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BPDA approves change of ownership for 289 Walk Hill



The project manager from the BPDA said the plan is set to stay the same as it was when it was approved.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

In a tale of housing that just can't seem to break ground, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors voted last week on May 14 to accept a change in ownership for the proposed 106-unit apartment plan for 289

Walk Hill St. in Roslindale. The project, originally proposed by developer Charles Gill, was approved by the BPDA about two years ago. Gill had stated previously that initial construction costs for the project had increased when he finally received approval.

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Meet Kevin Reed: From Harvard to hard knocks to a campaign for the House

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Hyde Park resident Kevin Reed felt as if he was standing on top of the world a decade ago. The South Jamaica, Queens, NY native was being honored at the top of the Empire State Building as the President of the U.S. Coast Guard Enlisted Association. After hearing him speak, a veterans coordinator from Harvard University encouraged him to pursue his studies at Harvard Extension School. This event began a series of challenging obstacles that Reed said has forged a deep understanding of the needs of people in the 14th Suffolk District and has sparked his desire to run for State Representative.

"I came to Harvard Extension School to pursue a degree in government as part of the GI Bill," Reed said in a recent interview. "I minored in anthropology and history. I believed that I had the opportunity to go to Harvard for free,



Kevin Reed

and I was wide-eyed. I thought the veterans coordinator was looking out for my best interest."

However, after he began his course of study, Reed learned that the GI Bill only covered tuition for two semesters.

"I eventually had to leave school," he explained. "This began a series of unfortunate events. I couldn't take out a loan. I was new to the Boston area, and I had

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Hyde Park's 54th Regiment discusses future plans



Though the 54th cannot participate this year in its usual Memorial Day activities, that doesn't mean the soldiers have been idle.

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Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

The 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Reenactors in Hyde Park has had to put a lot of activities on hold due to COVID-19 and social distancing policies, but they are still planning events for this fall.

The 54th was the first military unit consisting of

black soldiers to be raised in the North during the Civil War. The Massachusetts 54th Regiment trained at Camp Meigs in the Readville section of Hyde Park; they were the first black regiment of soldiers trained in a northern state to fight in the Civil War.

"We have been on pause for all our public events, which include parades (we missed out on a couple), mu-

seum and library presentations, and school presentations," explained Bob Vance, a member of the 54th. "So we are struggling to keep the 'lights on' like everyone else."

Vance said they have been taking stock of what they have and offering collections of older material to allow for easy access.

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ESNA talks neighborhood, progress on Peace Garden

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association (ESNA) is determined that everyday life will go on at Egleston Square, and it showed at its regular monthly meeting on May 4 via Zoom.

Groups of motorcycles racing through the Square, problems at the Mobile station and progress at the Peace Garden topped the agenda.

Residents complained to the E-13 community service police officer John Dougherty about large groups of motorbikes and ATVs taking advantage of the near-empty streets to drag race down Columbus Avenue and often through Franklin Park.

One motorbike group tends to congregate at the former bear dens – cages from the Franklin



The Peace Park on opening day June 5, 2004. Finally, it looks like the garden will be getting some much-needed updates.

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Park Zoo that, because of being bear-proof, turned out to be a lot harder to take down than they were to put up. Dougherty said that district is taking steps to confront the issue.

"Boston has seen an increase this spring," he said about illegal motorbikes.

"There will be extra officers assigned this weekend to try and help reduce any illegal, unsafe operation of motorcycles. One of the locations will be around Franklin Park, in-

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Licensing Board approves Burger King CV license despite opposition

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Burger King will open at the Shops at Riverwood, as the Boston Licensing Board voted 2-1 to grant a common victualer's license to Northeast Foods, the nation's second-largest Burger King franchisee, and franchise owner-operator Shoukat "Zo" Dhanani, at its meeting on Thursday, May 14.

This is the climax in a multi-year saga that has pitted neighbors along the River Street corridor against one another. It also called into question the efficiency and validity of City's community outreach processes regarding development. The final decision, according to the board members, focused on "what is in the interest of the public good and the public convenience."

"While public sentiment is one of the factors considered by the board, it's not the only factor," member Kathleen Joyce said. "We take into consideration the nature of the proposed operation, the number of similar operations in the immediate vicinity, traffic, litter and other ancillary factors at the board's discretion. We evaluate each application on its individual merits."

The closest chain restaurants are about one mile away, she noted, meaning the granting of

the license "would actually be in the interest of the public's convenience."

Member Keeana Saxon voted against the Burger King. She said she was influenced by the testimony provided that the restaurant would be directly across from the Boston Preparatory Charter School.

"I think it's just a natural kind of magnet for these kids," she said. "And so, I can't vote in favor."

Liam Curran, the third board member, referenced a similar recent case with a Popeye's that opened in West Roxbury, for which he voted in favor.

"I have to agree with the chair that I don't feel that we have the necessary level of saturation," he said. "I think that the factor about it being unhealthy is very clear. I just don't know if that's really our purview to really start saying that fast food restaurants can't be near schools, that it's necessarily negative... I think if we're not very careful with these factors, we're getting pretty close to running the risk of saying all fast food restaurants should be denied because they're unhealthy."

This decision came a day after the board held a 90-minute public hearing on the Burger King license on Zoom. While written testimony had been submitted beforehand on both sides, the vast majority of attendees

spoke against the Burger King. They cited its proximity of six schools; lack of community outreach; and health concerns to students and communities of color, on which the COVID-19 pandemic has shed a spotlight.

Dhanani explained that his company operates 100 Burger Kings throughout New England since 2012, and has "been in the Burger King business since 1993." His company is the second-largest operator for the brand nationwide, and it is ranked the second-highest of all operators in operation metrics.

Developer Todd Finard of Finard Properties explained that he has been involved with Dhanani and the East River Street Neighborhood Association (ERNA) since July 2016. He said the ERNA was designated by the City as his impact advisory group (IAG) when he first wanted to purchase the Bay State Paper Mill and turn it into what is now the Shops at Riverwood plaza.

In January 2017, Finard said he received approval from both then-District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy and then-Hyde Park liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Dave McNulty. He then followed the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and Inspectional Services Department (ISD) processes. A construction permit

was issued in December of 2018, and the building was completed within a year.

