

Name: Milagros Arbaje-Thomas

Affiliation: Action for Boston Community Development – Mattapan

Bio: Milagros has a BA from Boston College in Psychology, with minors in education and women studies, a Master in Clinical Social Work from B.C., and a Certificate, Boston University School of Management Institute for Non-profit Management and Leadership. Milagros is a licensed social worker, Board of Immigration Appeals Accredited Rep, Parent Educator. Through this initiative, Milly hopes to provide insightful knowledge on the needs of the Mattapan community and ensure community concerns are heard and provided resources to bring about necessary action steps. Milly brings in depth knowledge about the needs of low income residents and communities and a true passion for making neighborhoods vibrant.

Name: Paul Filtzer

Affiliation: Equity Office Properties

Bio: A Senior Project Manager in Portfolio Management for Equity Office Properties, a firm that owns and operates over 8 million square feet of office space in the Back Bay and downtown Boston, including South Station and Center Plaza, Paul's expertise is in commercial real estate extends from increasing profitability and asset value to construction and property management. A former long-time resident of Hyde Park, Paul now lives in Milton with his wife and young son. Paul is fluent in Spanish and enjoys Caribbean vacations.

Name: Jeffrey Gonyeau

Affiliation: Historic Boston, Inc.

Bio: Jeff has a strong knowledge of the strengths and challenges facing both Dorchester and Hyde Park, given his work managing HBI's Neighborhood Centers Program which uses the planning, rehabilitation and real estate development tools of historic preservation to foster economic revitalization in neighborhood commercial districts. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Dorchester Historical Society, St. Mark's Area Main Streets, and is the Keeper of the Peabody Square Clock.

Name: Dorothea Haas

Affiliation: WalkBoston

Bio: With hope the Fairmount Line will be stimulating economic activity at both new and existing stations, Dorothea will be advocating for safe, attractive walking routes between stations and neighborhood commercial centers.

Name: Victor Karen

Affiliation: Historic Boston Inc.

Bio: Victor has substantial experience in planning and development. He is a 35 year resident of Boston currently living in Dorchester. He is the Principal of Citybuilding Enterprises. He also recently worked as a consultant for AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust. Tying in with his great interest in history, Victor is embarking on putting a book together about Boston's Monuments & Graveyards.



Name: Glenn Knowles

Affiliation: Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative

Bio: Along with his leadership role with the DSNI, Glenn is an Architect who practices out of Roxbury, and will bring his planning and design expertise to the table.

Name: Paul Malkemes

Affiliations: Talbot-Norfolk Triangle Neighbors United;

Bio: As Executive Director of the Boston Project Ministries, Paul seeks to engage neighbors and volunteers to build nurturing strong communities. Also working with the TNT Neighbors United, he helps work on planning issues around the Talbot Avenue stop and incorporates residents' ideas into the planning process. Other affiliations The Boston Project Ministries; Codman Square Millennium Ten Planning Initiative; Dorchester Coalition for Great Neighborhoods

Name: H. Marcus Owens

Affiliation: Mattapan Resident

Bio: Marcus is a strong advocate for transit justice, insofar as providing fair and equal access to transit to all residents. The benefits derived from T.O.D, and resident's involvement in planning and implementation of this development process is equally important.

Name: John Marston

Affiliation: President of New Market Business Association

Bio: John is Senior Vice President for Eastern Bank a long time advocate for job creation, economic development, and business growth in Boston and particularly the Newmarket area.

Name: Marvin Martin

Affiliation: Four Corners Action Coalition

Bio: Marvin is a tireless advocate and has made a visible difference in the Four Corners community. His key accomplishments include the establishment of Boston's Healthy Homes, improving transportation access along the existing Fairmont Line commuter rail tracks to serve Four Corners and other stops in Mattapan and Dorchester, and being selected as a Boston Neighborhood Fellow in 2007. Currently, Marvin is focused on bringing in "green developers" and creating "green buildings" in the neighborhood.

Name: Neil McCullagh

Affiliation: The American City Coalition

Bio: Neil works to implement and promote best practices in residential services and neighborhood revitalization through planning efforts with local community development corporations and other community based organizations along the Fairmount Corridor line.

Name: Paul McManus

Affiliation: Boston University

Bio: Paul is a native of Hyde Park and attended Boston Technical H.S. back in the early 1970's. He currently leads a University-wide effort that brings

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academics, government, industry and citizens together to create economic prosperity, renew social vitality and enhance environmental resilience and sustainability in Boston's neighborhoods.

Name: Marzuq Muhammad

Affiliations: Southwest Boston CDC

Bio: Marzuq works as an Assistant Development Project Manager at Trinity Financial, an urban multifamily housing developer. Prior to Trinity, Marzuq worked at Jones Lang LaSalle, a global full-service real estate and money management firm, where he served as an Assistant Project Manager in the Project and Development Services group; and a Senior Research Analyst in the New England Research group. Marzuq received a B.A. in Geography, with a focus on Urban Studies and Planning from Dartmouth College in 2005.

