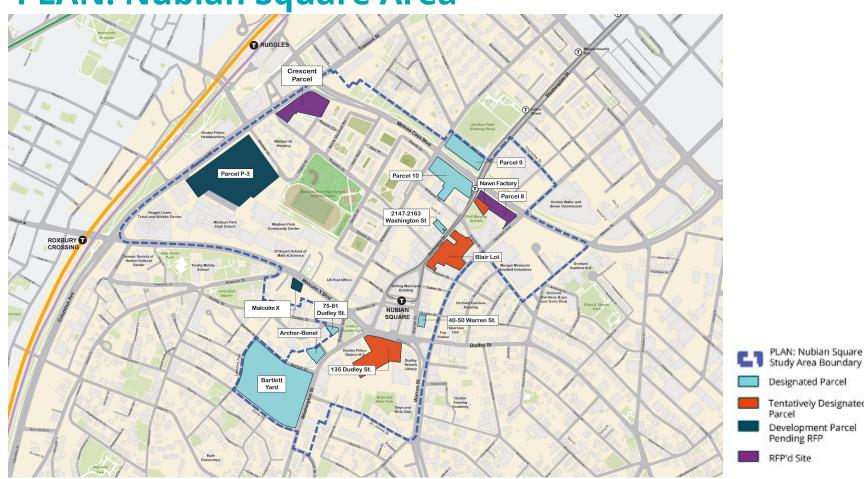


**Conditions Meeting** 

and VCWAP January 11, 2021 and February 8, 2021

January 22, 2021

**PLAN: Nubian Square Area** 



Designated Parcel Tentatively Designated

Development Parcel Pending RFP RFP'd Site

Parcel



#### **Parcel Status**

#### **Article 80 Review:**

Large Project 2147 Washington – Board Approved Blair Lot – Under Review 135 Dudley Street – Under Review

**Small Project** 75-80 Dudley – Board Approved 40-50 Warren – Board Approved

**Submissions under Review** Parcel 8 - bit.ly/PlanNubian

RFPS Issued:

Crescent Parcel - Deadline for submission April 21



# **PLAN: Nubian Square Principles**

**Consistency with area planning history:** Roxbury Strategic Master Plan, Dudley Vision, Cultural District. Development as a catalyst to promote the arts, culture, education, commercial, and retail enterprise.

**Economic development:** Promote local business and job creation, providing maximum opportunities for local, small and disadvantaged businesses and job creation and training for people of color and women.

**Affordable housing**: Two-thirds of housing units must be income-restricted affordable housing, with one third targeting low and moderate income households and one third targeting middle income households.

**Sustainable, resilient, and healthy development**: Proposals should exemplify the community's and the City's goals for sustainable, resilient and healthy new construction including Mayor Walsh's Carbon Neutral Boston 2050 commitment. Proposals should target net zero energy or net zero carbon performance.

**Development without displacement**: Proposed developments must assist the current residents of Roxbury to afford to remain living in their community and to find pathways to economic opportunity.

**Good Jobs Standards:** Proposal developments must support good permanent jobs at site and engage in fair hiring practices which will support the participation of people of Roxbury and Nubian Square.

**Diversity and Inclusion**: Proponents must include a plan for creating increased opportunities for people of color, women, and M/WBEs to participate in the development.



#### P3 Timeline + Goals

**February Workshop 1:**To understand the existing conditions, how we can plan with the site, and identify potential uses for the site in the context of Nubian Square.

March Workshop 2: Use feedback from workshop 1 and comments following the meeting, to create potential site layout.

Share content and receive feedback on both Urban Design and Program. Re-apply to the context of Nubian Square

April Workshop 3:

Bring it all together! Address any unresolved issues, review draft RFP, and determine next steps.

#### Spring release RFP



# **P3 History - 1960s**

"The Harvard Report on the Schools of Boston 1962" details the inadequacy of nearly 77% of school buildings and makes note of rampant segregation within the Boston Public School system.

The report proposes Urban Renewal be utilized to build a large, modern and centrally located "Campus" style education complex for 5,500 Boston Public Students from all neighborhoods to attend.

In early 1966, the BRA proposes a plan for 57 acres of the Madison Park area to be used for a high school and athletic fields.