"When it got to the end of the year, the Belnel Family Neighborhood Association (BNFA) raised their hand and said, 'Wait a minute, we didn't know what this was. You didn't talk to us.' That created a bit of a firestorm in terms of this process."

Finard said he "got mired in the politics of, what I believe is, how the neighborhood should speak in one voice."

Current Hyde Park ONS liaison Bryan Flynn went on record in support of the license, saying the early process had been followed and meetings this year did include multiple groups.

Hank Cohen, who represents current District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, requested a deferral on behalf of the BNFA. Dave Vittorini from Councilor at-Large Michelle Wu's office and Jessica Rodriguez from Councilor at-Large Annissa Essaibi-George's office both agreed to request a deferral after hearing Cohen's request. Originally, each said they planned to testify in opposition to the Burger King.

Helena Tonge, the president of the BNFA, said that, although she had seen construction of a restaurant, she was unaware that it would be a Burger King until

she received the Licensing Board's notice on Jan. 11 of a Jan. 15 hearing. She then notified other neighborhood groups. After the deferral, they all met on Feb. 6. A BNFA community meeting was scheduled in March, but was canceled due to COVID-19.

Tonge charged that Flynn "dropped the ball" by not notifying the community, because average ERNA attendance is around 20. Although her association does not meet monthly, it has been around since the 1970s and is active in the neighborhood.

She also brought up a 2017 article in The Boston Herald, which said that Dhanani was fined \$843,000 by the state Attorney General's office for 843 alleged violations of child labor laws at 30 of his 43 Massachusetts restaurants.

Dr. Marilynne Smith Quarcoo, a resident and governing board member of the Boston Community Leadership Academy, said she wanted to address "the lack of culturally responsive community engagement and inequity" in this process.

"While the developer may have met the current requirements to meet this stage in the process," she said, "As a resident, I believe the process that

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Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Assn. to return on Zoom

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

If all goes as planned, the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) will be returning to work in June on the virtual meeting platform Zoom.

Organizers Rick Yoder and Lisa Beatman said despite the stoppage of meetings back in March the neighborhood group has been busy, and they are looking forward to restarting meetings for the neighborhood in East Roslindale, Hyde Park and Mattapan.

Yoder and Beatman said they have been following closely the case of 602 Canterbury St., a proposed 14-unit rental property sitting on a thin rectangle of land between Canterbury Street and American Legion Highway. Beatman and Yoder said the meeting highlighted the importance of neighbors taking an interest in as many local meetings as possible.

While the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals approved the project in October of 2019, the project still needed several other approvals, including that of the Boston Conservation Commission (BCC). In the interim between the ZBA approval and that of the BCC, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh signed into law the Boston

Wetlands Ordinance (with a ceremony in Roslindale by the Arnold Arboretum and the Roslindale Wetlands Urban Wild) that greatly improved the BCC's powers in terms of wetland buffer zones and other regulatory powers.

"The project at 602 Canterbury is actually on a piece of the Canterbury Brook, open to the sky. The owner wanted to cover it and put in a parking lot," Yoder said. "Initially, we said no and luckily a little later I had run into (Boston Chief of Environment) Chris Cook before a meeting and he said, 'in Boston, we do not cover up brooks, period.' And that was very helpful to have that authority. Subsequently, the owner backed off... That was a victory and he came back with a design for 14 residential units."

The MHC, along with many neighbors, supported the proposal at the ZBA meeting, but Beatman pointed out that support was contingent on the developer testing the site for contaminants and cleaning them up. The site was originally a car disposal and junk yard called Bob's Disposal, and both Beatman and Yoder said they and many neighbors feared the site had contaminants from car engines in the soil.

"The problem is, or what I

have discovered is, that there's no agency going through the process of who takes that testing on as a responsibility," he said. "If the owner wants to test and do something about it, fine, but there's no authority with jurisdiction."

He said he spoke with the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency, which was less than helpful. The site was not on any lists for hazardous waste, and since the area was zoned for single-family homes, the agency said it was unaware of anything like a car disposal site on the property.

"I just want to emphasize here that I do not know if it's polluted, but I wanted a thorough examination," he said. "If there's nothing there, then hallelujah, let's move ahead."

The proponent had commissioned a 100-page assessment of the property, and Yoder and Beatman said they read every page and found problems with the proponents' representation of the site at the BCC meeting on April 15.

"It described this property's history as being an auto repair garage with a paved parking lot and that's just untrue," Yoder said. "Would you take your car to be repaired at Bob's Disposal? It's mostly gravel and dirt."

The point, Yoder said, was that pavement, while porous to

a point, is not nearly as porous as dirt and gravel, making it more likely that chemicals could leach through the soil and then into the brook.

"They claimed most of the whole lot was paved, but most of it isn't," Beatman said.

Yoder said the proponent did one test in the center of the lot, and he said they found minimal concentration, but they would like a broader test, since most of the vehicles were stored around the lot's perimeter.

The pair said by attending the BCC meeting, they felt they were able to play a vital role in the development of the neighborhood, and they said residents should be looking to go to these kinds of less-publicized meetings. Beatman said, for example, they recently went to a Boston Civic Design Commission meeting for the proposed development at 780 American Legion Hwy. at the Home For Little Wanderers, where more than 100 units are proposed, along with a complete rebuild of the Home's offices and care facilities. Yoder said the map the proponents brought for design

review did not list the surrounding area as single-family zoning, which he felt was misleading.

"So our concern is that during this COVID pandemic time when everybody's hunkered down, it's very understandable they're focused on pandemic-related issues," he said. "But the city's development process has been continuing and there's been less public access and oversight and all of our electeds and appointed are understandably focused elsewhere, and so there's not been a lot of accountability and that's a major concern of mine."

The pair said residents should keep an eye on the Public Notice section of the Boston.gov website to stay updated on local issues (Boston.gov/public-notice).

The pair also highlighted the planting of a new butterfly garden last week at the Mount Hope Park at the corner of Hyde Park Avenue and Mount Hope Street. The garden was the product of a Love Your Block Grant applied for by neighbors Margaux Leonard and Sarah Lampka.

