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HPNA member Miko Andrade asks Ryan Spitz a question at the May 1, 2025 HPNA meeting.
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HPNA hears more about ADUs

Community process to continue through the summer

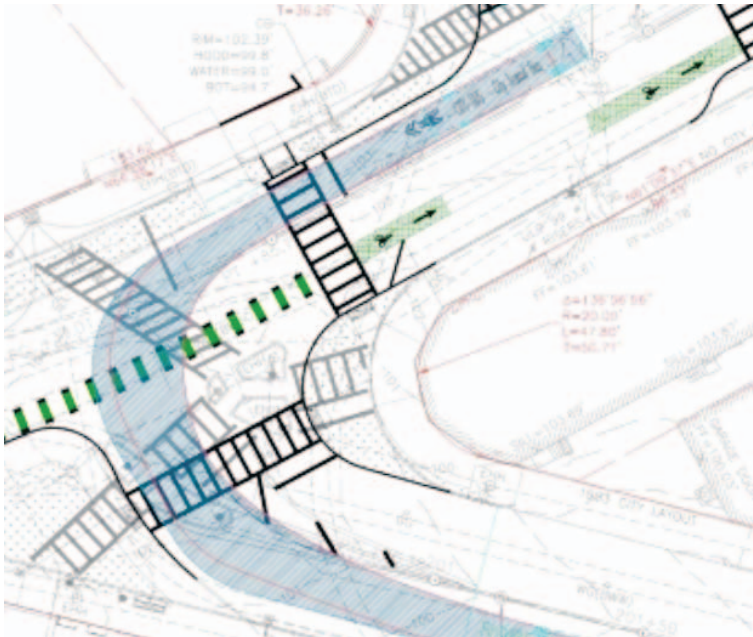
Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) held its monthly meeting on May 1. The main appointment had Senior Planner Will Cohen back to talk more about the Planning Department's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Neighborhood Housing initiative. His return visit resulted in a much less technical – but better focused – overview of the initiative that appeared to enable the approximately 20 attendees to better understand the City's stated goals for it. The Neighborhood Housing Initiative is attempting to sys-

tematically relax the city's zoning code to allow for residential property renovations to avoid code violations and a typically lengthy and expensive variance process. The rationale behind this is that most residential housing in the city was built before the zoning code went into effect and does not conform to it. Consequently, any external changes made to a structure – however minor – trigger the violation(s) brought about by the renovation and the preexisting ones as well, leading to an extensive amount of bureaucracy. The initiative is also attempting to make internal, attached, and freestanding accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as-

of-right for single-family and small multi-family residential properties. While these changes would simplify or eliminate the zoning process for homeowners making these renovations, they would also reduce or eliminate binding community input. When the ADU/Neighborhood Housing community process began early last year, this was the main point of pushback – particularly regarding the allowance of ADUs as-of-right. The initiative was rolled out at the same time as the zoning districts for another one – the controversial Squares + Streets – adopted into the citywide

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City officials detailed plans for the streets around the Walter Street and Robert Street intersection in Roslindale.
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Centre/Weld finally getting some TLC

South, Robert and Weld seeing update

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Boston Transportation Department (BTD) Transportation Engineer John Monacelli stopped by the Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association (LANA) at its bi-monthly meeting on Monday and discussed several traffic and transportation improvements coming to the area. First, however, Monacelli discussed some improvements promised by a developer years ago at the intersection of Centre and Weld streets around Kelleher's, Harry's and Yucatan. For some background, the development team behind the building at 1400 Centre (or 100 Weld, as it was known during the development process) was supposed to bring some much needed improvements to the lane demarcation, crosswalks and sidewalks at the intersection, but as Monacelli said, that didn't happen.

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Hawthorne Street, Roslindale flooding getting worse

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

Nearly 30 community members attended a neighborhood meeting regarding flooding on Hawthorne Street and the surrounding area in Roslindale. The Zoom meeting took place on May 8 and was led by District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén, along with City Officials including Chief Engineer of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) John Sullivan, Boston's Chief Climate Officer Brian Swett, Director of Community Engagement for the Mayor's Office of Environment Kwanna Wise, and Principal Engineer Rachel Luna.



Residents have been seeing ponds pop up in their backyards for a couple of years now. City officials have said that the low lying area is difficult to tackle, as it is below where its own stormwater drainage systems are located.
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“I have met with neighbors and walked down Hawthorne, Sherman, and other surrounding streets. I am more than willing after tonight’s meeting to be out there again,” said Sullivan.

Increased flooding has become an urgent concern in recent years for Hawthorne Street residents. There have been multiple community meetings over the past year regarding this issue, and residents are concerned about proposed new developments exacerbating the problem. Homes for sale on Hawthorne Street are marked as having “severe” flood risks on Zillow and other real estate websites.