Name: Thomas Nally

Affiliation: A Better City

Bio: As planning director with A Better City, Thomas works to represent Greater Boston's business and institutional community on transportation, land development, and environmental sustainability, placing priority on insuring that transportation investments serve the long-term economic benefit of the Metro-Boston region and allow for sustainable economic growth. He hopes to see South Station develop and expand as a regional hub for commuter rail and high-speed rail in the Northeast Corridor. Mr. Nally is also co-chair of the Urban Ring CAC and a long-time member of the Brookline Economic Development Advisory Board.

Name: Karleen Porcena

Affiliation: ABDC Mattapan/Mattapan United

Bio: As a lead organizer of Mattapan United, Karleen will bring her expertise in community engagement to the initiative. She is interested in accessible and affordable public transit.

Name: Steve Roller

Affiliation: Hyde Park Resident

Bio: Steve is employed at Bunker Hill Community College. He is a 13-year resident of Hyde Park, and has a 7th grade son in Boston Public Schools. He is a big-time Celtics fan, but doesn't have much use for the Red Sox these days. Steve appreciates the opportunity to connect with neighbors and community leaders to share ideas on the betterment of Boston neighborhoods.

Name: Ethel (Peggy) Santos

Affiliation: Franklin Field Tenant Task Force

Bio: Having lived at Franklin Field for over 40 years, Peggy is a knowledgeable advocate and leader, not only within Franklin Field, but also throughout the entire Dorchester community.



Name: Pete Stidman

Affiliation: Boston Cyclists Union

Bio: Pete has interest and experience working with communities to add new voices and find solutions that benefit both the increased physical activity that cycling brings, but also solutions to broader concerns of the neighborhood.

Name: John Sullivan

Affiliation: New Market Business Association

Bio: John is the owner and operator of Bilt-Rite Construction, specializing in the construction of affordable housing in the Boston area for thirty years. He brings the perspective of many long time property and business owners in the area. John grew up in Mission Hill and has worked in every neighborhood of the City, which has provided Johan a great understanding of how things work and have evolved over the years.

Name: Matthew Thall

Affiliation: Fairmount Indigo Community Development Collaborative

Bio: Presently a housing and community development consultant. From 1991 to 2006 he served as Senior Program Director, for the Greater Boston Program of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Previously he served for a decade as the Executive Director of the Fenway CDC in Boston. Prior to that he held planning, policy and research positions with the Cambridge Housing Authority, the court-appointed master in the *Perez vs. Boson Housing Authority* case and the Laboratory for Psychosocial Studies at Boston College. He began his career in housing and community development as a Housing Management Specialist at the Newark Area Office of HUD. Thall holds a Masters degree in City Planning from MIT and a B.A. from Columbia University. He is currently a Board member of Citizens Housing and Planning Assoc. and the Fensgate Cooperative. Past board memberships include AIDS Housing Corporation, Association for Resident Control of Housing, and the Peter Medoff Dudley Youth Scholarship Fund and Historic Boston Inc.

Name: Marcia Thornhill

Affiliation: Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation

Bio: Marcia has been a resident of Hyde Park for 10 years. She has 20 years of experience in community planning and development in Boston. In this position, Marcia has overseen acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of several hundred units of affordable housing and commercial space. Marcia's passion for community development work as well as her intelligence, knowledge and instincts have gained her the respect and goodwill of all of those with whom she works. This sentiment carries over to her relationships with private and public funders, community groups, contractors and architects. Since 2009, she has served as a Board member for the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation, where she was elected as the Clerk of the board this past January. She has also been a board member of Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations, an advocacy and policy organization since 2009.



Name: Michelle Waldon

Affiliation: Upham's Corner Main Streets

Bio: Michelle is a Dorchester resident. She is the Vice President on the UCMS Board of Directors and has served as chair of the Design Committee since 2007. Through her work with Upham's Corner Main Street, and as an Architect and Planner at ICON architecture, inc. for the past fifteen-years, Michelle has worked on numerous projects in the greater Boston area. This combined experience has given Michelle the unique perspective and vision at both the local neighborhood level and at the greater Boston regional level that would fit nicely within the two-tiered planning approach of this initiative.

Name: Christian Williams

Affiliation: Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation

Bio: Christian brings experience in real estate and economic development. He will bring the ideas and voices of local communities surrounding Morton Street, Talbot Avenue and Four Corner/Geneva Avenue Stations. Christian is interested in harnessing the power of individuals and local groups to sustain a higher quality of life within the communities.

Name: Daryl Wright

Affiliation: Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation

Bio: Daryl has been involved with community organizing leadership around transit issues, real estate acquisitions for housing and commercial projects, project review, and site identification for the Fairmount Greenway Initiative, future economic development opportunities, and affordable housing.

Name: Azzie Young, PhD, MPA

Affiliation: Mattapan Community Health Center

Bio: Dr. Azzie Young, Chief Executive Officer of Mattapan Community Health Center, has more than 30 years of professional experience in the non-profit, public and private sectors, and in academia. Since 1996, she has directed the overall administration and management of Mattapan Community Health Center, a Boston-based private, non-profit comprehensive health organization. Dr. Young earned a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, MA with emphasis on Health Administration and Management. Earlier, she earned three degrees in chemistry – MS and PhD in organic chemistry from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and a BS degree in chemistry from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