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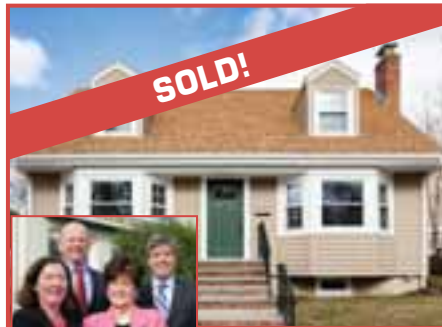


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Parks Parcel Priority Plan survey now underway

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is encouraging park users and open space advocates to take part in the City of Boston's new Parcel Priority Plan (PPP) using an online survey. The survey results will be used in developing the open space acquisition Parcel Priority Plan, and the City of Boston encourages residents from every neighborhood to share their feedback.

Enhancing and enlarging Boston's network of resilient public open space is critical, and the Parcel Priority Plan will identify and evaluate lands in the city that should be acquired or protected as open spaces. This will be used for the development of the update to the City of Boston's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Questions that are a part of the survey include:

- Where would you like to see open space?
- What should the City of Boston focus on when acquiring or protecting open space?

Residents' responses will shape the future of Boston's park system.

Survey responses will be combined with data modeling and the City's priorities to create the Parcel Priority Plan. This is an essential first step in understanding where the Parks and Recreation Department has opportunities to expand the open space network. Creating new open space and protecting existing open space will move forward as opportunities and funding are available.

The online survey is available in six languages in addition to English. To participate, please visit boston.gov/parcel-priority-plan.

Interpretation and translation services are available at no cost. To access these services or learn more about the project, please contact Maggie Owens at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (617) 961-3025 or email maggie.owens@boston.gov.

Corrib Road Race update

The organizers of the annual Corrib Road Race are currently planning to hold the postponed race on Sunday, September 20 at 12:00PM starting at Billings Field, West Roxbury. In this time of great uncertainty, organizers are adjusting periodically just like other event planners for large-scale Fall activities. With an average of over 2,400 runners and hundreds more spectators and attendees, we must take every safety precaution.

The Corrib Charitable Trust (CCT) Board of Directors and the Bligh family are closely monitoring regular updates from City officials. Many factors are involved in the date move, including consultation with City and health officials, vendor availability, volunteer participation, and many more logistics involved in an event of this large scale. We have tried our best to avoid any conflicts with area races and other local events for the September 20 date.

Typically, at this time, we would open up local and on-line registration. However, the CCT will delay this action until we have better direction from all involved parties.

The CCT will keep you informed as soon as possible of further decisions through the Bulletin Newspaper, Corrib Pub Facebook page, local social media outlets, and past participants will also receive email notifications. We will direct you to the appropriate race registration web site shortly with these developments. In the meantime, you can check corribpub.com for information.

The CCT Board of Directors and the Bligh family are proud to have provided the Parkway community with fun and safe events over the last 28 years and donated over \$1.2 million to local charities. We certainly hope to continue this in 2020 on September 20.

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Dentists vs. professional athletes

Remember the old joke about a dentist's favorite time? No, it's not five o'clock at the end of a workday as referenced in The Vogues' 1965 song "The Five O'Clock Whistle," nor is it the five o'clock mentioned in Sheena Easton's "The Morning Train," nor the five in Dolly Parton's "9-5." The answer to the joke is "tooth hurty [two thirty]."

If you're looking for any other feeble attempts at dental humor in this piece, don't bother: there aren't any.

During this pandemic it was revealed that the typical Massachusetts dentist makes about \$192,000 annually. This is a just income for someone who had to spend years in dental school as general practitioner before possible specializing. Of course, dentists and their co-workers have been out of work, for the most part, for last several months.

When dentists as well as their assistants and hygienists come back to work, they are at

serious risk because of the very close quarters with their patients, who still have to breathe by exhaling without wearing masks.

The disconnect here is that the lowest paid professional athletes in the four major American sports are compensated significantly more handsomely. I don't know about you but the person who relieves mouth disfigurement and pain most in my life over the years is not the one catching baseballs and forward passes as well as shooting pucks and three-pointers.

The lowest wages in the National Football League are \$375,000; National Basketball Association \$898,000; National Hockey League \$700,000; and Major League Baseball \$563,000.

The next time anybody you know somebody who has a mouthful of hurt or crookedness, watching sports on television or in person won't do much, if anything, to alleviate the condition: it's much bet-



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ter to schedule an appointment with somebody who has D.D.S. or a D.M.D. after their last name, even if they are paid only a fraction of what the average professional athlete makes.

Am I saying that professional athletes—as well as movie actors, television personalities, and singers—are overpaid when compared to dentists? You be the judge.

Boston Trinity Academy Senior Symposium project shines despite Covid-19

On Wednesday, April 22nd, and Thursday, April 23rd, seniors from Boston Trinity Academy in Hyde Park, defended their year-long Senior Symposium projects via Zoom. Seniors at BTA spend part of the year researching and writing a 20-25 page research paper on a topic related to social justice. At the end of the year, they present portions of their paper and defend their positions before a panel of invited judges.

In light of school cancellations because of COVID-19, BTA seniors were worried that all of the research and hard work they'd been doing since the fall would be somewhat anticlimactic. However BTA faculty were determined not to let all of the students' efforts go to waste. Senior Symposium Night is a rite of passage for seniors at BTA. After school was officially cancelled, seniors continued their research remotely, worked with their faculty advisors via Zoom, and finished their papers on schedule. Some of the topics of this year's papers were:

* "Gender Wage Disparity: Are American Women Swimming Upstream?"

* "The Humanitarian Crisis at the US-Mexico Border"

* "Free and Appropriate Education for All: Injustices within the Special Education

System in America"

* "When the Wells Run Dry: Analyzing and Addressing the Water Crisis in Gaza"

One BTA senior said, "...there are wrongs in the world that make our hearts break, injustices few people seem to care about, longstanding inequities that affect everyday people, human dignity that is being stripped from people. My symposium advisor, Dr. Milway, would always say that when we present our topics, we 'speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.' Symposium is a platform for students to become experts on an injustice, and share that knowledge such that other people not only understand the tangible problem, but become as passionate and curious as the student. In essence, social change happens when more people are passionate, curious, and knowledgeable about injustices—making senior symposium the first step on that path to change."

