

18:02:40 From Kenya Beaman (BPDA) to Everyone:

Good evening everyone, thank you for joining us this evening.

18:03:36 From David S. Molina (Spanish Interpreter) to Everyone:

Translation: Buenas noches a todos. Gracias por asistir a nuestra reunión. Pronto comenzaremos.

18:08:39 From Jeff Sullivan (Bulletin Reporter) to Everyone:

Will the recordings be made available later?

18:08:59 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Yes they will be, on the BPDA website for tonight's event!

18:09:07 From Jeff Sullivan (Bulletin Reporter) to Everyone:

Great thank you

18:16:27 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

squares and 'feeder streets?'

18:18:10 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

Link to the story map:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/bb6974c237834e6ca2b0e2ea8dd84238>

18:22:23 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

We also would like to ask that any elected officials or members of the press please identify themselves at this time!

18:24:31 From Keith Healey to Everyone:

What is the draft mapping (ie building code / density changes) for the square? Is it available?

18:25:33 From Gene to Everyone:

what is meant by Rozzie Square

18:26:48 From Dianna Bronchuk | Councilor Pepén (She/Her) to Everyone:

Hello Everyone! Not an elected official but I work for one. I'm Dianna Bronchuk, Chief of Staff for D5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén. You can contact me at Dianna.bronchuk@boston.gov

18:27:13 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

How do you define 'moderate density?'

18:27:24 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

New housing?

18:27:28 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Hi Keith! Thanks for asking about this. We have not yet created a draft zoning map for Roslindale Square, that is something that will be drafted later in this process after we hold our visioning workshops and continued community engagement over the next couple of months. On the StoryMap, the "About" section shows that the draft zoning map will be produced after that "Review and Refine Ideas" engagement period:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/bb6974c237834e6ca2b0e2ea8dd84238>

18:28:02 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

Hi Gene! The planning area is 1/3 of a mile from the intersection of Poplar and South Street.

18:28:06 From Keith Healey to Everyone:

Thank you Abdul. Helpful

18:28:25 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

The poll is not showing up on my screen

18:29:02 From ray porfilio to Everyone:

No poll for me either.

18:29:28 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

I would love climate resiliency to be included in ALL questions not just in relation to "open spaces"

18:29:44 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Hi Joe, moderate density does mean increased housing by way of both new construction and renovation and alterations to existing buildings.

18:30:10 From Kathy McCabe to Everyone:

It is important to include quality materials and good design when talking about new development and redevelopment

18:30:26 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

@Talia - is "planning area" the area that will be rezoned or where BPDA is surveying for input

18:30:44 From Linda to Everyone:

is 1/3 mile under consideration for increase? Particularly for housing,

18:30:52 From Christina Williams to Everyone:

Under climate design could green roofs on commercial roofs be included? LEED designs

18:31:23 From Dennis Kirkpatrick to Everyone:

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18:31:35 From Josh McCorkle to Everyone:

Yes, I can see them!

18:31:38 From Meri Bond to Everyone:

Urge Arts & Culture to include building murals.

18:31:52 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

why 1/3 mile radius? why not 1/4 or 1/2?

18:31:52 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

Thanks for your question, Nia! The planning area is where we are surveying for input. The zoning boundary has not been determined yet-- this will be part of the community process.

18:32:17 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

Did not see results

18:32:53 From Christine Araujo to Everyone:

These are "mom and apple pie" statements. The devil will be in the details. As the BPDA planning works through the process, there are developments that are being approved. Will the review reflect the values listed on the slide?

18:32:54 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

Cannot see results

18:33:41 From Gene to Everyone:

how many people responded to questions

18:34:02 From Meri Bond to Everyone:

When people don't strongly agree are they saying they don't think the statement will happen or they don't agree with the goal?

18:34:22 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

Thought survey was for question #1 only!?

18:34:46 From Kenya Beaman (BPDA) to Everyone:

No Joe, there were 6 questions.

18:34:57 From Caitlin Coppinger to Everyone:

The results of the survey will also be posted on the website

18:35:02 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Gene, there were 40 responses

18:35:02 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

Son I now realize...

18:35:18 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

So I now realize...

18:36:11 From Gene to Everyone:

so one third of attendees did not answer survey

18:36:32 From ray porfilio to Everyone:

Or were unable to respond..

