December 18, 2015

Chris Tracy, BRA Project Manager (Email - christopher.tracy@boston.gov)
Jeff Hampton, Boston Zoning Commission (Email - Jeffrey.Hampton@boston.gov)
Boston City Hall, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02201

SOUTH BOSTON RESIDENT SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT 235 OLD COLONY AVENUE, ANDREW SQUARE

Dear Messrs. Tracy and Hampton:

As a resident of South Boston, I am writing in strong support of the Washington Village project in Andrew Square.

This very positive and unique development project has undergone much community outreach and received lots of support from my fellow neighbors in South Boston. I see only positive aspects from this opportunity to provide a scale and variety of housing that the City and our neighborhood so desperately need to help stabilize costs and prepare for the future.

The proposed retail program and popular grocery store component is also a significantly positive opportunity for Andrew Square and South Boston as a whole, in addition to the generous amount of open space for public programming and creating a sense of a local "meeting place," in place of what is now a contaminated and vacant industrial site.

Please vote to approve the PDA and BRA cases for this important and much-needed transformation in Andrew Square, which will establish an important precedent for "smart growth" development with vast open space at a vibrant new mixed-use retail and residential community.

Sincerely

Andrew Walsh

7 Swallow Street #2, South Boston, MA 02127

Copy - Council Pres. Linehan, Neighborhood Services, Councilor Flaherty
Congressman Lynch, Representative Collins and Senator Fory



Fwd: Washington Village - 235 Old Colony Ave

1 message

Jason Cincotta <jason@epgdev.com>

Thu, Dec 17, 2015 at 2:15 PM

To: brian.golden.bra@cityofboston.gov, christopher.tracy@boston.gov, daniel.r.manning@boston.gov, John.allison@boston.gov, Jeffrey.Hampton@boston.gov, Nick.Zaferakis@mail.house.gov, Bill.linehan@boston.gov, jared.hogan@boston.gov, Michael.flaherty@boston.gov, Nick.collins@mahouse.gov, Linda.DorcenaForry@masenate.gov

December 17, 2015

C/o: Chris Tracy, BRA

Brian Golden, Director Boston Redevelopment Authority

Robert L. Fondren, Chair Boston Zoning Commission

City Hall, 9th floor Boston, MA

Re: Washington Village Development at 235 Old Colony Avenue

Dear Director Golden and Chairman Fondren:

As a nearby South Boston resident on Dorchester Avenue, as well as a local property and business owner in the neighborhood, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for DJ Properties' mixed-use development, with will dramatically transform this faltering industrial site in the heart of Andrew Square.

The proposed development is unique and forward-thinking in many important ways, and it will help to reshape not just Andrew Square but the way the City should look at future large-scale developments. It's variety and scale of building heights is entirely appropriate considering that nearly half of this 5-acre site is dedicated to public realm, open space, active and widened sidewalks and over 100 new trees; not to mention a very robust retail program and long awaited super market. I am also confident that the parking ratio proposed is appropriate, due to the mix of rental apartments and condos and the fact that the project is within steps to the Andrew Square T Station.

I look forward to seeing this unique, positive and transformative development get underway, and I strongly urge that you to approve the adoption of the required PDA and related Article 80 case for the start of construction in 2016!. I have forwarded my original BRA comment letter that I sent to Mr. Tracy as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Cincotta

26 West Broadway #302 South Boston, MA 02127

CC: J. Allison (ONS); Councilors Linehan & Flaherty; Rep Collins Sen Dorcena-Fory, Cong. Lynch & Jeff Hampton (Zoning Commission)

Jason F. Cincotta

c: 508.344.5727



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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jason Cincotta <jason@epgdev.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 12:51 PM

Subject: Washington Village - 235 Old Colony Ave

To: christopher.tracy@boston.gov

Christopher,

I'm writing to express my support of the Washington Village project proposed for Old Colony Avenue. I am supportive of the project as proposed both as a resident of the Broadway Station area, where I live at 26 West Broadway, and as a developer who owns 248 Dorchester Avenue and the 26 West Broadway project.

As a resident, I've lived in the neighborhood for about three and a half years, and I've enjoyed its continued growth. The additional service retail and added residents have contributed to a real vibrancy that this development will further. I particularly like the gravity of having dense development further away from the T stations as I think it will help expand that walkable neighborhood and location of retailers and restaurants.

As a developer, I feel strongly that a project like this will add to the critical mass already in place and help to make sure that other large scale projects that can continue to reshape the neighborhood.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

Jason

Jason F. Cincotta c: 508.344.5727



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Christopher Tracy, Project Manager (via: christopher.tracy@boston.gov) Boston Redevelopment Authority Boston City Hall Boston, MA 02201

RE: Support for City Approvals for Washington Village at 235 Old Colony Ave.

Dear Project Manager Tracy:

As a South Boston resident, I would like to express my strong support for DJ Property's proposal to revitalize this former industrial site into an innovative and forward-designed mixed use community, with an exemplary amount of open space for public programming, vibrant neighborhood retail uses (including much-needed super market) and, most importantly a healthy scale and variety of both rental and homeownership housing in 8 very distinct and well thought out building.