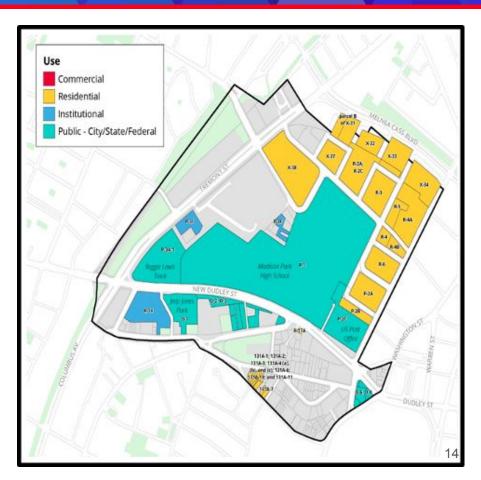
#### **P3 History - 1960s**

In the spring of that year, the Lower Roxbury Community Corp is formed led by community leaders such as Chuck Turner.

The LRCC demands changes to the plan to include "a new high school, plus new homes with front doors and backyards, developed by and for the neighborhood"

İn 1967, the BRA proposes a new 136 acre "Campus High School Plan" to include a new school, low-income housing and additional open space for the community.

The LRCC becomes the Madison Park Development Corporation.





#### P3 History - Roxbury Strategic Master Plan (pg 102-104)

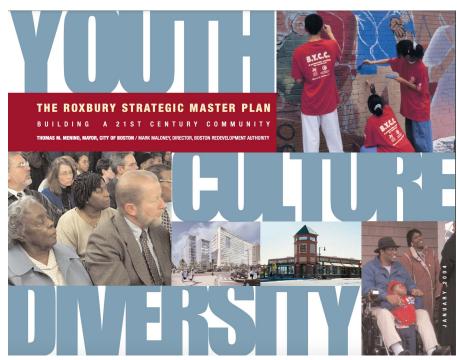
No consensus during the planning process around the specific uses, but generally agreed upon that is though be a mix of uses that serve the needs of the Roxbury Community.

- Studied in detail for the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan 
  1. Urban Village high rise, mid rise, and townhouses; mixed use at prominent corners
  - Office Park- new office with commercial and retail functions on the ground floor lining tremont street;
  - Mixed Use even balance of residential and non-residential uses; bulk of ground floor would be commercial, retail, and culturally oriented uses such as galleries, non-profit pace, etc.

**Residential -** diverse types, sizes, and affordability that targets homeownership

**Retail -** locally owned stores that provide services to local residents (such as a supermarket, laundry, restaurant, day care) Some office and commercial as an employment generator

**Cultural entertainment** 





#### P3 History - 2005 - 2019

**BRA** authorized to release RFP for Parcel P3 May 2005

**RFP for Parcel P3** issued December 2005

Three proposals received May 2006

**BRA** granted Tentative **Designation to Elma Lewis Partners for** Parcel P3 June 2007

**Ruggles Place Project** 

1.3 million sf of cultural, residential, office, retail, art educational, medical (Whittier Street Health Center), and a 1,044 space parking garage **Tentative Designation** extensions granted to Elma **Lewis Partners** 

June 2008 September 2008 October 2008 April 2009

**Original Disposition** Process 2005-2006

**Project Change: Tremont Crossing** 

9 ownership units 718 residential rental units 109,000 sf office space 31,000 sf museum space 462,000 sf retail space 1,371 space parking garage Original Designation: Elma Lewis Partners (2007-2009)

**Project Change: Ruggles Place** 

1.6 million sf of office, retail, museum uses and parking garage with residential component to be determined. No arts education center.

Sub-parcel P3-i created; Whittier Street Health Center as redeveloper September 2009

P3-Partners: Elma Lewis Partners & FeldCo **Development Corporation (2010-2019)** 

P3-Partners granted **Final Designation** April 2019

28 Tentative Designation Extensions granted to P3-Partners 

January 2011 - April 2019

P3-Partners presented partnership agreement and proposed revised project September 2010

