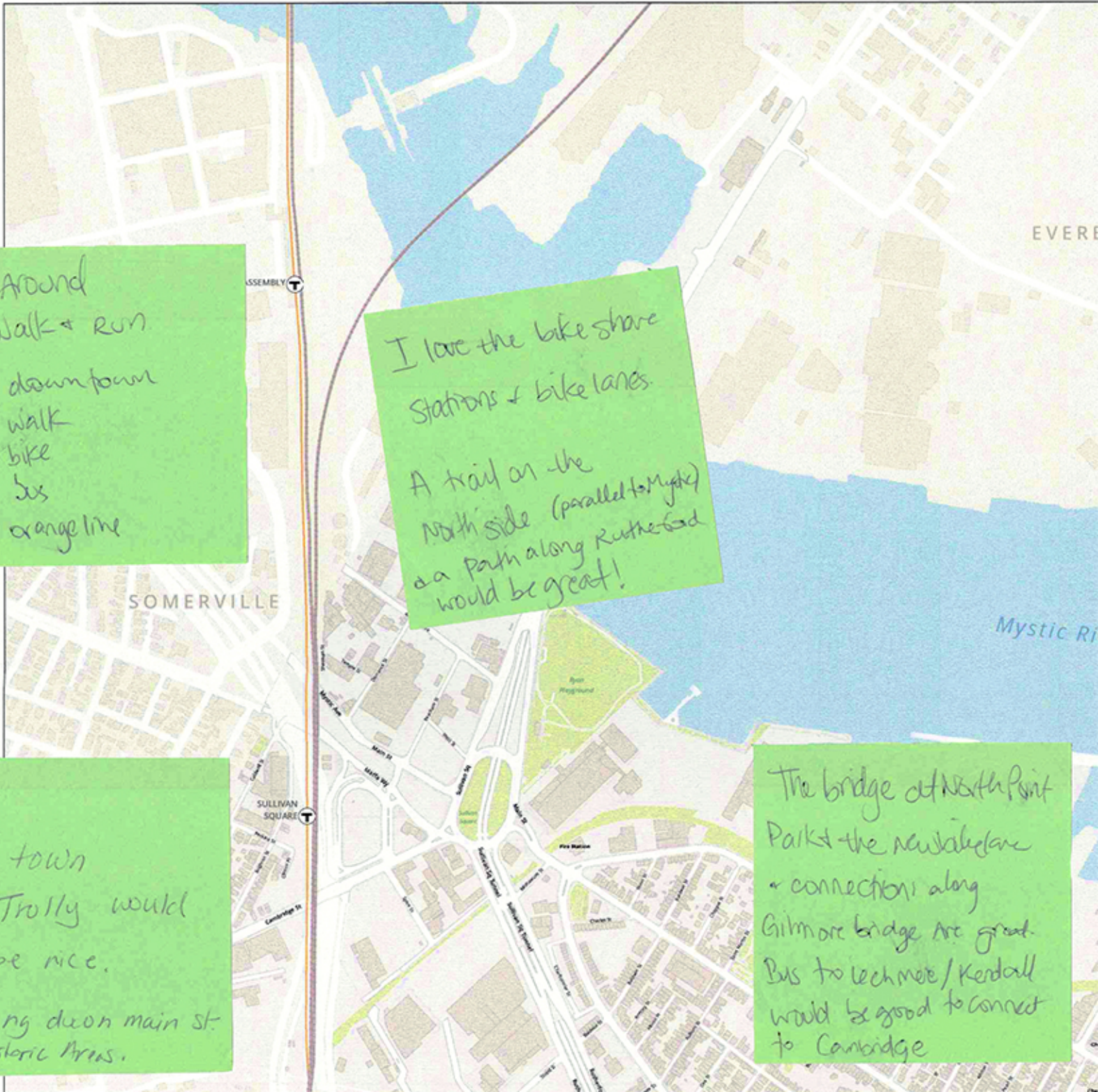


PLAN: Charlestown

Mobility

How do you get around



get around

- walk + run

get downtown

- walk

- bike

- bus

- orange line

I love the bike share
stations + bike lanes.

A trail on the
North side (parallel to Mystic)
+ a path along Rutherford
would be great!

A town

Trolley would
be nice.

Passing down main st.
& Historic Areas.

The bridge at North Point
Park + the new bike lane
+ connection along
Gilmore bridge are great.
Bus to Lechmere/Kendall
would be good to connect
to Cambridge

Knowing Charlestown

What are the benefits and assets of the neighborhood?

- Family Community ✓✓ The Mystic Riverfront
- Local Good Schools
- Smaller Retail shops ✓
- Public Transport ●
- Walkability ●
- Historical Aspects - Freedom Trail ●
- People
- family facilities - primarily schools & Sports fields & single family homes & parking
- Diversity
- Quaint streets, quiet at night ● ✓
- Waterfront
- Different age groups
- Proximity to DOWNTOWN ● ✓

What are the challenges of living or working here?