Like my residence, this location is just steps away from the T, and the project includes many transit measures to encourage public transportation to help mitigate congestion. As such, I am in support of the current parking ratio, and fully support the height of the taller buildings. These buildings will help to pay for the project's remarkable abundance of open space, neighborhood retail opportunities, community programming and the right mix of middle-class and market-rate housing, as called for in the City's 2030 plan.

Finally, as a nearby resident in relative close proximity to the development, I am of the opinion and view that this positive development and major investment in this long-faltering property site will be an extremely positive change to the neighborhood with little not no negative impacts.

Thank you, and please record me in support both the PDA and Article 80 approvals.

Jason Weissman
9 West Broadway

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South Boston

CC: John Allison at ONS, City Councilors Linehan and Flaherty
State Rep Collins, State Sen Dorcena-Fory & Cong, Steve Lynch
Jeff Hampton, Boston Zoning Commission

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December 14, 2015

Robert L. Fondren, Chair **Boston Zoning Commission** City Hall, 9th floor Boston, MA

Brian Golden, Director Boston Redev. Authority City Hall, 9th floor Boston, MA

C/o Jeff Hampton (Zoning Comm.) & Chris Tracy (BRA)

Re: 235 Old Colony Ave, Andrew Sq – Washington Village

Dear Chairman Fondren and Director Golden:

As a South Boston resident and a small business owner in the nearby Broadway Station area, I am writing to express my support for this proposal to convert this former large-sized underutilized industrial property into a very thoughtfully-designed and unique community-based development.

I am aware of the development, based on the extensive community outreach undertaken by the project team, and I have also had the opportunity to review the plans.

This development is unlike others in our neighborhood, or across the City for the matter: It invites the public in with a significant amount of creative usable open space, and a good variety of building scale and height, with an abundance of much-needed retail. Combined with the diverse proposed housing program, for a mix of ages and income types, the project will dramatically revitalize the area and help grow our local economy. I particularly appreciate its focus on mass transit and pedestrian access instead of cars.

Thus, I strongly encourage you approve the PDA and BRA Article 80 case for this development.

Sincerely,

cc: J. Allison (ONS); Councilors Linehan & Flaherty Rep Collins, Sen Dorcena-Fory & Cong. Lynch

December 15, 2015

Mr. Brian Golden

Director, Boston Redevelopment Authority

c/o Mr. Chris Tracy

Project Manager

One City Hall Plaza

Boston, MA 02201

Dear Director Golden:

As a South Boston resident and property owner on Dorchester Avenue not far from the proposed Washington Village development, I am writing in support of the proposed project.

The plans for a new neighborhood near Old Colony Avenue to replace the dilapidated old industrial buildings make a lot of sense. The developers have listened to a lot of people in the neighborhood, including Andrew Square residents, and the innovative design of the development, with its varying buildings, ample open space and a grocery store is forward-thinking and a great improvement to what is currently there. I also think that the proposed building heights are entirely appropriate, considering the major trade-off nearly half of the site as public realm and to meet the Mayor's 2030 goals for a variety of housing types and income.

Therefore, I strongly encourage you to support this exciting development in our neighborhood.

David Leonard

150 Dorchester Ave, #505, South Boston, MA 02127

CC:

John Allison (ONS); Councilors Linehan & Flaherty

Rep Collins, Sen Dorcena-Fory & Cong. Lynch



Washington Village abutter

1 message

Duffy, Brian <Brian.Duffy@adidas.com>
To: "Christopher.Tracy@boston.gov" <Christopher.Tracy@boston.gov>

Tue, Dec 15, 2015 at 10:41 AM

Hello Christopher,

I never received a letter regarding the last Meeting on the Washington Village. In passing with one of my neighbors over the weekend they told me about the last meeting. I will say I am very excited about the project and the wonders it will do to the neighborhood. I do have one concern and that is the proximity of the project to my property line, as I'm sure most people are. I live at 37R Middle St. I believe my property is going to be the closest one to the project as I am set back from middle street and right up against the open lot in which you will be building at the end of Alger St. Is there someone I can speak with to find out how close to my property the project will come up to. I have windows all on the back side of my house including a bedroom window and there are obvious privacy concerns. Again, I am excited about the new development and I wish I knew about the meeting. Hopefully you can back to me with some information as to how close the building will be to my home.

Thank you,

Brian

Brian Duffy

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Dec 11, 2015

By email - christopher.tracy@boston.gov

Chris Tracy, PM BRA Boston City Hall Boston, MA 02201

Re - PDA & Article 80 Support for Wash. Village at 235 Old Colony Ave.

Dear Chris:

As a South Boston long-time South Boston resident, property owner and local businessman, I am writing to endorse the PDA and Article 80 approvals necessary to permit the exciting mixed-use development at 235 Old Colony Ave in Andrew Square.

