

## Minutes Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition (HPNC) Monthly Meeting

November 15, 2022 7-8:15pm,

Moderator: Rodney Singleton Attendance: 36

- 1) **Development Proposal:** Greg (Lucky) Daniels presented his family's proposal to remodel their one family home at 12 Marcella Street into two units. A short video of the abutters' meeting was shown. The meeting voted to approve this proposal with
  - 15 votes in favor
  - 0 vote against
  - 3 abstentions
  
- 2) **District 7 Update: Moratorium on development of city owned land in District 7:** Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson presented a PowerPoint explaining the historic rationale for demanding a moratorium on development of city owned land and a more equitable distribution of affordable housing across Boston and the state. Decades of urban renewal, red lining, destruction of Black owned housing, and overloading the D7 catchment area with subsidized housing (54% of Boston's income-restricted housing is located in Roxbury) has created a concentration of poverty in one area of Boston which her initiative is seeking to correct. The Councilor's motion before the Boston City Council passed and a hearing will be scheduled to discuss a moratorium on D7 city-owned land with the objective of crafting an equitable distribution plan including appropriate community involvement.
  
- 3) **Nuestra Comunidad** Andre Jones presented an update on the development at Bartlett Yard. [Bartlett Station Update Presentation Link](#)
  
- 4) **Friends of the Nathan Hale School** Andrew Shelburne previewed the proposed initial design for a renovated Nathan Hale School playground on Cedar Street, for which a Community Preservation grant has been recently sought.
  
- 5) **Reports:**
  - **Hawthorne Youth and Community Center (HYCC)** Doris Morales reported that residents in need can contact HYCC for a free turkey; \$2/bag fruits and vegetables are on sale at HYCC Saturday, November 19, 9-11am See [www.hycroxbury.org](http://www.hycroxbury.org) for details.
  - **Highland Park Parcel Review Committee (HP-PRC)** Ted Resnikoff and Melissa Mills, Co-Chairs discussed their report, explaining the PRC's role in the RFP for packages 3 & 5 for which a joint Community Land Trust/Urbanica bid was the only response. They also spoke to the HP-PRC's goals to designate several parcels of open land distributed across all four quadrants of Highland Park and to increase the size of the HP-PRC. After much discussion, it was agreed:
    - 1) **HP-PRC** would hold a joint public meeting with the Mayor's Office of Housing on **December 15, 7pm**, at which Urbanica will present its proposal for Marcella Packages 3 and 5, along with its hiring utilization record;
    - 2) **HPNC** will initiate a discussion of racial equity and inclusion policies to be used in future developer assignments for all city-owned parcels in Highland Park

- **Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission** Andrew Shelburne, reported that the nominations for resident commissioners is awaiting approval by the Mayor's Office and City Council.

If you wish to be added to the HPNC Listserv, please email Rodney Singleton at [Rodneysing@gmail.com](mailto:Rodneysing@gmail.com)

If you wish to get in touch with the HPNC Steering Committee, please email them at [HPNCSteeringcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:HPNCSteeringcommittee@gmail.com)

**The next meeting of the HPNC** will be held over zoom on **Tuesday, December 13, 7-8:15pm**