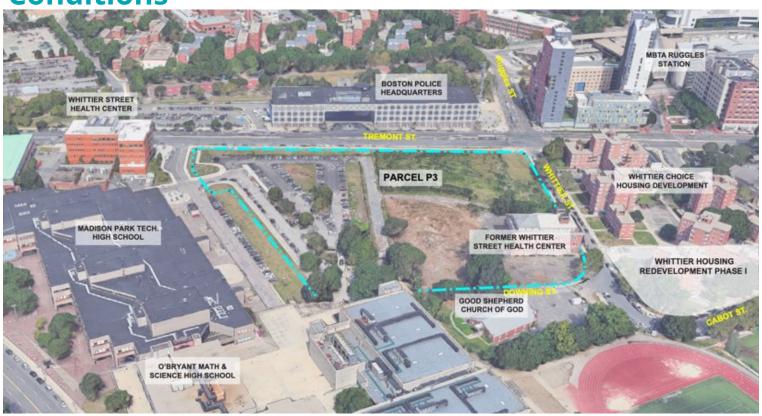
**BPDA** did not recommend extension of Final Designation November 2019

**BPDA** incorporates Parcel P3

into PLAN: Nubian Square



**Existing Conditions** 





# Site Analysis - What we use to assess the site?

#### **Existing Conditions**

How big is the site? What other places can we compare it to?

#### **Current Development Context**

What types of development, both proposed and existing, are located around the site and in the vicinity?

#### **Infrastructure**

What underlying infrastructure is there? Sewer Lines? Paper Streets? Utilities?

#### **Potential Circulation**

How do we connect this site to other sites?

How can we direct the flow of pedestrians, cars, etc.? How do we contribute to safety and accessibility?



# Site Analysis - What we use to assess the site?

#### **Open Space and Green Network**

Can we create a meaningful **public** open space network for residents and the local ecosystem?

#### P3 Neighbors

Who neighbors the site and how can we coordinate with them?

Community Concerns
What should and should not happen on this site?
What are the needs and concerns of the community?
What opportunities can this site provide in the larger context of Nubian Square and the

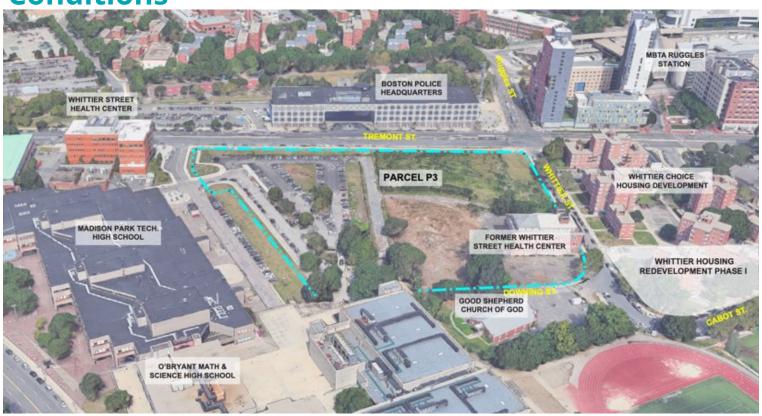
How do we narrow down what community priorities are?

#### **Feasibility**

How can we achieve these goals in concert with one another?



**Existing Conditions** 





# How big is the site?



Parcel 3 335,000 SF



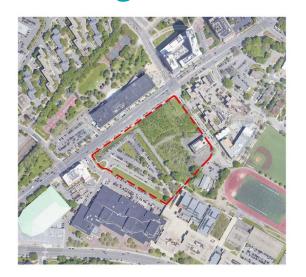
Ink Block, South End 594,720 SF



Assembly Row, Somerville 519,780 SF



#### How big is the site?



Parcel 3 335,000 SF



**Bartlett Yards, Roxbury** 361,940 SF



**Bolling Building, Roxbury 56,280 SF** 

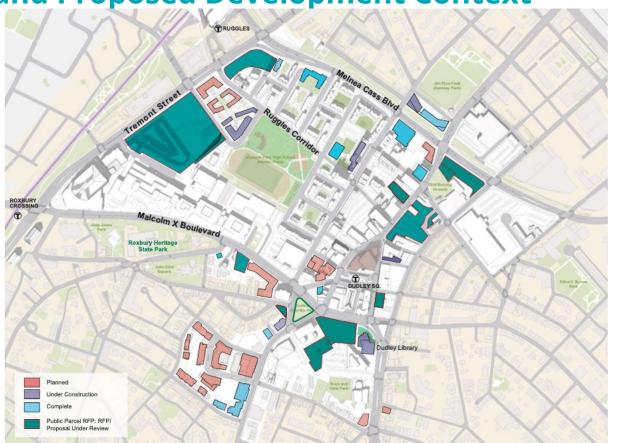
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**Current and Proposed Development Context** 