I am familiar with this long-underutilized property site, which has long been the subject of the Andrew Square Civic Association's call to revitalize its triangle area with a vibrant mixed-use community. This is now the right time and the right project: The Washington Village project will help to stabilize housing in South Boston with a much-needed scale and variety of apartments and condos for working families, empty nesters and new residents seeking to be part of a community.

To achieve the City's new housing goals, we are going to need innovative and larger-scaled projects, in close proximity to public transportation and with neighborhood amenities like this (which Andrew Sq. lacks). As such, I see the height of the buildings as an appropriate trade-off to help address the housing crisis, while also investing significantly in open space and public programing. Furthermore, the project's robust retail program, including a long-awaited supermarket for Andrew Square, will help to strengthen South Boston's local economy well into the future.

Thus, am in in full support of the City approvals necessary to get this project started, sooner rather than later.

James O'Donoghue

35 H Street

South Boston, MA 02127

CC:

John Allison at ONS

Jeff Hampton at the Boston Zoning Commission

City Councilors Linehan and Flaherty Rep Collins & Sen Dorcena-Fory

Cong. Steve Lynch

Chris Tracy, BRA Project Manager (Email - christopher.tracy@boston.gov)
Jeff Hampton, Boston Zoning Commission (Email - Jeffrey.Hampton@boston.gov)
Boston City Hall, 9th floor
Boston, MA 02201

RE: South Boston Resident Support for Washington Village Mixed-Use Project 235 Old Colony Avenue, Andrew Square, South Boston

Dear Mr. Tracy and Mr. Hampton:

I have been a resident of South Boston for nearly a decade, and have particularly lived nearby Andrew Square for the past 6 years. I walk or drive through the Andrew Square area twice a day, five days a week, for the past six years. During this time, I have often thought about what "could be" for this area, if only we had developers willing to invest their time, resources and money to clean up and reinvigorate this part of Southie.

With that said, I am in support of the exciting new Washington Village project proposed for this area by DJ Properties LLC. The proposed development will be completely transformative of this large inactive site. It is certainly one of the more interesting developments planned for the City and neighborhood, with its ample and inviting open space, a variety of new retail options which do not currently exist in the area, and a proposed new supermarket, which is more than welcome for the neighborhood. The proposed housing program, which I understand will be a mix of apartments and condos for a variety of incomes is much-needed, especially when so many millennials who wish to stay in Boston are otherwise phased out by many luxury residential developments completely out of the realm of possibility for most in this generation. The design and look of the two taller buildings will help deliver the number of units we need to meet the Mayor's housing plan while providing an interesting variety of scale for the skyline.

Please record my strong support for all City approvals required to see this project forward.

Sincerely,

Kristen Scanton 30 Telegraph St. #1

Boston, MA 02127

cc: Council Pres. Linehan, Neighborhood Services, Councilor Flaherty Congressman Lynch, Representative Collins and Senator Fory December 10, 2015 Chris Tracy, Project Manager – BRA Jeff Hampton, Boston Zoning Comm. City Hall, 9th floor Boston, MA 02201

Via email: christopher.tracy@boston.gov
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Re: Andrew Square Mixed-Use Development at 235 Old Colony Avenue BRA Article 80 and PDA Cases for Washington Village Project

Dear Mr. Tracy and Mr. Hampton:

I am both a South Boston resident and a small business owner with an office just steps away from this proposed new development on Old Colony Avenue.

This large vacant and underutilized industrial site is a potential nuisance property fails to contribute to the Andrew Square neighborhood. I have followed the project throughout the extensive community meeting process and spoken with many Andrew Square residents and fellow small business owners who strongly support the developer's plans for the much-needed investment in the site. I also know that the Andrew Square Civic Association has for some time been calling for this very type of active mixed-use community at this triangle, and I agree that this development is the perfect fit.

I see no issue with the proposed heights of the buildings, since each of them are distinct and well-designed. In looking at the plans, it also seems to me that the building heights are off-set by a very robust amount of open space with active retail, while also providing a large amount of much-needed housing options not readily available.

I look forward to seeing this exciting project being built, and hope to have the opportunity to someday walk over for lunch, shop and spend time with friends and neighbors in the large courtyard, and at the contemplated community events.

With best regards,

Mark Little,

168 gold street, South Boston, ma, 02127

South Boston Resident and Andrew Sq. Business Owner

Abacus Builders

190 Old Colony Avenue, South Boston, MA 02127



Re: Washington Village/235 Old Colony Ave proposal before the BRA

1 message

Gretchen McGill <gretchenmcgill@yahoo.com>
To: Christopher Tracy <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 10:20 PM

Thank you for your e-mail.

I believe the proponent has made a good faith effort to create a well thought out project that attempts to address the concerns of the surrounding area. I believe they have worked to do what they can to address issues raised in public meetings but still keep their project viable.