Judges, who volunteered their time to listen to student presentations, ask tough questions, and give feedback remotely, came from a wide variety of backgrounds. Among this year's judges were attorneys, a professor from MIT, a professor from BU, local ministers, professionals from the non-profit sector, a psychologist, and



Danielle McConnell

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even a student from Harvard Law School.

Judges were impressed by the strength of the papers and by the composure students showed during their presentations. One judge, a lawyer and college professor, remarked, "The level of engagement and analysis was as strong if not better presented, than the work of my undergraduates."

Another college professor said, "I very much enjoyed listening to the student presentations and was quite impressed with their poise, polish and content. Congratulations to BTA for offering students an opportunity to think!" Boston Trinity Academy seniors and faculty made the best of a difficult situation and are thankful for the opportunity to work with community leaders on such an important project.

Ways and Means Subcommittee reviews Parks and Rec

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Ways and Means Subcommittee of the Boston City Council met on May 15 and discussed the budget outlook for the city's Parks and Recreation Department for fiscal year 2021.

Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods has worked for the department for 14 years and took over the department last year. He said while he's still finding his feet, he is satisfied with the budget. He said the proposed budget for the upcoming year is a 3.9 percent increase since FY20.

"That's an increase of about a million dollars to our operating budget," he said. "It includes six new positions, four of which are in maintenance, one with Urban Wilds and one in our Urban Forestry Program. We hope to utilize anticipated funding for a second maintenance shift based out of Franklin Park, which will help reduce overtime costs, decrease response time to off-hour maintenance issues and emergencies, in response to COVID-related issues, clean up etc."

Woods said for the Urban Wilds position, they will be

hiring a dedicated gardener, which many residents and volunteers may be relieved to hear. Currently, the program is headed by Paul Sutton, who organizes dozens of clean ups, invasive species removals and other volunteer-based programming throughout the year. But almost all of those programs are performed through the dedication of volunteers and not by city employees.

"Urban Wilds is a program that has been largely dependent on volunteer groups and, after this spring, we certainly lost a lot of volunteers for cleanups that were scheduled," Woods said.

For the Urban Forestry Position, Woods said they want to have a dedicated person to look at increasing and maintaining the city's tree canopy.

"We hope to create an Urban Forestry Master Plan to better understand the areas of potential improvement in our current urban tree canopy and use more staff to better maintain the canopy and address tree mortality, oversee warranty issues and quickly respond to downed-tree emergencies," he said. "We're also excited that we'll be able to plant 2,000 trees in FY21, dou-

bling our current volume, which is a \$1 million increase in capital in FY21."

Woods also said they are currently working on figuring out community processes for master plan projects and playground improvement projects.

"We're looking forward to moving forward with design services for Malcolm X Park, Crawford Street Park, Mother's Rest, Edna Bynoe Orchard Garden, Millennium Park and the Ryan Play Area," he said. "So this is an exciting proposed budget for us, and we're looking forward to making these improvements."

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley advocated for the inclusion of updates to Billings Field in West Roxbury during the hearing.

"As a kid growing up, I can remember playing at Billings Field, and I remember the wooden structures at the playground, and I think Chief (of Parks Chris) Cook may remember as well, and perhaps some older folks on this call, but we haven't seen any real significant investment in Billings Field itself," he said. "The tot lot and playground named after Firefighter Michael Kennedy and Lt. Ed Walsh is something we really really

value and appreciate, but I'm talking specifically about the field itself."

O'Malley said the field is the "front yard" of West Roxbury, and named the myriad of local youth sport organizations, local charities, concert series and more that utilize the field.

"The Corrib Road Race, which has essentially become West Roxbury Day; I mean so much happens at Billings Field," he said. "Through no

one's fault, other than some benign neglect, through the years we haven't seen the investment that the field needs. My number one capital request going forward this year is making sure we can actually fulfill the potential of Billings Field."

Woods said it is "a priority investment area," and said the Department is aware of

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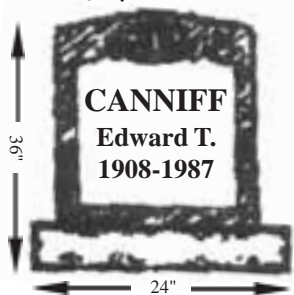
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CARDOOS

Mary (Jabbour) Of Quincy May 11, 2020. Dear and devoted wife of the late Albert Cardoos. Beloved mother of Carolyn French of Quincy, Stephen Cardoos and his wife Marie of Littleton, Alan Cardoos and his wife Rafca of Hull, and Charles Cardoos of California. Dear grandmother "Tata" of John and Justin French, Paul and Miriam Cardoos, Nathan Cardoos and his wife Emily Bethea, Stephanie Cardoos and her husband Sam Sakhai, and Amber Cardoos. Great-grandmother of Charlie Cardoos. Loving sister of Sam Jabbour of West Roxbury, Gloria Zahka of Hull, and the late Nora Khouri Barakat and Julia Jabbour. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be private. Interment Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Mary's memory to the Church of St. John of Damascus, stjohnd.org 300 West St., Dedham, MA 02026. Guestbook at www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

FLAHERTY

Robert M. Age 87, of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2020. Beloved husband of 61 years to Noreen (Mitchell) Flaherty. Loving father of Robert M. Flaherty, Jr. and Sean M. Flaherty and his wife Pilar of Westwood. Adored grandfather of Erin, Jill, Lauren and Connor. Brother of the late Michael Flaherty and his wife Eleanor and the late Ruth A. Gibson and her husband Clifford. He also leaves many cherished nieces and nephews. Robert worked as a crane operator and was a member of I.U.O.E. Local #4 for 64 years. He grew up in South Boston and at the age of 19 joined the US Army as a tank driver during the Korean War. After the war, he married and moved to West Roxbury to raise his family. Robert was an active member at his local gym, and enjoyed camping in North Conway, kayaking, taking care of his pool and trips to Castle Island in South Boston with his family. The Flaherty Family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses of the West Roxbury VA and the Brockton VA for making "Bob" feel loved and cared for, and who fondly nicknamed him the "Mayor" of 2-North at the West Roxbury VA. Burial will be at the MA National Cemetery, Bourne. Due to the COVID-19 gathering restrictions, all Services will be private. Services handled by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Memorial Mass and gathering will be held in his honor at a later date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

GATELY

William F. "Billy" Longtime resident of Roslindale, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away May 13, 2020. Beloved husband of Theresa A. Gately. Devoted and loving father of James A.

