



Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)
Parking Lots Disposition - Visioning Session |
Roxbury
In-person Public Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Boston Water and Sewer Commission

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Proposed Agenda

6:10 - 6:25 pm Overview of Project Scope
6:25 - 7:25 pm Visioning Exercise
7:25 - 7:30 pm Next Steps

City of Boston Staff Attendees

Jonathan Short, BPDA Senior Real Estate Development Officer
Rebecca Hansen, BPDA Director of Real Estate
Patricia Cafferky, BPDA Senior Planner I
Jeon-Jun Ju, BPDA Urban Designer II
Yarisamar Cortez, BPDA Planner I
Jessica Boatright, MOH Deputy Director of Neighborhood Housing Development
Joe Backer, MOH Senior Development Officer
Stephanie Silva, MOH Development Officer, Neighborhood Housing Development

Ex-Officio Attendees

Tania Fernandes Anderson, District 7 City Councilor

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Meeting Summary

On Thursday, May 18, 2023, the third public meeting for the disposition process of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) Parking Lots was held in-person at the BWSC Building at 980 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02119. The focus of this meeting was to host an interactive visioning session to capture the public's thoughts on the future of these sites. There were approximately 47 attendees not including City of Boston staff and Ex-Officio members. Translation and interpretation services were provided in Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Cape Verdean Creole.

At approximately 6:10 p.m., Jonathan Short, BPDA Senior Real Estate Development Officer, welcomed members of the public and introduced the City of Boston Staff.

Jonathan Short initiated the presentation by providing interpretation and translation instructions, provided a link to the BWSC Parking Lots Disposition website, and provided the proposed agenda for the evening. Jonathan explained that the purpose of the meeting was to provide a brief overview of the BWSC Parking Lots and the disposition process for those that were new to the project, but much of the meeting was to be focused on the visioning exercise prepared across the room to capture people's thoughts on paper on what they would like to see in these lots. Jonathan then provided a high-level overview of the BWSC Parking Lots like the current use, size, care, and conditions of the parcels. The presentation was followed by an explanation of the community engagement and disposition process. To view the full presentation, please visit, <https://bit.ly/BWSCParkingLots>.

Jonathan concluded the presentation by providing an explanation of the visioning exercise. There were five tables set-up across the room. The categories were based on the feedback received in the April 25, 2023, Public Meeting. The table categories included: Housing + Wealth Creation + Equity, Health + Urban Heat Island, Equitable Mobility, Community Infrastructure, and What did we miss? Each table was staffed by BPDA and/or COB staff member. Attendees were encouraged to move around the room, write down their comments, sketch on the materials provided, and engage in conversation with staff. Interpreters were rotating at the various stations in 20 m increments.

To see the written feedback captured during the visioning session please visit the past engagements tab on the <https://bit.ly/BWSCParkingLots> website.

At approximately 7:20 p.m. Jonathan concluded the visioning session and called for everyone's attention to provide next steps. As for next steps, Jonathan provided the timeline for the upcoming public meetings for the project and additional resources for the community to stay engaged throughout the project. To see this in detail please refer to the <https://bit.ly/BWSCParkingLots> website.

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