



PLAN: Charlestown

Advisory Group Meeting #5

June 29, 2022



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Welcome

Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager

Meeting Recording

At the request of community members, this event will be recorded and posted on the PLAN: Charlestown project webpage at <http://bostonplans.org/PlanCharlestown> for those who are unable to attend the Zoom event live.

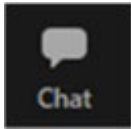
It is possible that participants may be recording the meeting with their phone cameras or other devices. If you do not wish to be recorded during the meeting, please turn off your microphone and camera.

If your camera and microphone are off, you can still participate through the text chat feature at the end of the presentation.

Note: These meetings are not subject to Open Meeting Law. Open Meeting Law also does not require that public bodies allow public comment or public participation during meetings.

Zoom Tips

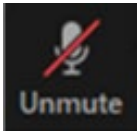
Welcome! Here are some tips on using Zoom for first-time users.
Your controls are at the bottom of the screen



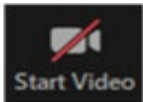
Use the chat to type a comment or ask a question at any time –
Members of the PLAN: Charlestown team will enable the chat at the end.



To raise your hand, click on “Participants” at the bottom of your
screen, and then choose the “Raise Hand” option in the participant box



Mute/unmute – Participants will be muted during the presentation –
the host will unmute you during discussion if you raise your hand and
it is your turn to talk



Turns your video on/off

Zoom Etiquette

- Please remain muted until called on. If you'd like to speak during this time please use the "Raise Hand" function in Zoom.
- The chat function will be enabled during the discussion agenda item. (In keeping with convention from in-person meetings.)
- Please be respectful of each other's time. *We ask comments be held to 2.5 minutes.*
- We ask that participants limit their questions so that others may participate in the discussion. If you have more questions, please wait until all others attending have an opportunity to ask questions.
- If we are unable to get to your question at this meeting please put them in the Chat at the end or email Jason.Ruggiero@boston.gov

Advisory Group Etiquette

- AG members should:
 - Act as ambassadors to the larger community
 - Treat all participants with respect
 - Listen actively; speak thoughtfully
 - Support all voices, so that all viewpoints may be heard
 - Actively participate in all PLAN: Charlestown events and encourage others to join
- The process encourages respectful dialogue among those with differing opinions
- Always be open to seeing the world from someone else's perspective

For all meeting content:

<http://www.bostonplans.org/plancharlestown>

Agenda

- Walking Tours Recap
- Finalized Code of Conduct
- Vision Statement Updates
- Sports Fields Focus Group
- Scenarios

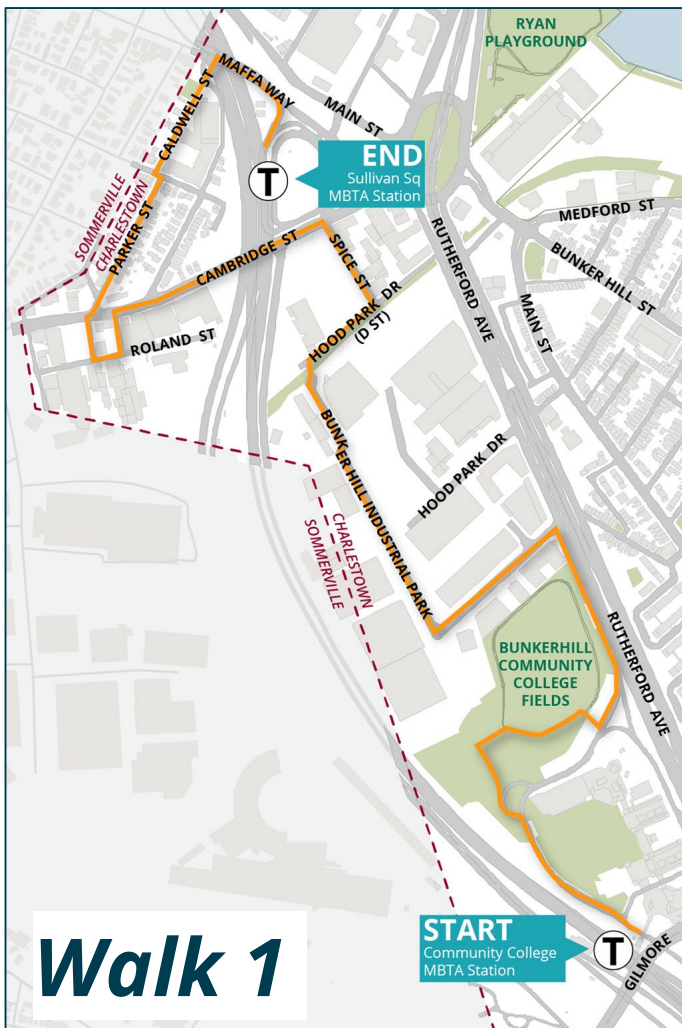
If you have a follow up item, please reach out to Jason Ruggiero (**Jason.Ruggiero@boston.gov**) and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

Walking Tours Recap

Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager

Walking Tours Recap

*Held May 14th
and June 25th*



Thoughts?



