

**PLAN: Mattapan Kick-off Open House**  
**October 25, 2018**  
**Mildred Community Center**

Participation and Outreach:

Who else should be invited to participate?

- Youth
- Community/Neighborhood Associations
- Anchor Institutions
- Large regional employers
- Youth
- Business owners
- Mattapan Main Streets
- Mattapan Food and Fitness
- All Neighborhood Associations
- Commercial Property owners
- Elected Officials
- Churches
- Business Owners
- Church Leaders and volunteers (x3)
- Reverend Zenetta Armstrong
- Donald Green of the Caribbean Council
- Young adults
- Current business owners

What is the best way to reach out to these people?

- High schools/middle schools
- Afterschool programs
- Neighborhood meetings
- Social media
- Flyers in mailboxes (x2)
- Email, mail, and social media
- Facebook (\* and !)
- Email, mail, flyers; horse-ad stand (?) - (assume a sandwich board)

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

- Make sure flyers go out to everyone - don't just leave flyers at the library (x3)
- Email residents
- Door to door flyering; ask neighborhoods, resident and community groups to assist
- Broadcast the meeting on a local channel for the elderly or the people who can't attend
- Old fashioned signage in the library, community center and Brother's and Health Center
- Mattapan United
- Heard through a neighbor

- The Davis family
- Came from meeting upstairs

## Board 2: PRESERVE

- We want a Lower Mills development with nice restaurants, clothing stores, etc
- No more halfway houses
- No more cheap 0.99 stores
- Would like to have a nice sit-down restaurant
- Better stores to shop for clothing, food, etc.
- Reactivate the Stone Building
- Safer bike lanes
- More learning activities in the park - tennis, basketball, exercise programs
- More police patrol, especially at the parks
- Get rid of auto places that are eyesores
- Programs for children
- Making the neighborhood healthy by having a more diverse restaurant with liquor and wine
- Need more family centered spaces; branding/beacon to draw people in
- Norfolk Square area, Morton St. 1 story. Add housing
- Astoria, Elizabeth and Woolson. Violent.
- Police station. Better location and design.
- Children's park. Jobs. Living wage. Restaurants. Not fast, greasy spoon
- Create starter residential units; multi family, 4-5 stories, near Morton Station
- Living wage jobs
- Youth trade school like Madison Park
- Stone Building - preserving it for business and family space
- Youth jobs in farming and gardening
- Workforce development
- There's a former furniture store in Mattapan Square- could it be a local business?
- Buses that run on time. More bus stops with shelters.
- Low population of traffic controlled appropriately
- Need to find out the 12 buyers of PC Dixwell Trust Realty. They are buying up Mattapan.
- Make community aware. Better construction schedules. Not to interrupt traffic so much. Nstar, National Grid, Verizon, etc.
- Neighborhood character, single families, animals, greenery, open space
- Keep the neighborhood the neighborhood. Don't lose Mattapan. (Amen!)
- Current culture. Diversity of Mattapan.
- Restore the stone building. Old furniture store in the Square
- Decrease the amount of liquor stores
- Less nail places and hair stores. We have enough
- No more hair shops or liquor stores
- Preserve Simco sign
- Alley beautification in Mattapan Square

- Parklets in front of restaurants for more outside seating
- Culture!
- Strong Caribbean presence!
- Don't preserve the shelter. It's run down and not maintained
- The liquor stores don't help
- Preserve greenspace!
- More community gardens and parks
- Need a restaurant
- Stone building old furniture store
- More street cleaning
- Build more family housing not apartment buildings
- Stone building - safe house
- Mattahunt Playground, also, within new calvary cemetery plot make it single family housing not apartment or multi-family building
- More micro-unit housing for single adults to save and get back on their feet
- Affordable housing
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- Parks/ green space
- Neponset greenway
- Urban wilds
- Walker playground
- Arts and artist space
- Recreational parks
- Ryan Park - create an outdoor pool
- History of mattapan
- Almont, Walker and Ryan playgrounds
- Almont park
- Black people / people of color in mattapan!
- Local pop-up village for small entrepreneur
- Neponset greenway walkway waterway accessibility
- Parks
- Architecture
- No cheaply built buildings that don't reflect the character of existing neighborhood

### Board 3: COMMUNITY VISION

#### *I want ... in my neighborhood*

- More resources and youth geared programs designed to promote an attitude and practice of giving back
- Affordable housing options
- Walkable city to enjoy art, culture and family fun
- A safe house with showers at certain times various clinicians, mental health, nursing care, accountability support

- Pop-up village to support the homeless and give them work to do and training opportunities
- Programs for children
- Dog park
- More police patrol
- Safer/more bike lanes
- I want more parks
- Arts
- Theater
- Family entertainment
- We need lead stores like Walmart, Kmart, etc
- Sit-down restaurants
- Gym/Gas station

*What is your vision for this area?*

- More family oriented venues
- More open space / pocket parks
- More home ownership
- I would like to see mattapan square redesigned/new fresh look/more engaging
- Coworking opportunities and makerspaces
- Urban vitality/arts/agriculture/parks/restaurants/jobs
- Safer neighborhood
- Slower traffic
- More community spaces
- For the state to finally tear down and renovate the Cote Ford grounds
- Wealth building strategies (incubator accelerator, small business administration)
- Money management classes
- Safer neighborhood - get the guns out of the neighborhood and the bad elements
- A bustling community and square where neighbors and residents patronize merchants close to their home
- A safe space for all
- A space that draws residents from far and near neighborhoods to spend leisure time here
- Less liquor stores!