#### **PLAN: Nubian Square Parcel Totals**

**Total Units: 265** 

**Income Restricted Units: 204** 

**Percent Income Restricted: 76%** 

Non Residential Uses (Square Feet): 24,261



#### **All Development Totals**

Public Parcel Development: Private Development:

Income Restricted Units: 934 Income Restricted Units: 296

Market Rate Units: 369 Market Rate Units: 289

Total Units: 1303 Total Units: 585

Non-Residential Development: 108,386 square feet

Percent Income Restricted: 71%

Percent Income Restricted: 51%

Non-Residential Development:

Percent Income Restricted: 65%

Total Units: 1,888

Market Rate Units: 658

Income Restricted Units: 1,230

**Total Development:** 

Non-Residential Development:

176,981 square feet

\*Crescent Parcel, Blair Lot, Nawn Factory, Parcel 8, Malcolm X parcel all TBD

68,595 square feet

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# What would you not want to see at P3?

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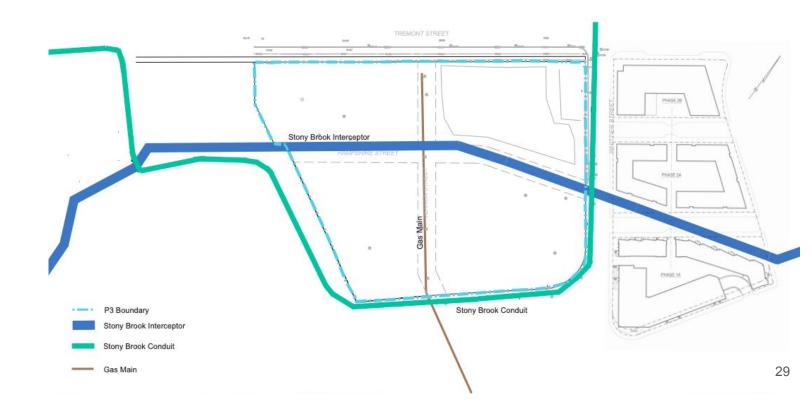