As an outer neighbor of the project, I pass the site often, sometimes 4 or 5 times a day. The concerns expressed about the project's potential impacts on traffic and parking are real and valid to me. Also, I felt the height of the buildings, particularly the 22 -story building, to be out of scale for the area. However, I am sympathetic to the environmental concerns and construction costs that are pushing the proponent to above ground parking, which is pushing up the building height.

Would it be possible for the City to consider construction of a municipal garage that could be open to all, for a fee, to relieve parking pressures? Also, if the City's vision is to redevelop the nearby Dorchester Ave corridor, along with this and other projects, I believe the City will have to invest in another bridge connection from South Boston to the South End. Even as I type this, I understand that sounds infeasible. However, to increase the density of the area in the manner being proposed will require some very creative thinking and shaping of the way forward.

Any efforts the City can make to support a project like this would be very valuable both to today's residents and tomorrow's greater population.

Thank you again. gm

On Dec 4, 2015, at 2:52 PM, Christopher Tracy <christopher.tracy@boston.gov> wrote:

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Chris
 Christopher Tracy
 Senior Project Manager
 Boston Redevelopment Authority
 1 City Hall Sq



Re: Washington Village/235 Old Colony Ave proposal before the BRA

1 message

meghan <megdon73@hotmail.com>
To: Christopher Tracy <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 9:32 PM

Dear Christopher

I feel that this project is too big for the area. I think before they go ahead with approval for this project they need to see the impact of the other many large condo projects in the area. The traffic is already backed on old colony ave from 3 o'clock on during the week. I can't image the impact of all these additional people and cars. There needs to be a proper traffic study. The bus routes in south boston are already overwhelmed-people in my neighborhood often wait for 3 buses to pass before they can board due to crowded buses. There needs to be a lot more thought before approving thus project. The developers projects are being approved to freely forcing many longtime residents out of the area. We need more thoughtful development and planning in this area. Sincerely,

Meghan Stark

Sent from my iPhone

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-- Chris
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Re: Washington Village/235 Old Colony Ave proposal before the BRA

1 message

Debbie OToole <debramotoole@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Debbie OToole <debramotoole@yahoo.com>
To: Christopher Tracy <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 6:13 PM

Comments to the BRA on 235 Old Colony Ave proposal:

- 1) Height of proposed buildings: 24 stories and 18 stories, way too high, anything over 6 stories is too high! What about community/neighborhood zoning variances? I thought it was 55 feet. This type of high rise structure will lead to a domino effect around the community, especially along Old Colony. This is not downtown Boston with high-rise buildings. It's a neighborhood, a community.
- 2.) I like the idea of a grocery store, new sidewalks, and adding trees.
- 3) What has been done to mitigate the loss of daylight and loss of view to households and homes so closely aligned to development?
- 4) Traffic congestion: Old Colony Ave and Dorchester Street are already congested with people cutting through South Boston to get to expressways during peak hours, what solution(s) have been offered to solve and ease traffic flow rather than adding to it? Traffic study for such a large project? Impact study?
- 5) Public Transportation: South Boston's population has grown significantly. The developers believe Andrew Station will be the mode of transportation for the majority of their proposed residents. Will the MBTA / Andrew Station be adding more Red Line Trains and buses during peak hours of travel to accommodate for a significant amount of new travelers? It is presently difficult to get on a bus, and the trains at Broadway and Andrew are already crowded during peak hours; what public transportation impact studies have been done for so many more proposed commuters? What remedies are being discussed?
- 6) Additional cars: Way too many residents/units with inadequate parking infrastructure proposed. Although the developers state statistically that many residents won't have cars and will use public transportation, I find that hard to believe. The majority of these units will be high end, expensive, fancy places, so, practically speaking, these unit owners will have high end, expensive, fancy cars. Is there deeded parking? how many cars per unit? How many 1, 2, 3, 4 bedroom units? Where are the residents that don't have deeded parking going to park their cars?
- 8.) Environmental Concerns: What are the toxic problems underground this site? What will happen to air quality when stirred up? Is EPA involved and testing site? A lot of toxic stuff is invisible and you're not affected right away, but years later all sorts of ailments pop up, who's investigating this?
- 9.) In my opinion, South Boston has endured too much development without much thought

or care of the long-term negative impacts and adverse effects to the neighborhood. The private schools are/or have closed and have been or are being turned into condos. Many seniors are losing their homes, and, if they rent, they are being evicted. Senior services at the Laboure Center have stopped. What recourse does the BRA provide to them? The most vulnerable? When does the city say, Too many blue-collar families are being displaced? Too many families who grew up in Boston can't afford to live in South Boston? The BRA is in the business of redeveloping underutilized areas for the city to grow and thrive, but is that at the cost of losing a community? a life-long resident? families? What has the city and the BRA done help those displaced? What has the city done to foster economic growth and redevelopment to other parts of the city where it's so desperately needed? Mattapan? Dorchester? Roxbury? JP? Roslindale? et al?

10.) Conflict of Interest: How can the BRA act in the best interest of South Boston residents when its goal and mission is to bring development to the city?