Members of the West Village Neighborhood Association (WVNA) in Roslindale have been especially vocal about the flooding. Pepén has been closely following the problem and wanted to discuss a few key questions with city officials: Why is this happening? Are there any plans in the future to mediate the flooding? What recommendations do you have for potential developments

coming into this area?

“I visited one of the houses at the end of Hawthorne Street the day after a huge rainfall, and the backyard was completely flooded,” he remarked.

Residents have reported their yards turning into “ponds” with ducks and geese.

“My backyard is underwater anytime we get a heavy rain!” remarked Hawthorne resident Nora Baston. “I have two pumps and my house still gets water.”

Resident Sarah Babb said she has had flooding problems for years, and it has become increasingly worse. “We installed a French drain. I now have two sump pumps in case the first one doesn’t do its job. In recent years, the flooding has gotten worse since there was new development on Sherman Street. The water that was displaced by the new development’s basement got sent into the street,” Babb stated.

Sullivan discussed why the area is prone to flooding. The BWSC studied old maps of the

West Roxbury and Roslindale area, and noted that Hawthorne Street is located on an old tributary branch that runs to the Stony Brook drainage system. Since the street lies at the bottom of a valley surrounded by a hilly area, water naturally flows down and accumulates there.

“On Hawthorne Street, we have a 48-inch drainage pipe, and that takes the water from the streets and your homes, and transports it underground to Stony Brook,” Sullivan explained. “In the backyards behind 70 and 78 Hawthorne, you’ll see standing water. I believe that area may fall under the jurisdiction of the Boston Conservation Commission, so there are some limits to what can be done there.”

Sullivan also explained that the Department of Environmental Protections (DEP) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently started requiring homeowners to manage the few inches of rainfall on their property by allowing it to soak into the ground, rather than letting it run off into the street. This is typically done through small infiltration systems, like rain gardens or dry wells. This sys-

tem is common in both new construction and renovations across the City of Boston. Sullivan does not believe this is contributing to the flooding problem around Hawthorne Street.

WVNA Board Member Alan Wright raised concerns about climate change causing unpredictable weather patterns and an increase of rain and flooding. “What is going to happen as extreme weather brings us increasingly larger rainfalls and more frequent water downpour and saturation time periods? We know it’s coming; we see it around the rest of the country and the world. What is going to happen with this kind of water flow in the future?”

Sullivan responded that the City of Boston is conducting studies to adapt and prepare for the impacts of climate change. The city is working on the second phase of a study to assess how future rainfall (projected through 2070) will impact its stormwater systems. The infrastructure is currently designed for a “10-year storm,” which is about five inches of rain over 24 hours. Heavier and more frequent storms are expected due

to climate change. The BWSC is looking to find ways to hold stormwater upland, before it enters the drainage system. They hope to temporarily store excess water in areas such as the Arnold Arboretum and George Wright Golf Course. In some neighborhoods, this could involve underground tanks that collect rainwater and release it slowly over time. Sullivan stated that the study will take about two years to complete.

Luna mentioned the Office of Green Infrastructure’s rain barrel program, which helps Boston residents receive free or discounted rain barrels (boston.gov/departments/green-infrastructure/rain-barrel-program.) “This is so much more than a rain barrel can handle,” responded community member Andi Sabaroff.

WVNA Board Member Nia Lewis stated that the neighborhood is going to need more meetings regarding the flooding, and encouraged community members to email NiaLewisWVNA@gmail.com.

For more information regarding stormwater storage, visit bwscstormviewer.com.

To report issues with stormwater flooding in Boston, visit boston.gov/departments/green-infrastructure/flood-survey.

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ESNA hears school plan SNAFU

ADUs also reviewed

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association met on May 5 and discussed the cancellation of a school at 100 School St., which had been built out as a grade school next to the Peace Garden.

“The Montessorri School is not going to move in,” Carolyn Royce announced on the call.

Royce said she recently got a phone call from Jacob Levy representing property owner Murphy Real Estate in Chicago, telling her that Higher Ground Montessori School had decided not to locate in Egleston Square.

“I guess they’re closing other schools too,” she said. “It does look great from the outside.” As reported by The Bulletin two years ago, Murphy Real Estate bought the old garage in 2023 and had a 20-year lease with Higher Ground.

Murphy has been building out the garage inside and out with big picture windows facing the Peace Garden and School Street with a new School Street entrance and seemingly was on the verge of turning it over to Higher Ground.

Chris Horney, COO of Murphy, told The Bulletin the next day that: “Higher Ground [which operates 120 schools nationwide] has gone through a major restructuring across the country and has closed nearly half of their schools.

“They chose not to move forward in opening the school.