PLAN Charlestown: Code of Conduct

Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager

Code of Conduct

- *Virtual planning events will be held via the Zoom “Meeting” platform,*
- *During presentations, the chat feature will be turned off.*
- *We strongly encourage speakers to turn on their cameras while speaking.*
- *Comments or questions from the public will be limited to 2 minutes and 30 seconds of speaking time.*
- *All attendees are expected to respect one another and any differences of opinion.*
- *Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated. Examples of unacceptable behavior are instances such as the following, but not limited to:*
 - *Threatening to take unwarranted legal action against meeting participants*
 - *Bullying participants either in the chat or verbally out loud*
 - *Harassment including criticizing, mocking, or posing threats against participants*
 - *Threats or derogatory speech against BPDA staff or other participants*
 - *Grandstanding or exceeding allowed time limits*
 - *Other violations within this code of conduct*
- *Violators will be muted*

Vision Statement Updates

Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager

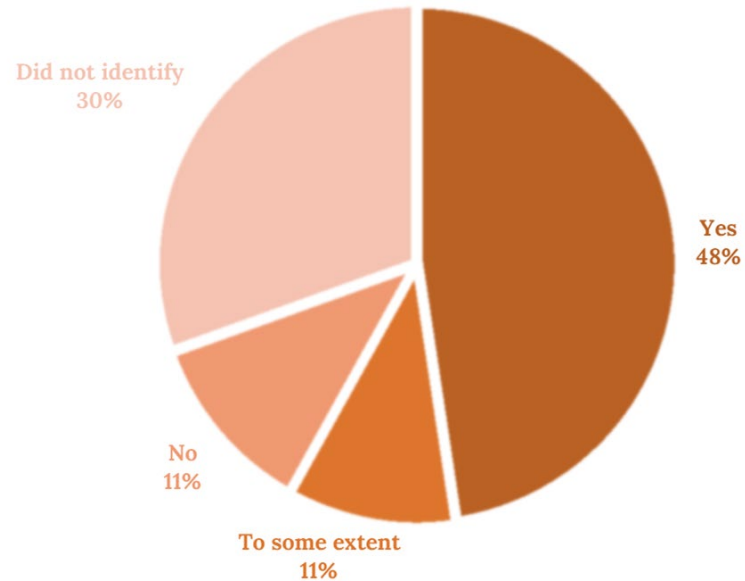
Previous Vision Statement

“In 2040, Charlestown is a thriving, diverse, accessible, and resilient neighborhood that unites an enhanced historic residential fabric with new affordable homes, jobs, and public parks along Rutherford Avenue and in Sullivan Square.”

Vision Statement Feedback

- *114 responses*
- *97%* of respondents live in Charlestown.
- *3%* of respondents work or own a business in the neighborhood.

DOES THE STATEMENT ALIGN WITH YOUR PERSONAL VISION?



Vision Statement Updates

Previous Vision Statement:

~~“In 2040, Charlestown is a thriving, diverse, accessible, and resilient neighborhood that unites an enhanced historic residential fabric with new affordable homes, jobs, and public parks along Rutherford Avenue and in Sullivan Square.”~~

Updated Draft Vision Statement:

“In 2040, Charlestown is a thriving, diverse, accessible, and resilient neighborhood **where residents can safely and more easily walk, bike, or bus to new parks, plazas, neighborhood amenities, and active waterfront areas. These improvements** unite an enhanced historic residential fabric with new homes and jobs which **support small businesses, as well as families of all types, sizes, and income levels.**”

Sports Fields Focus Group

Trish Cafferky, Planner and Urban Designer



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Scenarios

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Scenarios - what & why

Proposes **two** land use scenarios for Sullivan Square and Rutherford that depict different **land use and density mixes** while also **expanding open space and mobility networks**.

These draft scenarios have been informed by your feedback from other workshops, existing conditions, and current developments in the pipeline.

We want the AG's input on the following:

- 1. Thoughts on what parts of the Story Map works and what parts do not work well. What improvements or changes should be made? What is unclear?**
- 2. What additional questions do you have that are not answered by the scenarios as shown in the Story Map?**
- 3. What else should the survey questions be asking?**
4. Do the scenarios accurately reflect the community vision for Charlestown? What changes would you propose to the scenarios themselves? (this can be answered later on)

Scenarios' Story Map

1. It is virtual.
2. Advertising:
 - a. Using our email listserv
 - b. Using BPDA social media
 - c. Outreach to local organizations and businesses
 - d. *Patriot-Bridge* Advertisement with QR code - works well on computers and tablets
 - e. BPDA will make printed versions available for those who want them
3. Feedback on the Story Map as a tool:
 - a. **Feedback on the story map *as a tool* should be emailed to Jay by Sunday, July 10th. (email: Jason.Ruggerio@boston.gov)**
4. Feedback on the Scenarios: The 6 week listening tour
 - a. There are surveys integrated in the story map webpage
 - b. We will be hosting virtual listening sessions community members can join and share feedback during
 - c. During the 6 weeks of outreach, we will prioritize meeting with groups we don't usually reach to get additional feedback.

Story Map

Next Steps

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Next Steps

- **July to August 2022 - Community feedback on scenarios**
 - Live feedback from digital tool
 - Tabling at Community Meetings/Events, Listening Sessions
 - Do you have any ideas for where we should be? Let us know!
 - Our team would love to join your community group for a listening session!
- **Fall 2022**
 - Consultants update scenarios based on feedback and generate a hybrid scenario
 - Transportation Analysis can officially be completed
- **Winter 2022**
 - Updated hybrid scenario is brought back to the community for additional feedback.