Deaths

Gately, Jessica Santos Rodriguez, Jamie, Joshua, Emily, Mary Elyse, Christopher, Charles, and Alicia Gately. Loving grandfather of A.J., Kaylee, Becca, Kayla, Omar, Orlando, Alexander, and Ezelle. Brother of James B. Gately, Richard Gately, and the late Diane Scully. Brother-in-law of Robert Campbell, James Spates. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church, Dedham.

Due to the pandemic, a private family visitation and service will be held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home. Interment private. A public memorial will be held at a future date at Calvary Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, (family allergy) donations may be made in Billy's memory to Calvary Baptist Church 42 Needham St. Dedham, MA 02026. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

McCAULEY

Owen Of Hyde Park, May 11, 2020. Beloved husband of Deborah (Smith) McCauley. Devoted father of James W. and his wife Justine of Randolph, and Deborah DeVeer and her husband Michael of Dedham. Grandfather of Justin and Jamie McCauley of Randolph. Also survived by his loving pets. Owen was the owner and operator of D.A. McCauley Construction of Hyde Park for 54 years. Private Funeral Services will be held at the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, DEDHAM, followed by a private burial in Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Medfield Animal Shelter, C/O Jackie Waiters, 101 Old Bridge St., Medfield, MA 02054. Online guestbook at gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500

McMANUS

John J. Of West Roxbury, May 16, 2020. Beloved husband for 65 years to Joan (O'Shea) McManus. Loving father of Kevin, Michael, John, Jr., Stephen and his wife Gretchen. Grandfather of John Patrick, Katelyn, Ryan, Stephen, Dylan, Melissa, Meghan, Lauren and Caroline. Brother of Anne Grealy, James McManus and the late Margaret McManus. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. John was a highly decorated Detective retired from the Boston Police Dept., member of the Boston Police Emerald Society, and Exec. Board Member of Cops for Kids with Cancer. US Navy Korean War Veteran. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at a later date. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

McNEILL

Richard Alan Born in Boston on May 8th, 1940 and passed away on May 12th, 2020. Richard was a beloved son of Dorothy and Vincent McNeill and was raised in West Roxbury with his five brothers. Richard is sur-

vived by his brother, Bruce G. McNeill of Brookline. He was also uncle to many nieces and nephews. Richard graduated from Roslindale High School and went on to enlist in the United States Air Force, from which he was honorably discharged. After his time in the Air Force, he worked at Friendly's Ice Cream for many years. Richard was a gentle soul and a kind man. Like his mother, he was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time at the library. Richard's arrangements are being handled by Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Details are pending due to current events. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider a donation in honor of Richard to The Greater Boston Food Bank or your local food pantry. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

MITCHELL

Patricia A. Of Wellesley, Watertown and Hyde Park, MA. Passed away peacefully after a long struggle with dementia. She was 87 years old. Beloved wife of deceased Donald C. Mitchell, mother of Carole Katz of Watertown and Bruce Newman and his wife Ellen of Walpole. Devoted grandmother of Kim, Jennifer, Katie and David. Great-grandmother of Kenzie, Sean and Tinsley. Patricia was the last remaining of seven O'Brien siblings: Ernestine, Teddy, Bob, Jerry, Marie and Joan. She had many devoted nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Patricia worked in the accounting division of the MBTA for many years and later went on to work in banking at Baybank, Hyde Park Savings and Dedham Savings Bank. Her greatest enjoyment was in helping others, whether it was assisting customers with their finances or helping to raise her four grandchildren. She raised Carole and Bruce for many years on her own until she met the love of her life, Don. With him she began to truly enjoy life. They spent many years together as a family boating, skiing, and traveling. After Don's death, she continued to enjoy traveling with her sisters and later with her daughter. A Memorial Service will be planned in the future. Patricia will be interred next to her husband at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Grow Clinic at Boston Medical, www.bmc.org/programs/grow-clinic Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600

PHILBIN

Nora Christine (Frazer) Of West Roxbury and Dorchester, originally from Louisburg, County Mayo, Ireland. Age 88. Passed peacefully surrounded by her loving family on May 11, 2020. Born on Christmas Day, Nora was the daughter of Patrick and Theresa (Hastings) Frazer. She was the beloved wife for 35 years of the late James L. Philbin (1990), and devoted mother to Mary and Stephen Kelly of Natick, Kathleen LaShoto of

Deaths

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Waltham, Lorraine and Joseph Trapuzzano of Washington, PA, James and Elizabeth Philbin of Foxborough, and Anne Johnson of Southborough. Cherished "Grandma" to Katie (fiancé? Aaron Yu) and Caroline Kelly, James and MaryAnn LaShoto, Kathryn and James Dlugos, James, Sean and Sally Philbin, and Daniel and Elizabeth Johnson. So loved by Christopher, Andrew and Patrick Trapuzzano and their families. Nora was dear sister to Patrick Frazer of County Mayo, Theresa and James Corrigan of Burnley, England, and the late John, Martin, Michael Frazer and Mary Clarke. Sister-in-law to Joseph and Patricia Philbin, Yarmouth, MA. Adored "Auntie Nora" and "Cousin Christine" to dozens of nieces, nephews and cousins. A longtime employee of Verizon, Nora loved cooking, reading, gardening, and walking at Castle Island, but it was always the quality time with her children and grandchildren that she truly treasured. Our family sincerely thanks the teams at Mary Ann Morse Cedar Unit and Brookhaven Hospice (Natick) for their gentle care and empathy during Nora's final days. Due to the Massachusetts stay-at-home order, the Funeral Service will be private with a Burial ceremony at Mount Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. Funeral arrangements by Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, MA 02132. A formal Celebration of Nora's Life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Nora's memory are gratefully accepted by: My Brother's Keeper, PO Box 338, Easton, MA 02356-0338, or AT-Children's Project, 6810 State Road 7, Suite 125, Coconut Creek, FL 33073. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600