“We hope to have a new operator soon,” Horney said. “We’re actively negotiating. There’s no new build out. The

tenant will take it as is, a fully completed daycare.”

The new picture windows may be dark for awhile, but next door the Peace Garden is bright with a \$703,000 Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant awarded in May 1.

Carolyn Lewenberg of the Peace Garden Friends told The Bulletin that the Parks Dept. submitted the application. “Yes, it’s really good news about the CPA approval,” she said. “The grant is to bring long-term improvements to The Peace Garden: a whole new design, new grading, drainage, new landscaping, improved tree canopy, better accessibility. I’m sure people will want to preserve some of the memorial bricks.”

Lewenberg said construction should start in the fall of 2026. “ESNA and the Friends group continue to care for the Peace Garden.”

In other news, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are slowly coming to Boston, and Will Cohen of the Boston Planning Department came to the ESNA with a report on the initiative’s progress in the neighborhood.

“For two-plus years we’ve been working to enable ADUs to make it easier to do, streamline the process,” he said.

On Jan. 10, 2024 Mayor Wu announced in a press release “that the city will eliminate barriers to building ADUs this year by changing zoning to make these homes as-of-right citywide.”

“The ADU program allows owner occupants to create smaller independent units inside the house or in their yards... to expand lower cost housing options.”

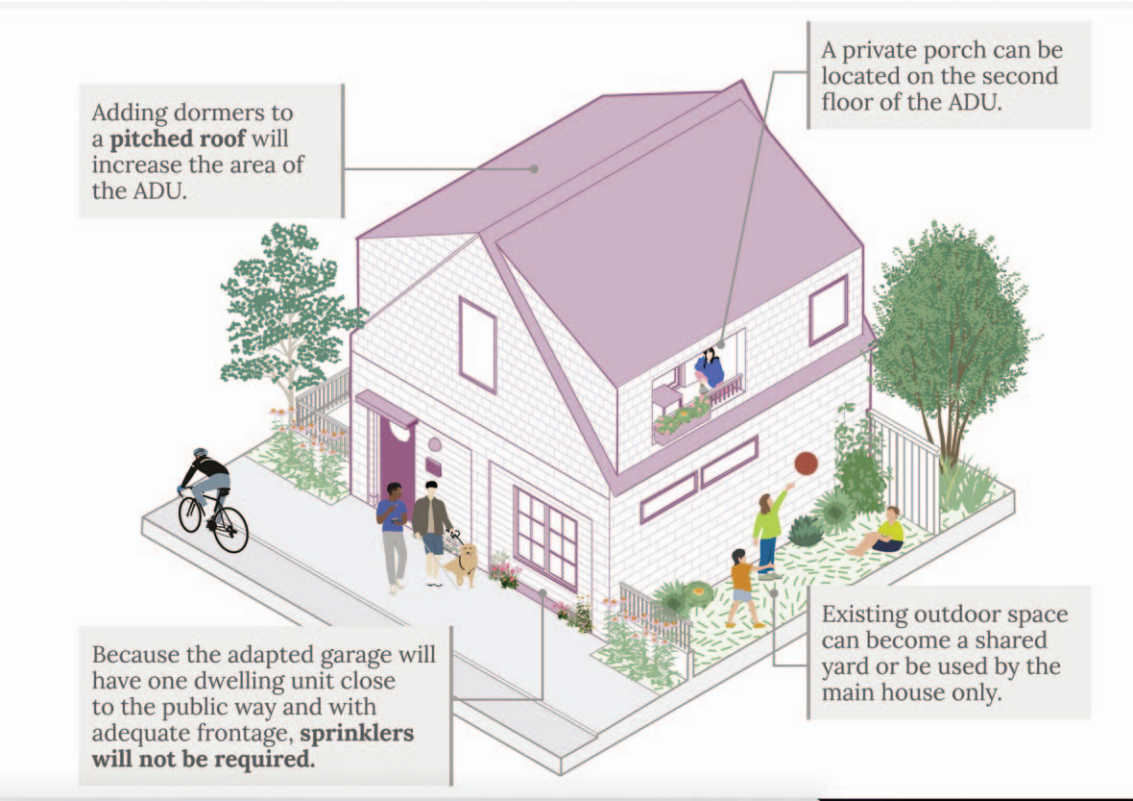


Diagram from The ADU Guidebook of a converted garage design style.

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But as Cohen explained, the zoning changes “are not there yet but step one is, the ADU Guidebook that explains the full ways to reasonably fit an ADU and help the homeowner get to the building permit.”

“The Guidebook is not new zoning,” Cohen said, “it helps the homeowners get to the ZBA easier.”

He explained it was vetted by the Inspectional Services Department (ISD), the Planning Department and the urban design wing of the Planning Department.