18:36:59 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Hi folks -- this poll was meant to get a sense of how folks respond to some initial themes that we have heard, but as Eileen has mentioned the StoryMap provides a space to fill out a survey to answer these questions. We definitely encourage filling out that survey if you did not have the ability to fill out the poll due to technical challenges or if you'd like to add additional comments.

18:37:22 From Kathy McCabe to Everyone:

It is now apparent there were 6 question, but it was not clear at the beginning. So the response rate dropped off. Better instructions would be helpful

18:37:47 From Deborah to Everyone:

I think the zoning boundary should be less than 1/3 mile to avoid including existing homes inside the planning area for rezoning. The zoning boundary should be focused on the business district.

18:37:55 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

@Abdul --- can you define "story map" for us lay peeps

18:38:16 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Thank you for that Kathy! As we utilize a variety of engagement methods, we appreciate support in making them accessible and finding alternatives

18:38:30 From Josh McCorkle to Everyone:

Deborah, there are "existing homes" within the Square, no matter how small you draw the circle.

18:39:57 From Deborah to Everyone:

True, thank you. I still think the zoning circle could be smaller.

18:40:00 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

Many of our residents gather in local barber shops and salons. How do we chart this.

18:40:28 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Yeah Nia, definitely! "StoryMaps" are a type of webpage platform that allows you to create a webpage with interactive maps, surveys, and images that is created by the same tool that most of the BPDA staff use for mapping work. We're using it as a webpage tool to share this engagement work because it's more accessible to view via phone than a typical website and is a space where we can include any maps as our work continues. What Marin is showing now is an example of that map capability.

18:41:09 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

can we go back a couple fo slides?

18:41:35 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

can you expand this slide please so I can ask a question

18:41:53 From Gena Mavuli to Everyone:

Please add the link to that in the chat?

18:41:57 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

@Deborah the circle or 1/3 of a mile is the planning area. The zoning area has not been decided yet-- this will happen through the community process.

18:42:15 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

@ Gena link to the story map:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/bb6974c237834e6ca2b0e2ea8dd84238>

18:42:21 From Deborah to Everyone:

I get that, thanks.

18:42:26 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

Barber shops and salons are important to diverse communities. This is know from sociological and business research. These businesses should be supported for providing community.

18:42:48 From Dennis Kirkpatrick to Everyone:

How do people that do not have a computer, or cell, or are technically incapable, interact with this proposal, map, etc.

18:42:48 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

This is the link to the webpage that Marin is walking through on the screen:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f730024b09f040d1989563f0cdfa75f3>

18:43:03 From Deborah to Everyone:

Good point, Dennis

18:44:32 From Deborah to Everyone:

What is GCM?

18:44:46 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

What is a GCM?

18:45:48 From Gene to Everyone:

what does gather mean -- eat, shop, groom, etc

18:45:54 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Where do you gather in Roslindale Square?

18:46:02 From Kenya Beaman (BPDA) to Everyone:

yes Gene

18:46:10 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

I visit with my friends in a Legacy barber shop. Always very cosy and friendly. I also love visiting the DR barber shops on Roslindale Square. Multigenerational - and I get to practice my Spanish. Repeat customers say they have a sense of community and place.

18:46:18 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Gene that is for you to decide and let us know! People gather for several reasons and it's helpful for us to know the diversity of ways they do

18:46:21 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

On Washington Street.

18:46:21 From Christine Araujo to Everyone:

An important question to ask is why Roslindale residents DO NOT gather in the Square. Why and where do they go

18:46:50 From Kathy McCabe to Everyone:

When thinking about moderate density of housing, what's the goal as to # of units for additional housing for Boston and more specifically for Roslindale. Yes, it would help to know what you mean by moderate density.

18:46:58 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

Thank you Christine. We know from qualitative methods that understanding the "negative" is important to making the positive dimensional.

18:46:59 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Christine, could you share some reasons that you know of? Our team has been wondering the same, particularly wondering why we don't always see youth, particularly teenagers, gathering in the Square

18:47:17 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

@Laurie in the story map community members can click " add a place" and add any place in Roslindale that is an important gathering space for them. Please add more-- Legacy Baber shop sounds great. Please add it!

18:47:23 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

barber*

18:47:38 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

The teenagers used to gather on Washington near Atherton, Abdul. They used a car to sit in and chat. This went away when parking was restricted.