- GRIND LOCK
- DIS HONEST ZONING INSPECTORS
- Not enough diversity ^{segregation}
- TRAFFIC is 2nd this + Noise!
- opioid abuse
- Local kids not getting into local schools / separated siblings
- Traffic! ✓✓ ← my neighbors think they need to drive
- Lack of restaurants ✓ ●
- Parking ✓✓✓
- parking ✓✓ Traffic noise from the highway (bridge) & overpass near Paul Revere Park
- parking ✓ Industrial areas along beautiful waterfront - why?? local
- pre & k waitlists in both private & public schools pushes families out of city ✓
- need for visit parking
- Gridlock ✓✓ ● ●
- no public transportation (have to go to waterfront)
- Parking cost of parking traffic

What would you like to stay the same in the neighborhood?

- Lower Density Living! ● ● ✓
- One family homes
- Community Space ●
- Families with children staying for local schools
- single family homes ✓
- sports fields (but 1)
- HISTORICAL LANDMARKS/SPACES ● ✓
- Gas lights
- No/limited chains → mom + pops stores
- Protection & expansion of affordable housing
- people use parks & playgrounds
- grocery store + post office that are easy to walk to

What would you like to change about the neighborhood?

- ✓ Add more field space for youth sports or Turf Current Field space
- Get rid of Mistaken & long back Main Street
- ✓ Parking for Residents at night (8PM - 6AM) 24hr??
- Prex sidewalks that don't trip you
- No more curb cuts
- No more removal of community parking spots
- Charlestown High School to become a viable option for high performing neighborhood students
- Improved Tree Canopy ● Shopping on both sides of Main St
- More practical vendor commercial space restaurants, clothing stores, bars
- diverse housing options (multifam) - Mystic Riverfront
- Affordability
- Increase viable housing & amenities for elderly
- More seats in Charlestown schools for residents ✓
- save Edwards
- Create historical zoning! !!
- more seats in schools & better facility conditions ✓
- water ferry to east Boston for school option ✓
- a sense of inclusive community

City spend traffic is horrible + can't see

Participation and Outreach

Who else should be invited to participate in this process?
What is the best way to reach out to these groups/people?

- Residents - Patch, OneCharlestown on CG - Knock on doors (everyone isn't online!)
- ALL AGENCIES, CITY, STATE, FEDERAL THAT HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE AREA - MONTHLY PRESENTATION

- CMA
- Recreation Society
- Police Dept

Business Owners
- Chamber email list
- holiday night out email list

How would you like to participate in this process? Share your ideas for future events.

public meetings in public spaces to reach other groups:
families @ parks; aftercare (Zelma Lacey)
elderly housing; City Square Park - get people outside

GROUP MEETINGS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC THEMES (E.G. ZONING) ~~LAUNDRY LIST OF ISSUES~~ RATHER THAN LAUNDRY LIST OF ISSUES

Development issues

Need an on-line option for people who are unable to attend in-person meetings; should be open before in-person mtgs, summarized/presented as baseline during in-person mtgs.

2 meetings on same topic (to ensure people who can't make one, could make the other)
Hold close to people/stakeholders engaged of color (i.e. ministers)
Daytime for one?

have an online way to participate to match each mtg.

Draw a tally line for as many as apply to you:

Live Here:

Work Here:

|||||

Want to Become a Resident Here:

Go to school here:

||

Join the Advisory Group

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and BPDA seek nominations for Charlestown stakeholders to serve on the PLAN: Charlestown Advisory Group (AG).

The AG will be made up of community members who will share the perspectives of their represented groups to inform the work of the planning process.

**Nominations Due:
March 6th, 2020**

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I think many topics of planning were covered on the boards, which was great. The historic boards (either for future Charlestown meetings or other neighborhoods) would be more engaging if the shots showed before/after, to give people an idea of that locations transformation and for context.

Please share any general thoughts on PLAN: Charlestown.

One of the few boards where people wrote their feedback (eg. benefits, concerns, what do you want changed) I'd be curious to have a meeting or input method (online portal) where those could be elaborated on.

Many people have the same concerns, (traffic, parking, etc.) as every other neighborhood. But understanding what it is specifically that gives them that impression (eg. is it a particular street, area, or do they think that about all of Charlestown.) Some of the concerns I saw written were not ones I actually see regularly living here. ~~Some of the concerns~~

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I was unable to hear much of the statements

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I like the explanations of the displays

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We are need to be heard and we need to be taken seriously

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Need WATER Transportation enhancement

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I wasn't able to get into the event too crowded.

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It is a good start but we need to continue to figure out development vs. infrastructure. We should also open up streets to make it easier to move through the area.

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THE FORMAT TONIGHT WAS NOT INFORMATIVE.

COULD NOT HEAR. REPRESENTATIVES FROM

THE CITY TOLD DIFFERENT ANSWERS TO

THE SAME QUESTIONS - SOME DID NOT KNOW
WITH THEY ARE HERE.