For reference see boston.gov/departments/housing/planning-your-accessory-dwelling-unit

The ADU concept was rolled out in 2022 with Pilot Accessory Dwelling Unit 2.0, and Rosalba Solis was the first

in Jamaica Plain to apply for that process in December 2022.

Solis owns 294 South Street that has a 20-foot square, two-car garage that she intended to convert to a “full living space, full kitchen and bath and separate entrance.”

“I want to be able to live here,” Solis told the Jamaica Plain Zoning Committee in February 2023. The neighbors ranged from skeptical to opposed and the zoning committee was confused, but after a second hearing a month later it approved Solis’ request and she received unanimous ZBA approval in May 2023; construction began in November 2023.

The September 8, 2023 building permit estimates the cost at \$89,500.

Cohen said there were three basic ADU versions: internal,

an attic or basement; extended, an addition to a house like a build-out porch; and detached, in a back yard such as Solis’ garage.

The guidebook has diagrams of each version and has two internal versions of a converted basement; the conventional build-out that JP zoning sees almost monthly, and a second that literally raises the house over the ADU living space.


Cohen emphasized that detached ADUs are allowed by state law, although fire laws do apply that requires 10- to 20-foot access beyond the driveway.

“This [detached] condition is not very high in Boston,” Cohen said because of lot size,

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Slidell

I hadn't heard the word "Slidell" (pronounced with a long "I") mentioned in some 60 years. For those of you not familiar with the towns, cities, and parishes (=counties) of Louisiana, Slidell is a community of some 28,000 residents on the northeast end of Lake Pontchartrain, near New Orleans. The only reason I had heard of Slidell was that it was the second-to-last stop on the 40-plus-hour train trip that my New Orleans classmates attending junior college with me in New York experienced before "The Southerner" train finally reached the Crescent City. As they would tell me, when the conductor on that southbound storied train announced, "Next stop Slidell," they knew that their 40-hour trip from New York City was almost over.

"Slidell" has crept into my vocabulary recently because Boston is soon to be losing two outstanding citizens to that Louisiana city: Meyer Chambers and his beloved wife, Beth, are pulling up stakes in our city to move back to where Meyer grew up.

Meyer leaves a long legacy in our town. After attending the Big Easy's prestigious St. Augustine High School and Catholic University in Washington, D.C., he eventually made his way to Boston where his resume has become envied. He was music minister/teacher at St. Sebastian's High School for 38 years, while assuming the music directorship of Father Oscar Pratt's St. Katherine Drexel Parish (formerly St. Francis de Sales) on Blue Hill Avenue for almost the same amount of time. Since 2003 he has been a campus minister and Director of Liturgical Music at Boston College. And for the past 33 years he has been director of the Archdiocesan Black Catholic Choir.

His Albany-born wife, Beth, and he are co-recipients of the 2022 Ignatian Volunteer Corps' Madonna Della Strada



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Award, given at a formal ceremony at BC High and named after the first church that St. Ignatius and the early Jesuits obtained to serve the urban poor in the center of Rome. The award honors lives that reflect the Ignatian values of direct service to the poor, and of working and educating for a more just society.

She has a coveted resume also. She's retiring this month after 35 years of dedicated service to Catholic Charities of Boston. This longtime Vice President of Basic Needs has been a leader and a driving force of good. Even when faced with a global pandemic, record-high rates of food insecurity, a housing crisis, and unexpected funding changes, Beth has remained steadfast in Catholic Charities Boston's mission to meet all those in need with unwavering compassion and dignity.

"Better Call Beth is kind of a mantra for many of us at Catholic Charities," said President and CEO, Kelley Tuthill. "No matter how complex, how impossible the situation, Beth finds a way. Red tape is just something to be cut." It's of no surprise that Mayor Wu proclaimed April 3, 2025, as official "Beth Chambers Day."

The Catholic Food Bank at 185 Columbia Road has been her usual business office where she stockpiles food from the Greater Boston Food Bank, US Department of Agriculture, Utah's Mormon charities, and the left-over produce/bakery products from Back Bay's Whole Foods and Trader Joe's delivered every Saturday by a rotating volunteer crew from Father Unni's St. Cecilia's Parish.

Ad multos annos to the both of them as they replant stakes in The Bayou State. And thanks for all the good you accomplished here.

Bishop Barbosa presides over Confirmation



Bishop Cristiano Barbosa presided at a Confirmation Mass at Holy Name Church this past Saturday, May 10. 123 youngsters received the sacrament and the Bishop posed for photos after the Mass.