RAE
John L. "Jack" Longtime resident of West Roxbury, passed away on May 15, 2020, five days after his beloved late wife Mary "Marie" Rae (Reardon) Rae. Devoted father of John C. Rae of West Roxbury, Mary Kapust and her husband Michael, Jean Hurley and her husband Brian all of Tewksbury, and Joanne Cullen and her husband Patrick of Walpole. Loving grandfather of Michael, Kevin and Matthew Kapust, Timothy and Paul Hurley, John, Mary, and Brendan Reedy, and Grace Cullen. Great-grandfather to Benjamin Kapust. Brother of the late Evelyn Boudreau and the late Robert Rae. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. John was a veteran of the U.S. Army proudly serving in the Korean War. He was a mechanical engineer and retired from Johnson and Johnson. Due to the pandemic, a private family visitation and funeral service will take place at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. A Memorial Mass will be held

at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jack's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. For online guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

RAE
Mary M. "Marie" (Reardon) Longtime resident of West Roxbury passed away on May 10, 2020, five days before her beloved husband, John L. Rae. Devoted mother of John C. Rae of West Roxbury, Mary Kapust and her husband Michael, Jean Hurley and her husband Brian, all of Tewksbury, and Joanne Cullen and her husband Patrick of Walpole. Loving grandmother to Michael, Kevin and Matthew Kapust, Timothy and Paul Hurley, John, Mary, and Brendan Reedy, and Grace Cullen. Great-grandmother to Benjamin Kapust. Dear sister of the late Theresa Kindregan. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Longtime faithful parishioner of St. John Chrysostom Church. Due to the pandemic, a private family Visitation and Funeral Service will take place at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. A Memorial Mass will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's memory to St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury, MA 02132 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. For online guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

ROCK
John M. Of Chestnut Hill, formerly of Jamaica Plain, May 11, 2020. Beloved son of the late Michael & Bridgett (Moloney) Rock. Loving brother of Anne Marie Verrochi of West Roxbury and the late Joseph Rock. Beloved uncle of Karen Wright and her husband James, and Joseph Rock. Loving great-uncle of Elizabeth and Emily Verrochi, Bridget Wright. Funeral Services private. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600

SHUBSTER
Robert Also known as Rob and Bob, of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully May 14, 2020. Loving son of the late Mary T. (Ciskowski) Reppucci. Cherished brother and best friend of Joseph Shubster of West Roxbury, his brother Ron Reppucci and his wife Ann of Hingham. Uncle of Jennifer Simpson and her husband Don of Hingham, Alison DiBenedetto and her husband John of Andover and Kevin Reppucci and his wife Anya of Hingham. Also survived by his

great-nephews Ryan, Jake, Thomas and Jackson, his great-nieces Kayla, Ashley and Ava. Rob was a faithful usher and parishioner at Holy Name Church and an avid Red Sox and Bruins fan. Rob loved family events, birthdays, holidays and celebrations. Due to COVID-19 guidelines put in place by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Services will be private. To leave a condolence message for the family, please visit: Gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

SITTIG
Robert J. Of Roslindale and Hyde Park, who recently retired to Florida, passed away May 3, 2020. Beloved husband of Lori (Tejada) Sittig. Former husband of Leigh Donohue. Loving father of Lynne Donohue, Karen Hamblin and her husband Jonathan, Brianne Sittig, all of Roslindale, and the late Brian Donohue. Proud grandfather of Ray-Shawn, Debrah-Leigh, Tyanna, Isaiah, Dezzirae, Rylee, and Gianna. Loving brother of William Sittig and his wife Margaret, John Sittig and his wife Donna, Kenny Sittig and his wife Cheryl, Kevin Sittig and Joanne Reilly and her husband Phil. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at a future date. lawlerfuneralhome.com

TARRIS
Richard R. "Dick" Of Hull and Ft. Myers, FL, formerly of Roslindale, passed away on May 15, 2020. He was predeceased by his wife Edna (Stapleton) Tarris. Father of Christine Tarris of Nashua, NH, Jeanne Horgan and her husband Stephen of Walpole, Leo Tarris of Hull and Richard Tarris, Jr. and his wife Christine of Roslindale, and Julie Elmendorf and her husband Kevin of FL. Grandpa of 12 ranging in ages 2 to 32 years old; Nadine, Alex, Kelsey, Conor, Colleen, Shannon, Emmy, Katelyn, Tyler, Abigail, Liam, and Ava. Also survived by his sister Barbara Baker of Needham and brother Stephen Tarris of Lowell and many dear nieces and nephews. Dick was a life-long Boston sports fan. He loved living by the ocean and camping at Myles Standish State Park. He was a longtime member of Teamsters Local 122. Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, a private family visitation and funeral service will be held at P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will follow at New Calvary Cemetery, Boston. A Memorial Mass will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's memory to The Foundation for Faces of Children, 258 Harvard St. #367, Brookline, MA 02446. For online guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

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Peace Garden

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Good luck from Corrib

The Bligh family wishing their senior high school employees the best of luck with a sign hanging on the side of their Corrib Pub building in West Roxbury.

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its high use, and said they have been contacted by Parkway in Motion many times on the issues at the field, which include poor drainage, need of field work, and leveling.

“Chief Cook will be able to tell you that he sprained his ankle last week walking out there, so that is even more

proof of the work needed there, as well as electrical upgrades,” he said.

“It holds a central place in the activity and vibrancy of the West Roxbury neighborhood, and selfishly it’s where I start and end my days,” Cook said.

Cook said that, sprained

ankle notwithstanding, the park is huge, and would require massive spending. He said they don’t want to approach it in a piecemeal fashion, and so when the opportunity presents itself in the budget to allow the capital spending necessary, it will be placed as a line item.

cluding Walnut Avenue, Columbus Avenue and Sigourney Street.”

Dougherty asked that neighbors call 911 if they see groups of motorcycles in the park or on the streets.

One resident lives on Atherton Street and was concerned about the activities around the Mobile station on Columbus Avenue.

“Can you keep an eye on the Mobile station?” she asked. “There’s always gatherings and arguments at the station. Sometimes there’s fighting. I’m concerned about suspicious activity. People soliciting. This has been a long-standing issue.