Sincerely, Debra O'Toole

From: Christopher Tracy <christopher.tracy@boston.gov> **To:** Christopher Tracy <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 2:52 PM

Subject: Washington Village/235 Old Colony Ave proposal before the BRA

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-- Chris Christopher Tracy

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Washington Village project

1 message

mary moore <marymoore88@hotmail.com> Reply-To: marymoore@post.harvard.edu Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 4:16 PM

To: "christopher.tracy@boston.gov" <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>

Hello Christopher,

I am an Andrew Square resident, where I've been living for about 15 years and where I'm now raising two young children with my husband.

We support the Washington Village project.

I have worked for years with members of our community to improve our area and to bring amenities here but we've had virtually no luck. We had some hope with the Mayo Group, which owned the swath of land on Dorchester Ave. and had big plans for that site. Those hopes were dashed in 2007/2008 with the economic downturn.

We need a supermarket, places to eat (aside from pizza joints), places to shop in the Andrew Square area. We have needed these things for a long, long time. And we've been asking for help from the city for a long, long time. Our area has absorbed more than its share of social service programs, methadone clinics, and more recently a homeless shelter. We need balance.

David Pogorelc's project provides us with new inspiration and possibilities. Not only will Washington Village bring new life to our neighborhood with its open space and commercial space, I believe it will spur retailers/restaurateurs to locate here as well.

We have waited patiently and watched Seaport, the South End's Ink Block and other Boston neighborhoods improve and change. Now it's our turn. Please do not shortchange Andrew Square. Please move forward with the Washington Village project.

Warm regards, Mary Moore



Re: Washington Village/235 Old Colony Ave proposal before the BRA

1 message

Sanjeev Oghra <sanjeev.oghra@gmail.com>

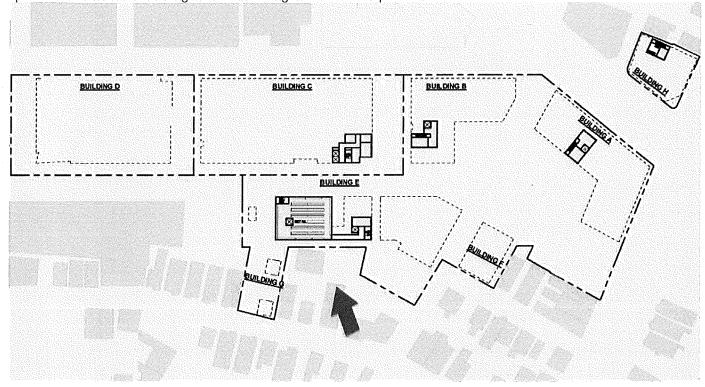
Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 4:02 PM

To: Christopher Tracy <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>

Cc: Prathiksha Jayapratap Oghra cc: Prathiksha@gmail.com>

Ok, thanks. I attended the meeting the other day and had a few concerns regrading the project. Overall, I think the development would be a great thing for the neighborhood, however, there are some aspects that I feel definitely need to be addressed:

If you look at the image below of the site, I live in a 3 level townhouse (end-unit) adjacent to the proposed development (see red arrow below). There are 4 townhouses in the condo association. We also own two investment properties in the Andrew Square area so we have a strong interest in seeing the area developed well!



Issues

1) Building D , C, and E shadows completely blocking natural light and city views from our home. I can live without the city views, since the development would be a net positive for us, however, if the buildings completely block light this would be an issue. I went through the large proposal document and was not able to extract whether the shadow studies conducted indicated that shadows would fall on our property. Orienting the buildings to allow light to come through to neighboring homes would be preferred. Right now it looks from the images that they are oriented to just maximize the number of city view apartments for the new buildings.

Also, not putting Building E right up against the property line with us may help to provide buffer (perhaps a strip of grass/trees could be put there) AND/OR Building E could have some nice aesthetic on the side facing us instead of just looking like a concrete block.

- 2) Building G faces Middle street and it looks like it's proposed to be 4 stories tall. Everything else facing Middle street is 3 stories tall at the most and Building G should be limited to that height as well. If allowed to be 4 stories tall, views would be blocked in that direction as well for everyone up the street on Middle.
- 3) Traffic on Dorchester ave and Old Colony is horrendous during morning and evening commute times and would be worse with the development. Something has to be done to improve this situation.
- 4) The site has chemicals and other pollutants on it. I have a two year old daughter. During the construction process, my concern is that these pollutants would become airborne and affect those in the surrounding areas. The developers state that

they will hire someone to monitor these conditions and file reports with the city. I do not trust that site monitors that the developers hire will do a good enough job. If this is not addressed independently by the city and communicated to satisfy my concerns (air, water, soil, etc are safe), my family and I have no intention of remaining in our home during the construction process. We will rent it out and move elsewhere.

5) To end on a positive, the pocket park next to Tuckerman Street that the developers added in response to a neighborhood concern was a great addition. I hope that it remains in their plans!

Thank you Chris, I appreciate the opportunity to voice our concerns!