PHOTO BY P. E. O'CONNOR

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"I don't want to call them pirates or vagabonds, but they just disappeared without doing their mitigatory efforts to improve the infrastructure of the intersection, as had been agreed," he said. "So we have been engaging the consultant who did the work for the developer to dig out the plans and work with us through an existing contract to officiate the design as if it was for the city. So, we will take that design and bid that out."

Monacelli said the only thing holding this up is that the BTM feels the original design may not be enough to properly take care of the intersection. LANA Board Chair Kathy McCabe agreed. "I will say LANA hosted a public meeting and we filed comments on that and we felt the proposed design did not go far enough," she said, adding that LANA had already filed comments to that effect with suggestions. Monacelli said they will look at that and go from there. However, that might lengthen the schedule.

"I would commit that you will be hearing very soon," Monacelli said. "We want to decide whether or not we want to engage everyone to think about going a little bit extra or further, or if we want to keep the timeline and go a little bit quicker."

Monacelli's main discussion topic were several improvements to the Walter, Robert, South Walter and Hewlett streets area. Monacelli said they will be bumping out several intersections in the area to help improve pedestrian traffic, as well as adding raised crosswalks on the side streets, including Fletcher and Congreve streets.

LANA member David Wean asked about a raised crosswalk on South Walter. The

issue there, Monacelli said, is that the MBTA Bus Route 51 comes through South Walter on its southbound journey to Forest Hills. Northbound, the bus takes a right from Robert Street onto Walter. He said they can't put a raised crosswalk there because of the route, but he said if there is community pressure to change the route to keep it on Robert, that might work. He said the redesign of the Robert/Walter intersection would allow for that.

Member Julie O'Brien pointed out that many times there are cars parked on both sides of South Walter when only one side is legal for parking, and that it would be easier for the bus to go through the signalized intersection.

"If there's community desire we'll take that back to the T," he said.

The other request was for a raised crosswalk at Hewlett Street, as speeding has been a concern there. Monacelli said originally Hewlett was thought to be too close to the intersection. Wean said Fletcher was as close if not closer. Residents were concerned that a vehicle might strike Green T, much like the building strike a couple of years ago on Belgrade Avenue/Corinth Street in Roslindale Square.

Monacelli said he would take those suggestions back to the BTM. He said with these added discussions, they won't likely go out to bid until the late fall with construction to start next year.

Speaking of Green T, owner Braden Armstrong went before LANA to ask for an all-alcohol license to serve until close at 8 p.m. He said they would likely only have one bottle of Jameson and/or Bailey's for hot totties and Irish coffee, and not be looking to have a full bar, as the hours of operation are not

changing. He said the idea is that there is not a casual spot to grab a drink in that area and it was felt they could offer something like that to the community.

LANA members were concerned about driveways being blocked, as that is currently an issue. Armstrong said he would do what he can to stop that, though he pointed out he hopes people are not driving to grab a beer as they do to just run in and grab a coffee. He said they are looking to start service in mid August. LANA voted to send a letter of non opposition - McCabe said this was the group's highest recommendation, as it does not issue letters of support for any project - to the Boston Licensing Board.

Also discussed at the meeting, LANA member Wayne Beitler gave an update on the Tree Fund, which is designated funds to do maintenance and planting at the Roslindale Wetlands. He said they recently had an Arbor Day fundraising event where they raised \$2,500.

"Which is great news; a lot of that is going to buy new plantings and the big thing is watering and watering equipment," he said. "Plantings are only as good as the infrastructure and maintenance that keeps them going."

Beitler added they put in almost 50 plantings at the wetlands, and also installed rabbit cages to protect those plantings from hungry hares. "I'm sure everybody has noticed the plague of bunnies that eat everything in a very cute way," he said. "If you don't put up the rabbit exclusion you're not going to have anything survive."

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code after about a two-month community review, and Cohen more than once contrasted the two. “This initiative, this is different than Squares + Streets,” he said of Neighborhood Housing. “I would say it’s very much an affirmation of existing housing to allow the flexibility for people to keep the place where they live the way they need it to be to serve their needs. That is the driving factor behind it.”

He also shared a couple of key pieces of information, noting that – while owner occupancy is currently part of the Neighborhood Housing requirements to build an ADU, the Planning Department is considering removing it.

“Banks often don’t want to

finance construction on a unit where the legality of the unit is dependent on the status of the property owner,” he said of states and municipalities that had dropped it. “That ended up, on balance, depressing the ability of building an ADU more than the benefit of trying to protect home occupancy.” He also noted the Affordable Homes Act that was signed into state law last year and went into effect early this year that allows ADUs in every municipality, except Boston, and does not require owner occupancy.

Cohen also noted that – due to the complexity of putting the initiative together – the process has slowed down and that the plan moving forward is “to

have a much more comprehensive set of deeper discussions with neighborhoods throughout the city of Boston about how to change the zoning to enable this while still protecting all the things that matter to you all.”