18:47:54 From Dave Ratcliffe to Everyone:

at the Roslindale community center

18:48:11 From Kenya Beaman (BPDA) to Everyone:

Yes, Christine. That, too, is an important question.

18:48:18 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

Car to sit in and on. Chatting, eating, waiting their turn to have their hair cut.

18:48:35 From Meri Bond to Everyone:

The poll didn't take my Submit.

18:48:37 From Nina Vansuch, Healy2Cummins, Roslindale to Everyone:

Healy Field playground and Rcc/BCYF: parent toddlers

18:48:41 From Dennis Kirkpatrick to Everyone:

Links in the chat room cannot be copied and saved. The meeting Host has the ability to allow or prevent copying for in meeting Chat. Please fix this so we can save the links.

18:50:08 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

@ Dennis all the links shared here today are also available on our website.

18:52:04 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

@Dennis - Abdul says the chat will be available later - that said.... we should be able to cut and past so we can all keep our overfilled brains manageable ... and having a cut and past chat would show that we are all in this together - just collecting and sharing info for PURE and SURE communtoy engagement @ eileen - can you let us cut and past the chat?

18:52:13 From Dennis Kirkpatrick to Everyone:

Including th elink to the story map. Th ehost can correct this, so any links or shared e-mails in the chat cannot be shared.

18:52:17 From Christine Araujo to Everyone:

I would recommend asking the youth at BCYF and Subway. I don't know if a Roslindale-wide survey is possible. Many I've spoken to take their

disposable income elsewhere. It used to be W.R. but would need to see what impact the Centre St. parking and traffic changes have had on that

18:52:56 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

@ Dennis we are looking into if we can make this adjustment mid-meeting in our zoom settings. Thank you for flagging!

18:53:31 From Dennis Kirkpatrick to Everyone:

There is a defined youth teen group at the center. They can ask Dorian Barcus for access and visit a few nights. The group changes each night/day.

18:53:45 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

@Talia - Dennis means the chat not the links

18:54:03 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

Hi folks, thank you for noting this issue with the copy-and-paste functions for the chat. This issue with Zoom where the setting that is causing this can only be adjusted prior to launching a Zoom meeting, so we currently haven't found the space mid-meeting to be able to change that setting. We can be sure to change that for future virtual calls.

18:54:40 From Dennis Kirkpatrick to Everyone:

Nia - Zoom allows chats to be non-copy. That is a host setting. I manage Zooms for 50-80 people each quarter.

18:55:24 From Gene to Everyone:

would have appreciated questions that asked what takes away from 'sense of place', what works against gathering places, etc. That would provide fuller picture

18:55:30 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

Soo many pages of comments - I said I love all of It - Rozzie Village is full of Square Pegs that make us awesome !

18:56:43 From Deborah to Everyone:

Thanks for mentioning the triangle-shaped building with Distraction, Centre Cuts, Square Root etc - very distinctive, very Rozzie

18:57:16 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

Yes Debora and we have an award winning recording studio in that building too!

18:59:10 From Meri Bond to Everyone:

Realizing I didn't see anything that spoke to flowers, plantings, trash barrels, litter (avoiding it), decorative lighting.

18:59:10 From Nina Vansuch, Healy2Cummins, Roslindale to Everyone:

Roslindale Open Studios. Substation events. RCC/BCYF

18:59:40 From Nina Vansuch, Healy2Cummins, Roslindale to Everyone:

Porchfest

18:59:45 From Andrew Murray to Everyone:

Roslindale Film Society

19:00:00 From Deborah to Everyone:

Good point, Meri

19:00:02 From Meri Bond to Everyone:

Will we get to see these results later?

19:01:51 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

I'm sorry to be a a bug but I thought this meeting was a report out from BPDA on what you have heard form community thus far... and what the next steps would be in planning. I was not expecting a bunc of poll questions. What am I missing?

19:02:23 From Mark Eclipse to Everyone:

Most sidewalks are too narrow to have much activation on them. Outdoor cafes, which really activate the streetscape are mostly hidden in back courtyards (except he Fornax Parklet). Outdoor seating in front of the Substation would be nice.

19:02:27 From Robert Guptill to Everyone:

You should make sure you have up to date pictures of the square. You're showing Poplar St without the bus stop that was moved there.