Board 4: ENHANCE

- Better access to the Neponset River and make it safe
- Playground
- Potential for greenspace (Harvard Street / Walk Hill)
- Enhance the looks by getting more lighting on the avenue
- Need lights fixed at Walsh playground; volleyball net?
- Community space
- More sit-down restaurants

- Small innovative businesses in Mattapan Square
- Appropriate office spaces
- Black people / POC in Mattapan
- Enhance parks on Norfolk and make safer for children and everyone
- Replicate park on almost street
- Low-income housing
- Parks
- Green and play spaces
- Affordable housing and housing improvements
- Stone building owned by DCR adjacent to MBTA station
- Low-income housing
- Housing for single, young professionals
- Zoning enforcement of existing land use
- More trash receptacles
- Add speed bump
  - Wellington Hill Street force speeders to slow down
- Cleaner Streets
- Enforce litter laws
- Fine people for littering
- Theater in Mattapan where Capitol Electric/Frugal Furniture is
- Light in the square, the heart of the neighborhood
- Abandoned housing needs fixing
  - Outlook Road
- More businesses in Square
- More family venues in Mattapan Square
- More variety of business opportunities on Blue Hill Ave
- Preserve and activate the old furniture store in the middle of the square
- Tree/greenery along the dividers along Blue Hill Ave
- Redo the Wellington Hill Pathway
- More bus lines on Cummin Highway
- Street fairs, family-friendly block parties
- More modern/ high speed trolleys
- Create a traffic and beautification plan for Blue Hill Ave
- Municipal Lots
- Flashing crosswalk signs
- Crosswalks with flashing lights at Wellington and Morton Streets
- How do you preserve the character of the neighborhood with new buildings?
- Jobs serving the community by the members, decent pay
- More tech and bio-med
- Creating a new business zone for Blue Hill Ave
- Workforce development and training
- Pop-up shops and gardening
- Employment and workforce training: vets and youth

- 249 River Street: Incorporate homeless people in our community
- Art performance
- Makerspace
- Live/work space
- Gallery on Blue Hill Ave
- Use old buildings for live/work
- Storefront appearance
- Need systems / mechanism to upkeep the improvements
- Utilize abandoned space for housing
- Roads
- Find out PCS Dixwell Trust Realty; 12 people buying up Mattapan now
- Family restaurant, pet store, toy store, and kids entertainment
- A whole foods market
- Enforce landmark standards on Blue Hill

#### Board 5: GROW

- Along edgewater and Neponset: Access to the river along edgewater drive
- Large institutional business with a focus on local hiring/ career pathway development
- In almost park: solar panel charging stations
- Sit down restaurant with view of the river (by Crickett)
- Healthier restaurant in Mattapan Square, not so many liquor stores
- Food forests, gardens, greenhouses
- Preserve green space
- More parks
- More flowering trees
- Community gardens, urban food spaces
- Jobs for youth, Madison Park
- Keep neighbors informed
- Sit down restaurant
- Black people/people of color in Mattapan!.
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- Affordable housing throughout the neighborhood in line with average local minimum
- Live/work space for Mattapan artists
- Community land trusts to secure homes and affordability
- More low-income single family houses
- Affordable housing
- No more dollar stores, storefront churches, fast food takeouts, nail salons, and hair salons
- Establish landmark standards, get rid of the grates in front of businesses
- More flower planters in the square and along/in front of businesses
- More trash receptacles
- Lot for bbqs, yard sales, activities, etc.
- Affordable housing

- Restaurant cafe, boutique eatery for all
- Sit down restaurant in the square
- Renovation of retail store front
- Mattapan is a great place and convenient place, but most of my business is outside of Mattapan
- Utilize and activate and restore stone building
- Yes, attractiveness
- There needs to be a draw for people
- Would like to see more black, hispanic, others own homes
- Independent coffee shops
- Space for leisure, lounge
- Space for live performance
- Restaurants (sit-down), communal gathering spaces
- Local “creative spaces” - think youtube spaces in Cali
- Community pool/senior activity center
- Adequate and consistent transportation within community
- Creative jobs
- Stone building/old furniture - use for business opportunities and family safe space
- We need a coffee and ice cream shop in the old stone building in Mattapan square
- More sit down restaurants
- Major department stores like walmart, kmart, target
- More variety of stores and restaurants
- Art gallery and performance space
- Art and public art
- memorial/monuments/murals