For Neighborhood Housing information, visit www.bostonplans.org/neighborhood-housing.

Another appointment concerned the redevelopment of a two-family house in the Neponset Hill section between the Fairmount and Hyde Park commuter rail stations. The plan proposes expanding the building in the rear to make it an eight-unit building with 10 parking spaces.

Notable were comments made by project attorney Ryan Spitz about the abutters meet-

ing, during which, according to him, there were “no big concerns. In fact, they actually asked us to propose a much larger building, but if we could provide more parking.” He went on to state that “they asked us to build a bigger building: they wanted more units,” and then that “after listening to the neighbors, they wanted more housing. They felt there was a need for more housing.”

Several attendees questioned Spitz’s repeated statement and asked for clarification; he did specify – after being asked about it – that those statements had been made by only one abutter.

The official video recording of the Feb. 13 virtual abutters meeting for 75 Maple St. is 00:26:00 long. In it, two abutters spoke. One – a Pine Street resident – asked if the units would be condos or rentals, to which the owner responded that he was leaning toward keeping it as apartments.

The other abutter who spoke – Oak Street resident Donna Martinez – was concerned about parking and described how limited it is there. She put forward that she would like the proposal to be modified to include more spaces. “Maybe you’ve got to get creative: maybe one less

apartment, I’m not sure,” she suggested, adding that the required two spots per unit is sufficient.

In that context, Martinez continued. “I actually don’t mind the amount of apartments. I don’t mind the renovation of the house. I think there needs to be more housing in the city. I’m concerned about the parking. It is already a problem on this area. That is my objection.”

Six minutes later, as her parking dialogue with Spitz continued, she added, “I personally don’t care how big your building is: it’s my parking. It’s the parking. I’ve had people come to say, ‘Hey, I want to come visit you, but I can’t find a spot.’ And that’s already happening.”

No requests were made – by either of the speaking abutters – for any additional living units.

The Zoning Board of Appeal hearing for 75 Maple St. (BOA 1685123) is set for May 20.

Upcoming Date:

On Thursday, June 5, the HPNA and The Pryde will be co-sponsoring a Mayoral Candidate Forum at The Pryde Community Center (59 Harvard Ave.) at a time to be determined.

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HP Creative Connector showcases local arts & culture

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Ever wondered about what fun and entertaining things are going on in your neighborhood? For Hyde Park, at least, there is now a place to find plenty of answers to that recurring question.

The Hyde Park Creative Connector (www.thehpcc.com) has been online for the last month-and-a-half and serves as a one-stop shop for arts and culture events and activities in the community. From painting exhibitions and workshops, to live music, to theater performances, to film festivals, to activities for small children and teens and whatever else, the list is long and eclectic.

Brought into existence by a small group of neighborhood artists/advocates/activists, the website is illustrative of Hyde Park’s thriving but, for the most part, under-the-radar arts & culture scene.

During a recent interview, the Creative Connector’s core group – José Masso, Jay Paget, Pat Tierney, Samanda Jean, and Dave Goodrich (Cathy Horn was unable to attend) – shared their thoughts on the inspiration for the website, how it came to be, and what it is achieving.

The idea began to take shape about a year-and-a-half ago, and it became better defined over the course of 2024 – at the same time as the community process of City Hall’s Squares + Streets (S+S) initiative was playing out for Cleary/Logan Square downtown district.

The two concepts’ concurrent but independent development

was not a coincidence, which Masso articulated. “Why not take this opportunity, where this community is talking about S+S, to see how we can embed arts into being part of that process and part of that vision?”

While the S+S initiative is centered around rezoning neighborhood business districts, it also includes other quality of life focus areas, including arts & culture. Related to that, Masso went into more detail regarding the group’s own big vision: the creation of an arts block running from Cleary Square through Logan Square. “So the idea was – ultimately – that you would be able to come from Hyde Park Avenue all the way to Fairmount [Avenue], and you would feel this sense of art being everywhere: you can hear it, you can smell it, you can taste it, if you will.”

In addition to establishing itself as a valuable community resource, in the larger scheme of things the Creative Connector represents the group kick-starting its arts block idea and getting it moving. “We knew that there was a lot of activity here, so we thought: before we add anything else, let’s empower and let’s shine a light on everything happening here already, so that – before we do anything different – we find that everyone reaches their full potential,” Paget explained.

Achieving that involved much outreach, data gathering, planning, and effort: an informal community survey was taken at last summer’s Open Streets, technical and strategic advice was sought out, and an inventory of neighborhood arts & culture pro-



Arts Connector organizers (from left to right) Jay Paget, Jose Masso, and Pat Tierney discussed different methods of outreach they plan to employ to inform the neighborhood of the group’s efforts.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MACDONALD

viders was carefully compiled.