19:03:29 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

Fallon Park, not Billings

19:04:09 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

@Nia the story map presents an analysis of what we have heard from the community! We can certainly go back to any portion of it during the Q&A if you have more questions.

19:04:54 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

okay ...

19:10:12 From Peg Preble to Everyone:

All automotive businesses will be forbidden in the squares and streets "area". That means Moreno auto body, Alfa fuel for gas, Peters auto to get your oil changed. While these businesses won't be kicked out, if they leave they can't be replaced. Small repair shops are busy and still needed, I like being able to drop my car off at Peters and go support businesses while my oil is changed. I feel the reason they are all so busy is that they are all needed.

19:10:31 From Meri Bond to Everyone:

Seconding a comment of Nia's, please spend some time explaining your next steps with us, and especially if you are going to work with us on mapping the streets (S-0, S-1, etc.), and if so, how much time will be allotted for that. (It sounds like this is what you're calling Community Mapping).

19:11:32 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

Is the aim to make Rozzie Square 'as good as' Andrew Square in Southie? If so, count me out.

19:11:41 From David S. Molina (Spanish Interpreter) to Everyone:

Important: If you are connected from a mobile phone: use the raise hand function (dial *9 if joining by phone) and wait to be called upon to unmute (dial *6 if joining by phone) before asking your question or providing a comment.

19:12:01 From Dennis Kirkpatrick to Everyone:

Menimo center parking is desperate. You will need to park on Washington, walk, take a bus, or parachute in.

19:12:32 From Dennis Kirkpatrick to Everyone:

Should be Menino

19:12:48 From Deborah to Everyone:

Ron's Automotive

19:12:59 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

Hi Folks, Just wanted to drop the overarching themes we have been hearing from folks here so I know so people had issues accessing the story map.

-Housing in Roslindale Square will provide a diversity of affordability levels to stabilize existing residents and contribute to a racially and economically diverse neighborhood.

-Roslindale Square will support and grow a thriving local business environment with a variety of small businesses that foster community gathering spaces and intergenerational interactions.

Arts and culture

Roslindale Square will provide a cultural ecosystem that supports small and emerging arts and culture establishments and entrepreneurs that integrate arts - including performing arts, visual arts, or live music - into the public realm.

Transportation and public space

Roslindale Square will be a place where people of all ages and abilities can safely navigate and enjoy public spaces for gathering, play, and accessing daily services and amenities.

Open space an

19:14:03 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

Housing

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-Roslindale Square will be a place where open spaces are well-maintained with climate resilient amenities such as shade elements, sea

19:14:35 From Talia Matarazzo (BPDA) to Everyone:

Apologies folks hit send to early-- please see all the themes above!

19:14:54 From David S. Molina (Spanish Interpreter) to Everyone:

Si usted está conectado desde un teléfono móvil: utilice la función de levantar la mano (marque *9) y espere a que le llamen para desactivar su micrófono (marque *6) antes de hacer su pregunta o comentario.

19:18:45 From Peg Preble to Everyone:

Squares and streets has been approved by the city, with the list of "forbidden" businesses. Now you say that might not be the case. How can we approve something that hasn't been finished? Forbidden or not forbidden?

19:19:01 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

can you unmute me, and I will put Gene on.

19:20:54 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

Peg is correct this is being codified.. already approved byh BPDA and on April 17 (I think) will go to the Zonign Board for approval - after that these districts are a done deal

19:21:57 From Kathy McCabe to Everyone:

Well said Christine.

19:22:04 From Nina Vansuch, Healy2Cummins, Roslindale to Everyone:

@ Christine: Thank you!

19:22:24 From Eva to Everyone:

thank you, Christine! Excellent feedback

19:22:28 From Deborah to Everyone:

I agree totally, Christine. Thanks for sharing!

19:22:54 From Jonathan Liem to Everyone:

1-2 bedrooms are needed as much as larger homes are. It is impossible to buy a home at any price in the village

19:23:08 From Dave Ratcliffe to Everyone:

Your long-term view Christine is very much appreciated

19:24:21 From Kenya Beaman (BPDA) to Everyone:

I want to remind everyone, Talia has posted the overarching themes we've heard from Roslindale residents.

