



GROUP 1 NOTES FROM MARCH 7, 2007 COMMUNITY AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

OPEN SPACE, PUBLIC REALM & STREETScape

- Improved communication between City and State about AB green spaces
- Better access to river parklands: cleanliness and more connections *
- Leo Birmingham Parkway: better access and active uses along it *
- Include new storm water guidelines in development reviews & new streets, street re-building
- Front Yard Parking, ISD enforcement

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Academic, Hospitals, WGBH
 - Health - scholarships for nursing programs
 - Elder Center (recreation)
 - Wellness program for kids, Brighton HS
 - Career development around allied health professions
 - Look at Franciscan Children's Hospital
 - Internships
 - Services for all ages
- Steady stream of \$ based on SF for public realm + open space improvements
- Ensure that programs are long-term, not short term and funding dependent.
 - Partnerships with city, not just w/ groups
- Inspectional Services Department
 - Less cops, more ISD! *
 - Basement Ban
 - Promote it legally and safely
 - Have the university's give space
 - More affordable housing
- More partnerships with city agencies and community organizations
 - Get people who live here more involved
 - Improve local schools with the help of institutions *

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Negative – alcohol – Allston
- Positive – restaurants – Allston
- Brighton – too many chains & franchises
- Rents too high for local stores
- Cluster *bar/bus./bus (?)* in non-Main St. businesses
 - North Harvard
 - Fanueil Market
 - Comm. Ave & Warren
 - Washington and Comm. Ave.
 - Chestnut Hill by fire station
 - Could open hours in clusters

Better bus service on weekends in Allston Brighton

- Business customers draw (*create?*) traffic
- Parking becomes an issue/ remote parking with trolleys
- Improve T service
- Expand offerings for more age groups

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ALLSTON-BRIGHTON
NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING INITIATIVE (ABNPI)



- Better mix of music venues

Crime

- Breaking and Entering
- Graffiti – make into public art
- Make business district more noticed
- Mix of ethnic restaurants a plus
- Positive= history of Allston/ Brighton
- Positive WGBH building (*plus?*) ugly big screen over Mass. Pike – unsafe
- Concern of size and scale of new buildings
- Too many storage facilities

Business

- Better public transit = decreased parking need *
- Improve appearance of non-Main Street business clusters *

HOUSING

- All students housed on campus – economically
- Code enforcement around *
 - Unrelated households
 - Illegal apartments
- Incentives for families to stay in Allston-Brighton – affordability & services *
- More de-leading of units
- Overcrowding
- More aggressive penalties
- Soft second \$ for home ownership
- Housing incentives – people with children in Boston schools

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