“I was surprised to find out, when I was looking at this in November, that karaoke was happening about three times a week at Roundhead, at Park 54, at the Boston Restaurant Bar & Grill,” Goodrich – the Creative Connector’s webmaster – said to chuckles. “And I realized, this is amazing.”

To drive that point home, he noted that there would be 13 different arts happenings going on in Hyde Park that weekend. “It turns out there’s a little bit of a renaissance going on right now,” he added. “A lot more events are popping up in the newer restaurants.”

Goodrich joined the group about six months ago, as did Samanda Jean – who handles social media marketing – and their arrival was acknowledged

by all as having brought everything together, in terms of making the concept of the Creative Connector tangible and accessible to people looking for things to do in Hyde Park as well as for local artists and event holders.


The website also leaves room for expansion, based on how useful and popular it becomes.

That noted, by a couple of measuring sticks, it is off to a promising start.

“I think, last time I checked, we were at 3,000 views overall for the past, like, 90 days, and it stayed consistent and growing,” Jean said of the overall traffic, which she attributed to the strong local interest. “We’re having numerous new followers every day, and interaction, and that’s something that you don’t often see with a newer platform, or newer social media site.”

Tierney – a local real estate broker – observed the same from her daily interactions with people since the Connector went live. “It really has spread more than I would have thought,” she said. “It didn’t take as long as I thought it would for people to start paying attention.”

Paget, appropriately, summed things up by making a creative connection. “The beauty of all this, for me, is that the only thing we’ve done is shine a light on what’s happening already. There’s absolutely nothing we’ve added. All we’ve done is just tune the radio so everyone can hear the songs. And there’s one song after another, right? And there’s multiple songs happening at the same time, like the radio. We’re the dial, basically tuning people in. And it’s a good signal.”



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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Docket No. SU22P0479EA

CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

Estate of: Jeffrey Lynn Bottiger
Also Known As: Jeffrey L. Bottiger
Date of Death: 11/23/2021

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by:

Thomas A. Bottiger of Downingtown, PA

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/11/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: May 08, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 05/15/2025

Registration open for Corrib 5K and Fun Run

CORRIB CLASSIC 5K ROAD RACE

Registration is now open for the 31st Annual Corrib Classic 5K Race. The event will be held on Sunday, June 1st at Noon. Beginning at Billings Field on LaGrange Street, West Roxbury. Runners can download an application or register on-line at www.runsignup.com. The event web site has comprehensive information on the race, post-race cookout and activities, and volunteer opportunities. Applications may be also picked up at the Corrib Pub and Restaurant located at 2030 Centre Street, West Roxbury. T-shirts are given to the first

500 pre-registered applicants. The Race is sponsored by The Cooperative Bank and supported by Gormley Funeral Services. Hosted by the Bligh family and the Corrib Charitable Trust Board of Directors, the event has raised over \$1.7 million for local Parkway charities.

CORRIB KIDS FUN RUN

The Corrib Kids Fun Run will take place on the morning of the annual Corrib Classic 5K Road Race on Sunday, June 1st. The kids' race is FREE and will begin at 10:00AM at Billings

Field, West Roxbury for boys and girls between the ages of 4-12. Fun Run applications are available at the YMCA, The Cooperative Bank branches, or the Corrib Pub. Runners can pre-register by mailing the application by May 24th, to: KIDS FUN RUN, 195 Stimson Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. T-shirts and medals will be given to the first 100 registered runners. Runners can also register on race day at Billings Field between 9:00 and 9:45AM. The event is sponsored by the Cooperative Bank, and the Corrib Charitable Trust, Inc.

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care from the most dedicated team and staff, especially Janet Richman, Lane Tatman, Fr. Matthew Ugowi and Maria Martinez. His brothers, Christopher and Brian, also became dependable resources to Kevin over the years. Kevin will be interred in New York City with his brother, Christopher, who passed away in December, 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Isabella Geriatric Center, 515 Audubon Ave., NYC, NY 10040. For guestbook, see gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