19:25:32 From Meri Bond to Everyone:

A lot of the detail you came up with is in the links that are in the email you sent out this afternoon. Most people haven't had the time to dive down in there and see them

19:26:03 From Abdul-Razak Zachariah (BPDA), he/him to Everyone:

@Peg and Nia, I do want to name that a central perspective that the City has on future approaches to zoning reform is that it is the City's zoning is less of a static document that stays the same for another 30+ years, but is a living document that can be amended to reflect shifting needs. That's all to say, the Squares + Streets amendment that will move forward for adoption is that zoning set of zoning regulations at this time, but like all other parts of our zoning it is something that can be revisited for amendments in the future if citywide trends showcase a need for certain amendments.

19:27:32 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

Why increase density? Do you remember the 1960s Southwest Corridor debacle?

19:27:33 From Andrew Murray to Everyone:

Thank you!

19:28:37 From Peg Preble to Everyone:

Abdul-Razak, that is nice, but we are talking about the here and now To approve something that needs to be revised is silly, this is the need now that we are talking about. These businesses are needed now, are busy now, why would we forbid them and then have to go backend change that?

19:28:46 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

Building above is part of our current code -Art 67

19:28:50 From Kathy McCabe to Everyone:

We need good sidewalks so we can walk to and from Roslindale Square (as well as within). Walter Street has horrible unsafe sidewalks.

19:29:43 From Nina Vansuch, Healy2Cummins, Roslindale to Everyone:

@Eva- Thank you!

19:30:17 From Deborah to Everyone:

Does it have to limited to only six options?

19:30:18 From Christine Araujo to Everyone:

@Eva. Thank you

19:30:27 From Jonathan Liem to Everyone:

@Kathy yes, safety is so incredibly important with all of the kids in the area

19:30:31 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

And we can keep Art 67 if that is best, correct

19:30:33 From Maureen Hickey to Everyone:

Eileen, is the goal that transportation and other infrastructure upgrades will be made now so that the infrastructure will be sized to meet the increased density planned? That is important. Roslindale has been asking for improved sidewalks and ped infrastructure for a while, see Kathy's comment re: Walter St. above.

19:30:43 From Deborah to Everyone:

Eva, thanks for asking that excellent question.

19:30:51 From Nia Lewis to Everyone:

@Abdul thanks ... in 30 years I will hopefully be exiting the planet .. I want to make sure that between now and then as I am less mobile, I will be able to get gas in my caregivers car and that my electrician (like Peg Preble) will be able to come and fix my wires ... without too much more added to the price because she can't get parts locally any more (eg: JP service companies leaving due to being replaced with \$1m housing)these are things no one thinks about until later...oops where did that go?

19:31:49 From Christine Araujo to Everyone:

@Kathy McCabe agree. Also for future discussion is the height and shadows/wind tunnels created onto the narrow streets

19:33:32 From Meri Bond to Everyone:

IAG??

19:33:57 From Nina Vansuch, Healy2Cummins, Roslindale to Everyone:

Impact Advisory Group

19:34:21 From Nina Vansuch, Healy2Cummins, Roslindale to Everyone:

usually for larger projects.

19:34:28 From Deborah to Everyone:

How are Design Guidelines enforced?

19:34:44 From Joe Chevarley Jr. to Everyone:

Overwhelming white? How do you know? Are human beings different by race?

19:34:58 From Laurie Radwin to Everyone:

The Article 80 process is being rewritten or "modernized". So community engagement is going change

19:35:03 From Kathy McCabe to Everyone:

How will design guidelines be applied and enforced for buildings less than 20,000 sf? How is Boston Design Vision reaching out to neighborhood folks.?

19:35:22 From Dennis Kirkpatrick to Everyone:

IAG = Impact Advisory Group. People chosen to look at designs and suggest changes before the public gets to see it. It's "supposed" to reflect community interests but not always. I prefer to see the developers design and plans BEFORE a small group gets to effect suggestions. They rarely speak for me individually. But so it goes.

19:36:16 From Christine Araujo to Everyone:

@Marin. Can we see the Boston design vision? @Andrew Agree.

19:38:01 From Marin Braco | Urban Design, BPDA to Everyone:

The report is in the process of being finalized now, but here's the BPDA project website: <https://www.bostonplans.org/urban-design/boston-design-vision>

19:38:10 From Eva to Everyone:

I appreciate this gathering and ask/suggest a robust street campaign to inform Roslindale residents about opportunities to engage in these gatherings moving forward. I know we communicate mostly electronically, but there should be visuals made available in multiple languages where people live, not just in the immediate square