Sanjeev Oghra

35 Middle Street, Unit 4 Boston, MA 02127 (774) 279-1188

On Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 3:20 PM, Sanjeev Oghra <sanjeev.oghra@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Chris.

Can you provide a link to where we provide public comments/concerns?

Sanjeev

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Washington Village Development - BRA comment period

1 message

Katy Cirrone <katy.rohlicek@gmail.com>
To: christopher.tracy@boston.gov

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 3:04 PM

Hi Mr. Tracy,

I wanted to send along a note to show my support for Washington Village Development. I've been excited about this project from the day I heard about it's potential and while I understand that there are both benefits and drawbacks to development projects like this, I truly believe this will ultimately bring great things to this part of Southie.

Best, Katy



Washington Village Development

1 message

Joseph Cirrone <joseph.cirrone@gmail.com> To: christopher.tracy@boston.gov Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 2:56 PM

Hi Mr. Tracy,

I am writing to you as a show of support for the proposed Washington Village Development near Andrew Square in South Boston. As a resident and homeowner in South Boston, I cant express enough how excited I would be for this to come to fruition. The design looks amazing. Retail, residential buildings would do wonders for the neighborhood, improving quality of life and making it a much more desirable location. I think an expansion and industrialization like this would be a welcome addition to the area.

I hope you find the same sentiment from most of the residents in the area. Forward thinking!

Regards,

Joseph Cirrone

To: Christopher Tracy

Project Manager, BRA

From: Bill Gleason

Frank Spalluzzi

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West Broadway Neighborhood Association

Date: December 4, 2015

Re: Washington Village Mixed Use Development

Old Colony Ave

South Boston Ma. 02127

The West Broadway Neighborhood Association offers its full support for The Washington Village Mixed Use Development of 656 units of housing, 83 of which to be deemed affordable, and 150,000 sq ft retail space in 8 buildings on six city blocks in South Boston with further recommendations stated below. We support the proposal for the PDA for this project, as it outlines the future zoning uses for all of these parcels to be built out only as specifically outlined in the article 80 filing provided to and presented to us at multiple meetings.

We further request that all governing documents for this project to state that all open space and public realm improvement spaces outlined to us be deeded to remain public open space in perpetuity. Governing documents should also state that two retail spaces will be permanently deeded for a 17k sq ft supermarket and a 6-7k sq/ft pharmacy as this was seen as a critical need for the area to obtain as we absorb this amount of density in residential development.

The two overwhelming areas of comments were height and density, and parking ratios. Throughout our discussions, meetings, and comments it became clear to most of us that the overwhelming negative impact requiring mitigation was to increase the parking ratio to 1:1 for the residential component. We request the proponent to increase parking.

Height and density was viewed by some as too overwhelming but the unique circumstances of this project seeking to offer desperately needed non luxury workforce housing units and providing 83 affordable units was seen as outweighing those effects. The importance of keeping young people and young families in the City of Boston was our overwhelming

motivator to absorb the two towers on this eastern side of Dorchester Ave. Further factors that helped was the amount of of public realm improvements, open space, and the addition of widened sidewalks and over 100 street trees. Reinventing these current brownfield sites into a vibrant residential neighborhood was also welcomed by all. A robust retail component and the creation of this retail hub to make the surrounding Andrew Sq neighborhood a much more pleasant walkable neighborhood less reliant on car travel was greatly appreciated by the group.

The addition of a one acre programmable open space and surrounding plazas was universally appreciated and will prove a healthy break from city living for current and new residents alike. Proposed programming should again be required in all governing documents to include at least 8 public events a year in addition to a seasonal farmer's market bringing fresh local produce to residents. All events should be communicated with Andrew Sq. Civic Association to help promote throughout the neighborhood.

We further request that the developments retail parking lots accommodate parking for the surrounding neighborhood during overnight hours and in snow emergencies when it is banned on major thoroughfares. All retail short term parking street spots should revert to resident parking for overnight hours and the development should be held to its commitment of no net loss in number of street parking spots.



Washington Village Development

1 message

Meghan Flanagan <meghan.m.flanagan@gmail.com> To: christopher.tracy@boston.gov

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 1:07 PM

Hi Christopher,

I am owner of one of the condos. at 358 Dorchester Street, and wanted to let you know how excited and happy about the proposed development!

I think that this will bring so much to the Andrew Square area and to South Boston in general.

I am in full support of this project.

Thank you,

Meghan Flanagan

Meghan Flanagan Charlotte, NC 28277 cell: 603.667.6999

e-mail: meghan.m.flanagan@gmail.com



Washington Village - 235 Old Colony Ave

1 message

Jason Cincotta <jason@epgdev.com>
To: christopher.tracy@boston.gov

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 12:51 PM

Christopher,

I'm writing to express my support of the Washington Village project proposed for Old Colony Avenue. I am supportive of the project as proposed both as a resident of the Broadway Station area, where I live at 26 West Broadway, and as a developer who owns 248 Dorchester Avenue and the 26 West Broadway project.