TONEY



Dr. Salem (Sam), of West Roxbury, formerly of Melrose, passed peacefully into life eternal on May 9, 2025 surrounded by his family. Born on March 15, 1929, he was 96 years old. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Rahme (Haddad) Toney, and his siblings Samuel "Sub", Afduke (Shamey), Sandra "Kay" (Solomon), Louis, Shahood "Shuf", and Ayoub Toney. Sam was the beloved husband of the late Norma (Abood) Toney, the dear companion of Priscilla Deban, and the loving father of Vivian Toney, M.D., the late Linda Toney, Sandra (Toney) Myatt and her husband Leonard, and Elaine (Toney) Dreyer and her husband Don Nelson. He leaves an enduring legacy of love as dearest Giddu to his much-adored grandchildren Lucas Dreyer and his wife Kati, Paul Dreyer and his partner Samantha, Paige Myatt and her partner Chuck, and Angeli Myatt and her partner Trevor,

and to his cherished great-grandchildren, Brandon, Trevor, Audrey, Elyse, Addison and Lincoln Dreyer. He touched the lives of many loving cousins including Sam Haddad (Connie) with whom he shared a deep and lifelong friendship, as well as nieces, nephews, great-nephews and great-nieces. Everyone must now seek new sources of information for Toney family history, Basra card game rules (even if those rules changed from time to time in his favor), and stock market recommendations. A native of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, Sam earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie-Mellon University). Upon graduation, he began a 40-year metallurgical engineering career in the Medium Steam Turbine Department at General Electric in Lynn, Massachusetts. While engineering was his vocation, his true passion was his family. Together with Norma, who passed in 2010 after 56 years of marriage, they raised four daughters and filled their lives with piano lessons, sports, summer camps, Sunday trips to Dairy Kone, and an ever-vigilant focus on Academic Excellence. But more than this, he created great family summer memories including annual vacations first to Cape Cod, then to Woodloch Pines, and always a Labor Day trip back to Bridgeville and New Kensington to visit the Abood and Toney families. Sam grew excellent tomatoes and carefully nurtured a transplanted grapevine through more than fifty growing seasons. He was a skilled grapeleaf roller and we will miss his mastery of neatly tucked-in ends. He was a distinguished and active member

of St. George Orthodox Church of Boston to which he gave not only his devotion, but also his time and his talents. He could often be found serving in a variety of capacities on numerous committees over the years. He was a vital member of the Building Committee, President of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and Founder of the 21st Century Endowment Fund. Sam was blessed to spend the past 14 years with his dear companion Priscilla, enjoying the simple pleasures of the golden years – traveling for vacations and family celebrations; marveling at their ever-expanding family trees; enjoying visits to and from grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and discussing the stock market after Sam's daily review of the Wall Street Journal. Priscilla was often Sam's co-pilot as they'd make excursions to Costco for a favorite hotdog or to Bubbling Brook for an ice cream treat. When a medical setback occurred in 2022, Priscilla gave Sam tender care for his body and soul and provided him with a home in which to spend his final days with family in comfort, faith, and love. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home. Interment on a future date at the St. George Cemetery, 3230 Washington Pike in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania where Sam's final resting place will be beside his beloved Norma on the same hillside where they met at the Syrian Grove in 1953. As the burial is out of state, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in honor of Salem Toney to the St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Boston 21st Century Fund or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. And in the words of Giddu, "LOVE TO ALL! GOODNIGHT!!"



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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

Docket No. SU23C0074CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA (617)788-8300

In the matter of: Vanessa Onyeagoro

A Petition to **Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Vanessia Onyeagoro of Jamaica Plain, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Vanessia Link-Onyeagoro**

Any person may appear for purposes objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 06/04/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 08, 2025

Stephanie L.Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 05/15/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25C0269CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

In the matter of: Dominic Patrick Mears

A Petition to **Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Dominic Patrick Mears of Brighton, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Darceline Paulette Meadows**

IMPORTANT NOTICE


Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 05/29/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: April 28, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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Docket No. SU25P1026PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

In the matter of: Manh Nguyen Of: Allston, MA

RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Ut Nguyen of Boston, MA**

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Manh Nguyen** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **06/05/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: May 09, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

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Suffolk Division

Docket No. SU25P0959PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

In the matter of: Jo-Ann Dwyer Of: Hyde Park, MA

RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Brigham and Women’s Hospital of Boston, MA**

in the above captioned matter alleging that Jo-Ann Dwyer is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that: (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: May 01, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

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DOCKET No. SU25P0966EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Myra Emmeline Patnett-Watters Also known as: Myra E. Patnett-Watters; Almira E. Watters Date of Death: 12/27/2024

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Bernadine E. Williams of Hyde Park, MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The petitioner requests that:

Bernadine E. Williams of Hyde Park, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/13/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: May 02, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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The Trial Court

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU25P1011EA

Estate of: Elvin M. Bautista Date of Death: 02/21/2023

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Ysatti Bautista of Boston, MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Ysatti Bautista of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of 06/19/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 08, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 05/15/2025

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET NO. SU24P1265EA

Estate of: Frank J. Biondo Also known as: Frank Biondo; Frank Joseph Biondo Date of Death: 01/31/2022

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A- Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jessica Libby, Esq. of Milton, MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Jessica Libby, Esq. of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/10/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: May 6, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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