“I call 911 but it’s not working,” she said.

Drici asked the police to put the Mobile Station up as a “hot spot.” Dougherty said he’ll have extra police cars patrol the station area.

There was good news to report on the Peace Garden at Washington Street and School Street from Dan Newman of the Friends of the Peace Garden.

“This morning I learned that it’s happening,” he said. “The (Boston) City Council is reviewing the slate of proposed projects to be funded by the Community Preservation Act. The Peace Garden got a positive response.

“The signs are good that the Peace Garden will get funded,” Newman said. “There is a council hearing on Zoom scheduled.”

Member Caroline Royce said she was glad to hear this; she described the process “like climbing a mountain.”

As late as September 2019, when applications were due at the CPA committee, the question of ownership was still up in the air; a new lease with the property owner Clear Channel had not been signed.

But on Sept. 25, Denise Delgado, Egleston Square Main Streets director, notified The Bulletin that Clear Channel had agreed to a new lease.

“This makes it possible for Main Streets and Greater Egleston High School to apply for community preservation funds this week,” she said.

Clear Channel agreed to a lease of an additional 15 years that did not include an early termination clause.

Who holds the lease is unclear; State Rep. Elizabeth Malia’s office—which played an active role in negotiating the lease—would not comment for the record and Delgado did not respond to two messages.

But apparently the 15-year, no-early-termination-lease was satisfactory to the CPA committee and they approved the \$150,000 request to go forward.

On May 5, the Community Preservation Committee of the City Council, chaired by Councilor Mike Flaherty, reviewed 40 proposals for housing, historic preservation and parks and recreation totaling \$24 million.

Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space Chris Cook summarized the 14 open space projects totaling \$3.8 million.

The Egleston Peace Garden plan was created by COG-Design which wrote a description of the schematic displayed on the zoom screen.

“It will have new enhancements to improve safety and stability and improve accessibility for those using wheelchairs and walkers. It will beautify the intersection and [make] the park a true oasis for the community.”

Cook went further in his support for the Peace Garden.

“It’s an underwhelming space,” he said. “It’s a real opportunity to do something special for the community.”

Cook forgot to mention that it’s also been the location for the annual Christmas tree lighting, attended by the mayor for years now.

District 6 City Councilor Matt O’Malley always attends the tree lighting and he spoke in favor.

“Such a dedicated level of neighborhood support,” O’Malley said. “It’s one of my favorite places.”

Delgado testified by remote phone-in.

“It’s been a volunteer effort for 20 years,” she said. “How exciting that this day is finally here. People in the community have been working very hard for a long time on this.”

Delgado told The Bulletin the next day that Egleston Square Main Streets would be the recipient of and disburse the \$150,000 grant.

In her introduction to the hearing, Chief Financial Officer Emme Handy described the CPA funding program, and admitted that the COVID 19 pandemic would affect the state match of the CPA fund; but more than that.

“There are seven playgrounds in the list and other open spaces,” she said, “should we be able to open them again.”

The full City Council approved the 40 projects at its meeting on May 13.

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 —S.C.A.

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(Never known to fail!)
 Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
 —P.F.

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*Missing you more and more
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Loving you 'til the day after forever
Dick

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nothing. It was the beginning of the economic recession, and jobs were scarce.”

He joined the Navy Reserves, where he served with distinction, chosen as Select Sailor of the Quarter for the first quarter of FY 2011.

Reed then went from Harvard to homeless in a matter of months, and was homeless for eight months before his life began to turn around.

“For the first two weeks, I slept at the Science Center at Harvard,” he said. “Then I slept at the U-Haul storage center for three days at MIT. I then went to the New England Center for Homeless Veterans and ended up at the Soldier’s Home in Chelsea for four months. The Navy released me.

“I was down on my luck,” he continued. “Twelve months earlier, I had the world on a string. At that point, I had the weight of the world on my shoulders. You don’t know if you will ever see the sunlight again.”

Reed did see the proverbial sunlight in the face of his future wife, a veterans rights activist. She advised him on programs that existed for veterans of color.

“We met over a bond of advocacy, and that turned into friendship, dating and then marriage,” he said. “When I met her, I was 300 miles from home. Now my house is nothing but Red Sox fans.”

The one job that Reed said he could find during this time was as the manager at the Expressions athletic shoe store on Hyde Park Ave.

In 2013, he reignited his passion for government as an intern for the Massachusetts Democratic Party in 2013. Two years later, he interned for Mayor Marty Walsh in the communications office.

Now, Reed works at Boston Private, a financial services company in Boston. He is also the founder and CEO of R.E.E.D. Legacy Capital Group. R.E.E.D., an acronym for Real Estate and Economic Development, works to overcome past practices of redlining by working with business owners and lenders. He also volunteers on the weekend at the Pine Street Inn as a counselor for homeless veterans.

“If people remember nothing else during this race for the 14th Suffolk District State Rep seat, I want them to realize that you can reach your goals, brick by brick,” Reed said. “I understand the economy because I’ve lived it. I can look neighbors in the eye and say I was on no one’s payroll. I’m one of them. I get it.” One of his goals is to get a testing center for COVID-19 in Hyde Park.

“We have a situation where Hyde Park is the number-one community with COVID-19 cases week after week, and we can’t even get a dedicated testing center put up,” Reed said. “I have

a problem with that.”

“The country and the state were caught egregiously flat-footed,” he continued. “We cannot be dependent on foreign countries for medical supplies.”

Having truly affordable housing is another key goal, as is improving the district’s infrastructure and overall public transportation. He became an advocate for accessible transportation after his wife was shot and began using The Ride, the MBTA’s paratransit service. An initiative of his is to advocate for more WAV (wheelchair accessible vehicles) to improve accessibility for all, so people with disabilities do not have to wait sometimes more than an hour for scheduled transportation.

“More than ever, the time is now for the equitable delivery of services,” Reed said. “This is not the time for business as usual. Most public officials who make policies on the T and Uber don’t use them.”

Reed is focusing on delivery during the campaign. He began a virtual food drive with fellow Rep candidate Craig Valdez from Plymouth and will be delivering food door to door to those in need he has called who cannot go out.

“Those in office have been paving the road to hell with good intentions,” Reed charged. “I realized they will tell anybody what they want to do. Leadership has to start with servitude.”