As a resident, I've lived in the neighborhood for about three and a half years, and I've enjoyed its continued growth. The additional service retail and added residents have contributed to a real vibrancy that this development will further. I particularly like the gravity of having dense development further away from the T stations as I think it will help expand that walkable neighborhood and location of retailers and restaurants.

As a developer, I feel strongly that a project like this will add to the critical mass already in place to see other large scale projects that can continue to reshape the neighborhood.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

Jason

Jason F. Cincotta c: 508.344.5727



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Fwd: Washington Village Development

1 message

jd4702@aol.com <jd4702@aol.com>

Thu, Dec 3, 2015 at 10:17 PM

To: Christopher.Tracy@boston.gov, jared.hogan@boston.gov, Mark.McGonagle@boston.gov,

Michael.F.Flaherty@boston.gov, Bill.Linehan@boston.gov, Stephen.Murphy@boston.gov, Michelle.Wu@boston.gov, Ayanna.Pressley@boston.gov, nick.collins@mahouse.gov, Hodari.Cail@state.ma.us, mayor@boston.gov, john.allison@boston.gov

----Original Message-----

From: JD4702 < JD4702@aol.com> To: jd4702 < jd4702@aol.com> Sent: Thu, Dec 3, 2015 9:34 pm

Subject: Washington Village Development

As a lifelong 3rd generation resident of South Boston. I am opposed to many aspects of the Washington Village Development in Andrew Square.

- 1. Three board members of the Andrew Square Civic association and IAG members should not be the sole voice of the residents.
- 2. The height for 3 of proposed buildings on this site is 20+ stories and is totally out of scale in our neighborhood of one, two and three story homes. The height and style of this development should reflect the style of the neighborhood.
- 3. Residents of Middle and Tuckerman Streets were not informed of a abutters meeting and those are the families that will be impacted the most.by this the development the most.
- 4. There is inadequate <u>parking</u> in the neighborhood now, and with the amount of proposed parking for the project. I feel parking in the neighborhood will become even more difficult.
- 5. No additional homes should be built between 37 and 45 Middle street. This lot should be used for additional parking for the residents of Middle Street.
- 6. The impact on traffic with a addition 1000+ residents will be an added burden to an already congested area.
- 7. The MBTA will also have to be upgraded to handle the over flow of residents.
- 8. There has not been any studies shared on traffic, the MBTA, sunlight and shadow effects on the neighborhood.
- 9. Environmentally these properties were very polluted by chemicals from previous industry. There has been no disscusion how digging will impact the health of the residents of the surrounding area. The EPA needs to be involved in this Development.



Washington Village aka 235 Old Colony Avenue

1 message

Robert Allison <rallison@suffolk.edu>

Thu, Dec 3, 2015 at 9:16 AM

To: "christopher.tracy@boston.gov" <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>

Dear Mr. Tracy:

I am writing as a 23-year resident of South Boston, and as president of the South Boston Historical Society, about the Washington Village project at 235 Old Colony Avenue.

Needless to say, this is a project which will transform the Andrew Square area. I have concerns about the height of two of the buildings, and understand that this is a trade-off for open space.

The South Boston Historical Society does not have a permanent home; our records--newspaper clippings (including scrap-books from the busing crisis), maps (including 19th-century insurance atlases), photographs, and memorabilia—are currently housed at the Paraclete Center, where they are inaccessible and not in a good state of preservation. Having a permanent home—such as the Chinese Historical Society of New England has in One Boylston Street, a room for archival storage and for use of the materials--would be a tremendous way to preserve the neighborhood's history at this time of dramatic change.

If this area could be adjacent to an open lobby that could be transformed into a meeting space—with stowable chairs and tables—so community groups including the Historical Society would have a place to gather, would make for a great civic amenity. The Historical Society has a hundred or so active members, but a facebook group with more than 1000 friends, and an e-mail list of several hundred residents. Our monthly meetings, held at the South Boston Library, discussing general historical topics (history of Haymarket, Boston's historic statues, the USS CONSTITUTION's restoration, Boston Light) generally attract 40-50 participants.

Having space in this area to house our archives would allow for more collection, and the possibility of having display areas, to make visible the history of South Boston.

The development's outdoor open space will be welcome in the neighborhood, but there is also a need for indoor meeting space (in a lobby area that could be transformed for meetings), and the Historical Society is in need of a modest area to store our archives (currently in what was once a nun's bedroom, on the 4th floor of the Paraclete) and to display some of the pieces of South Boston's history, both for the long-time residents, and for those new residents, though not born down on A Street or raised up on B Street, will make South Boston their home town.

Best,



Washington Village

1 message

Dom Lange <dom@broadwayvillagere.com> To: christopher.tracy@boston.gov

Wed, Dec 2, 2015 at 2:53 PM

Chris,

I wanted to express my full support behind the Washington Village project near South Boston's Andrew Sq. I truly believe that it's a good design that has taken into account ample open space, proximity to public transit, and a good affordable housing component. If you ever need further comments from me my contact information is below. Thank you.