# **Infrastructure - Paper Streets**





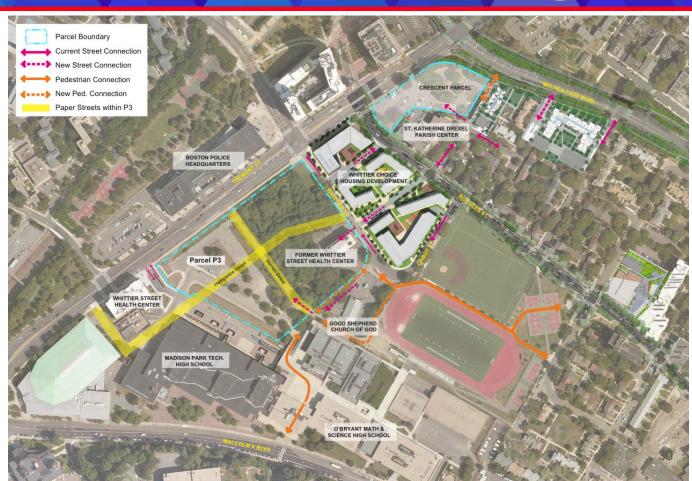
#### **Infrastructure - Sewer Line**



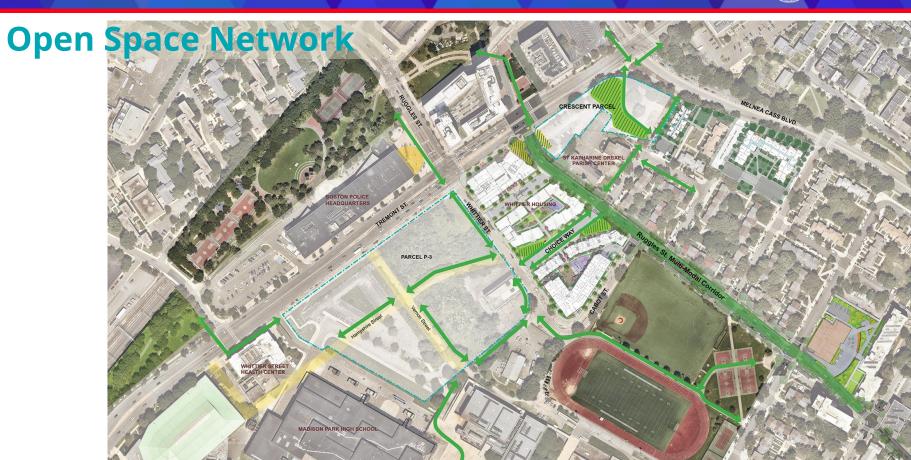


#### **Circulation**

- Build Out Existing Unpaved Public Right of ways
- Enhance connections to existing street network (i.e. Whittier, Tremont, Ruggles, etc.)









# **P3 Neighbors**

**Boston Public Schools:** Will send Madison Park design guidelines and include a representative on the Project Review Committee.

**Boston Water and Sewer Commission:** Recommended we do not relocate the sewer line unless we have enough funding. It is not necessary.

**Parks:** If Good Shepherd parcels are included, include design guidelines that any buildings there should step down towards the playing field. Share design guidelines with Parks for comment. Open space as important development objective.

**Good Shepherd Church:** Abutting parcels will be optional, conditional on proponent coming to an independent agreement with Good Shepherd Church.

**Whittier Street Health Center:** The RFP will maintain the commitment to 70 parking spaces for Whittier Street Health Center

**Boston Housing Authority and Preservation of Affordable Housing:** BHA and POAH are in the loop on the process and timeline.



#### **Community Concerns**

#### **Context**

 How can we ensure that this site is responsive to developments along both sides of Tremont Street?

#### **Traffic Circulation**

- How has the BPDA thought about traffic circulation on site?
- How will the BPDA handle BPD and BPS' current use of the site for parking?

#### Uses

 Lab and life science space has potential to create jobs. If it's brought into the area jobs must be accessible to local residents

#### **Open Space**

• What is the time frame for environmental remediation?

#### **Logistics**

 How will the BPDA keep abutters up to date on this process, specifically those that have been displaced during the Whittier Choice Construction?



# **Feasibility**

How can we achieve these goals in concert with one another?



#### **Next Steps**

#### **Next meeting**

Workshop 2:

Use feedback from workshop 1 and comments following the meeting, to inform workshop 2.
Prioritize goals in the context of all PLAN: Nubian parcels and the area.
Share content and receive feedback on both Urban Design and Program.

Workshop 3:

Bring it all together! Address any unresolved issues, review draft RFP, and determine next steps.

Workshop 4: TBD/As needed



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# How are you feeling about the upcoming workshops?

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# **Questions?**

# **APPENDIX**

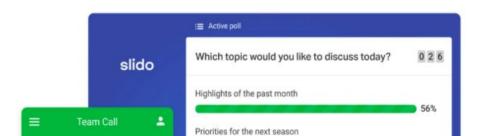
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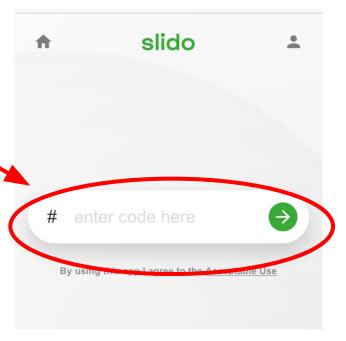


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#### **WORKING SLIDE**

- What do you want to see ?
- This site is a big site; pick things from a list that you want to see happen here. Jobs, open space, housing, etc.
  - What are the priorities?
  - What do you not want to see happen here?\*\*\*
- What should we make sure to emphasize in the RFP?\*\*\*

"Given its size, location, and opportunity, how can this parcel serve Roxbury residents?" What can this parcel be for the community?

"What would make this parcel development for you?"

"What would NOT be for Roxbury Residents? What would you not want to see here?"



#### **PLAN: Nubian Square Parcel Totals**

Project	Income Restricted Units	<b>Total Units</b>	% Income Restricted Units	Non-Residential SqFt.
135 Dudley St.	105	150	70%	8,703
40-50 Warren St.	16	24	67%	10,654
2147 Washington St.	66	74	89%	4,184
75-81 Dudley St.	17	17	100%	720
TOTAL	204	265	76%	24,261

<sup>\*</sup>Crescent Parcel, Blair Lot, Nawn Factory, Parcel 8, Malcolm X parcel all TBD