What about the meeting format did you find helpful? What could be improved for future meetings?

A PRESENTATION WITH COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - RECORDED - SO THOSE WHO CAN NOT ATTEND CAN PARTICIPATE

NORTHEND WATERFRONT RECORDS THEIR MEETINGS

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THIS ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES.

THIS IS NOT HELPFUL.

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Reduce noise pollution from Tobin Bridge.

Consider sound barrier on highway entering Charlestown to dampen.

1 Month

City website/plancharlestown.com

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Preservation Society included on all meetings going forward

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Plan to Decrease density of neighborhoods streets
oversaturation of mult-family buildings
Address Lack of Parking Spaces for Residents - open
up lots in evenings w/ reasonable time to move
in morning hours
Sustainable infrastructure to support current residents
population

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Didn't know we had a prison near Austin St

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Didn't know the format. Thought would be sit down with speaker. But this was cool.

Please share any general thoughts on PLAN: Charlestown.

Stop all the development. Starting to feel squished in.

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Up zoning works, so increase density to allow for some affordable Density Bonus, More Density to allow for 10% affordable units at 120% AMI, and NO parking requirement. parking etc.

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Bigger is Better

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Excellent display.

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Sullivan Sq was originally designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. New design should incorporate features + pay tribute to his beautiful design!

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Consider the younger generations moving in that want to stay and raise their family.
- parking
- Schools → allowing Charlestown kids to go to Charlestown schools
- More commercial space that is useful (no more small expensive boutiques!)
~~taxes~~

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1/30/20
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Because we had a good turnout the posters were hard to study. Perhaps slide show or videos would be better.

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Please consider adding small historically informative signs - side walk embeds or equal to point out neighborhood features example - Green St was a battle line @ The Bunker Hill Battle.

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- Meetings should be held @ times working/family people can attend (e.g. nights, weekends)
- Don't let the loudest people's groups control the process. A loud minority shouldn't be able to block/control development in this neighborhood's city.

Please share any general thoughts on PLAN: Charlestown.

Boston & the region are experiencing a housing shortage crisis. It's good to listen to community input, but it shouldn't be allowed to slow or block needed dev't. This process is, by nature, undemocratic & should be for information sharing only.

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*layout of room not ideal... perhaps boards against free walls and seating in the center.
Thank you!*

Please share any general thoughts on PLAN: Charlestown. *wishes*
please continue to include "young" charlestown in the conversation (25-35s). Please notify residents across the highway of all meetings (The Graphic, etc).

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This event lacked accessibility. From the set up of the posters, to the titles of the posters themselves, the space excluded ~~pop~~ communities that need to be heard and understood.

What about the meeting format did you find helpful? What could be improved for future meetings?

For future meetings, there needs to be a focus to making the space as accessible as possible. There are ways to set up the room to the way the presentations were set up as.

Please share any general thoughts on PLAN: Charlestown.

Be more respectful of the emotional component of this project. For many of us, change has already led to some very negative experiences rooted in racism, xenophobia, and classism. Furthermore planning needs to bring everyone to the table → ~~language~~ translation of jargon, access to assistive technologies, and a focused effort to include the residents of Charlestown that are often forgotten.

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nothing - worse ^{set} set up - no concerns for elderly people - impossible to hear or understand what the people at board were saying -

Please share any general thoughts on PLAN: Charlestown.

*- better set up for meeting
- show real concern for town residents -*

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Would like formal presentation + Q&A. Liked the posters for general interest, but still don't know where the planning is or where it's going.

Please share any general thoughts on PLAN: Charlestown.

1/ I work in Kendall. 2.2 miles from home. It took me 35 min tonight to get home. I might as well live in Newton
2/ Blue bikes aren't a commute option in the rain, in 10° weather = that can't be the fallback.

Angie arpelweas@gmail.com.

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like the posters & layout & ability to see the broad plans under development & construction.

Please share any general thoughts on PLAN: Charlestown.

Need more specificity on what is currently happening & next steps. This is a good start but how are we keeping up on progress of 2030. ~~And~~ would like a presentation & broad overview followed by Q/A to get feedback from residents

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I COULD NOT HEAR ANYTHING
DID I HEAR THAT ALL OF CHARLESTOWN IS INCLUDED IN MRS TRIP PLAN

What about the meeting format did you find helpful? What could be improved for future meetings?

UNSATISFACTORY
NICE ATTEMPT WITH POSTERS + PA SYSTEM BUT THIS VENUE
IS NOT SYMPHONY HALL YOU ENCOURAGED CONVERSATION, BUT FEW
COULD HEAR QUESTIONS

Please share any general thoughts on PLAN: Charlestown.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT FROM ANY CITY EXECUTIVES WILL BE
TRANSPARENT AND LISTEN AND RESPECT WHAT RESIDENTS NEED