Burger King

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brought us here today is sorely misaligned to the espoused vision of the City, and it did not reflect values associated with inclusive practices.

“It takes a village to maintain a village,” she continued. “We’re committed to that here in Hyde Park. And if not us, who? And if not now, when will we see a change in the way things operate in our communities of color?”

Barbara Hamilton, the ERNA coordinator, spoke in favor of the development later in the meeting.

“We’ve been in partnership with the City and with the developer to bring some positive things to the community,” she said. “When the economics of the country were coming back up, he (Finard) reached out to see if we would allow a Burger King to come in, because once we got a company like Burger King, companies follow each other. And they did.”

BFNA former chair Mukyia Baker Gomez said she has been active on the Ward 18 Democratic Committee, where all neighborhood groups are listed.

“And the fact that the only one that they went to is East River is beyond anything I can comprehend as being a responsible government leader,” she said. She also raised the concerns to traffic, environmental impact and health.

“Todd (Finard) tended to bring in people from Burger King because somehow it was going to be a special Burger King, different from any other Burger King that has ever come to the community,” ERNA board member Patricia Odom said in support of the Burger King. “He was going to monitor it very closely, the food would be much healthier and so forth.”

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“We have not done any virtual activities, but we have been taking time putting together older videos and historical articles that could be developed into different length programs,” Vance remarked.

The 54th Regiment’s main focus right now is to “obtain exhibit and office space in Hyde Park that commemorates the place where over 3,000 African American troops originally trained and prepared to serve the Commonwealth and country”.

“One of our focuses [right now] is on obtaining a permanent location for an educational/tourist center in the Camp Meigs area for the history of Camp Meigs, as well as for the historic days of Readville,” Vance said. “So we have time to do a lot of lobbying.”

The Regiment is maintaining a collection of historical artifacts related to the Civil War. These artifacts

have been shown at many library and school presentations, but the Regiment wants a secure place where they will be cherished for generations to come.

“A permanent location will effectively preserve this important part of the City of Boston’s history. Creating an exhibition space would expand our efforts to inspire city youth with historical role models. As a landmark location of Civil War history, it will be a draw for tourists and educators from across the nation. Finally, this will serve as a beacon to all of the neighborhoods and communities of Boston helping people to more readily connect with Hyde Park’s history,” the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Company-A states on its website.

The future of many scheduled events for the 54th Regiment is currently up in the air. Mayor Marty

Walsh recently cancelled all large Summer events due to health concerns surrounding COVID-19. These cancellations are planned to last until Labor Day. Normally, the 54th Regiment would participate in Memorial Day services in Hyde Park and Dedham.

“We often marched in the Cambridge Memorial Day parade but I believe all parades are postponed,” Vance stated.

The 54th MA Volunteer Infantry, Company-A is a non-profit [501(c)(3)] organization of Union Army reenactors. They are a “100 percent volunteer organization committed to preserving the history of the brave African American soldiers who served in the United States military during the Civil War and trained at Camp Meigs in the Readville section of Hyde Park.” It first formed in 1990 when interested parties met and created the 54th



The group has been looking for a permanent, physical home for its museum pieces and artifacts.

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Massachusetts Glory Brigade. For 25 years, the group has used education, ceremonial activities, parade participation, and classroom visits to bring history to life as “accurately and authentically as possible.” More than 300 reenactors have been members in the organization, and there are currently around 20 active members.

In the past, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Company-A has held a number of events in Hyde

Park and the rest of Boston - including a 3D art exhibition at the Menino Arts Center, the raising of the Civil War flag, parades, presentations at libraries and much, much more. But due to COVID-19, the group has had to cancel many of these activities.

For more information about the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Company-A, visit <http://www.mass54th.org/> or hydeparkhistoricalsociety.org/54th/.

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als for the project, and no longer wanted to take it on due to budgetary concerns. The development was put up for auction.

BPDA Senior Project Manager Lance Campbell said the original project will not be changing, and that the 106-unit project, with 122 parking spaces, is expected to stay the same as it was originally approved back in 2017.

“The current owner does not plan to make any changes to the proposed project, and staff recommends that the board director issue a certification of compliance executing a co-operation agreement and an affordable housing agreement and any and all other documents,” Campbell said.

The property sold to JBBM Realty in June of 2019 for \$4.2 million at an auction held on the site. No other attendees offered a bid. The project sits near the

Canterbury Brook, for which the original developer offered clean up services at the time, as well as a new public parkland area on the American Legion side of the building.

According to the original BPDA release on the approval of the project, it is estimated to create 89 construction jobs, as well as operate a shuttle service from the property to Forest Hills. The project will be 118,815 gross square feet of building with 106 rental units, 12 of which have been slated for affordable subsidized status under the city’s Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP). Each of those units would be for people earning less than 70 percent of the area median income, and the agreement also stipulated a payment of \$410,000 to the IDP Special Revenue Fund for 2.05 other affordable units.

The project also prom-

ised public realm improvements to the nearby sidewalk, bike storage and restriping of bike lanes on Walk Hill Street. The developer at the time of the approval also pledged \$50,000 to be used towards local Neighborhood Slow Streets projects and other safety and traffic-calming measures, slated to be due in full within 30 days after the proponent is issued a certificate of occupancy from the Inspectional Services Department.

Originally, the proponent had made changes to the proposed project, making unit count and massing reductions to ease concerns of the local neighborhood, whose opinions were mixed on the issue. Many still opposed the project even after the BPDA approval, saying it was too large for the neighborhood, that the American Legion Corridor had too many apartment buildings already, and more home-ownership was needed.

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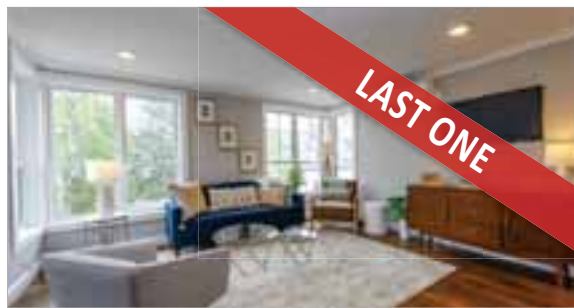
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