Best,

Dom Lange

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Brian Golden

December 2, 2015

Director, Boston Redevelopment Authority

c/o Mr. Chris Tracy

Project Manager

One City Hall Plaza

Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Golden.

As a local South Boston business owner and resident, I am writing in support of the proposed Washington Village mixed-use project planned for the blocks near Andrew Square Station in South Boston.

This forward-thinking development will replace and dramatically improvement this large underutilized industrial site, with an innovative and well-designed residential mixed-use community that will enliven this part of our neighborhood and provide a variety of housing and commercial/retail uses for the future growth of the Dorchester Avenue/Old Colony corridor.

The development team has undertaken an extensive and very respectful community outreach and planning process, resulting in a development that greatly exceeds the public open space of most if not all large-scale development in the City; resulting in a positive change and major benefit to the public. I also feel that the variety of building heights and massing, as well as the on-site parking allotment, is appropriate for its close proximity to the Andrew Square T Station and in the City's new growth zone.

I encourage the BRA and Boston Zoning Commission to please vote to SUPPORT this important development in our community.

Sincerely,

John Libonati

45 West Broadway, PH 2, Boston, MA 02127

CC: Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; Councilors Linehan & Flaherty

Rep. Collins & Sen. Dorcena Forry; Cong. Lynch & Boston Zoning Commission



Re: 235 Old Colony Ave a/k/a Washington Village

1 message

bowiley15@aol.com

bowiley15@aol.com>
To: christopher.tracy@boston.gov

Fri, Nov 20, 2015 at 11:52 AM

Hi Chris, nice seeing you last night. Just to recap what we spoke about, between the terrible acoustics in the Iron Workers Hall (we could hardly heard the resident's questions) and the dangerousness (especially for older or slower people) crossing Old Colony Ave, it might be better and I believe more people would attend if future meetings were held at the Boys and Girls Club or at the Condon School on D Street.

I have not noticed a lot of public information regarding this project, which would be mostly geared toward people who don't get BRA notices or who don't generally go out of their way to keep up with what's going on, as I do. I will try and get the word out regarding upcoming meetings as this project will have a profound effect on all of South Boston and will drastically change that neighborhood and the surrounding area, and I believe all of South Boston as these things have a ripple effect. We currently have a proposal for a large development at Perkins Square where traffic at that intersection is already a nightmare at times.

We want to support our friends from the Andrew Square neighborhood, God knows they have put up with so much, while also making sure this development does not compound the existing problems faced by all residents but instead adds to the quality of life. Thank you Chris and if I could just ask one favor - would it be possible to get a copy of the PNF by mail? I would need 3 printer cartridges to print that thing! Thank you again and talk soon.

Margaret Itri 264 E Street South Boston, MA 02127

—Original Message—

From: Christopher Tracy <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>
To: Christopher Tracy <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>

Sent: Wed, Nov 18, 2015 5:33 pm

Subject: Fwd: 235 Old Colony Ave a/k/a Washington Village

Just a friendly reminder about tomorrow night, Ironworkers Hall @ 6:30pm, hope to see you there. Thanks

-Chris



Washington Village (So Boston)

1 message

karen carey <karenandkids54@msn.com>

To: "christopher.tracy@boston.gov" <christopher.tracy@boston.gov>

Fri, Nov 20, 2015 at 8:25 AM

Dear Mr Tracy

After attending last nights community meeting regarding the massive development proposed for Old Colony Ave area, I would like my opinion to be placed in the NOT APPROVE file.

This is a huge development that can in no way deliver on all the promises the developers are claiming. The developers left out a lot of vital information in their pitch to the community. This meeting was in no way "transparent" and i walked out believing this project is already approved and is on the fast track to ZBA with the mayor's blessing.

I understand the wishes of the Andrew Square neighbors, but believe they had to give way too much to get a couple of stores and some affordable housing in the area. "Be careful what you wish for" is the theme for this oversized project.

As a life long resident of South Boston, tax payer and voter, I am requesting the comment period be extended and the developers have meeting throughout South Boston as the plan will negatively effect and permanently change all of South Boston.

Please consider my request out of fairness to the people that live here.

Thank you

Sincerely, Karen Carey Pacific St



PETITON IN SUPPORT OF WASHINGTON VILLAGE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

IN THE ANDREW SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM RESIDENTS OF SOUTH BOSTON

We, residents of South Boston, are in support of plans for Washington Village, a mixed-use development carefully planned for the Andrew Square neighborhood that will replace unused industrial buildings with new residences, retail stores, open and green space, new streets and pedestrian ways, and an appropriate amount of space for parking. We believe that the mix of diverse uses chosen for these blocks, after extended conversations with the residents and businesses of the area who are most affected, is desirable for this recently neglected area. We believe that the new streets and connections will fit in with and enhance South Boston as a whole, and the stores and open space there will benefit not only people in Andrew Square neighborhood but many who live in adjacent neighborhoods and farther away. Please count us in full support of Washington Village as positive change for this neighborhood and the future of South Boston as a whole.

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