

NOTES FROM COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

March 29, 2018, 6 PM to 8 PM

Dudley B-2 Police Station Community Room
City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) &
Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)

Audience Questions:

Q: Can I purchase a lot for myself and develop it?

A: The program we're discussing tonight is the Neighborhood Homes Initiative (NHI) which is geared towards small contractor, builders and developers as opposed to owner builders. NHI gives income eligible neighbors a chance to enter lotteries to purchase the homes that are built.

Comment: the community favors affordable housing.

Q: Is this meeting being videotaped or recorded?

A: No.

Q: How involved will community be in Request for Proposals (RFP) development?

A: In NHI, the community gives input into the housing prototype designs and lets DND and BPDA know if there are any issues about particular sites.

Q: How will the City help smaller developers?

A: NHI puts out small, medium and large packages of sites in the NHI RFPs so builders of different sizes can apply. City trying to increase involvement of builders and contractors who are minority and women-owned businesses. Always looking for referrals to new contractors.

Q: Is there a program for people to build their own homes?

A: Not at this time.

Comments: Circuit Street is a challenging site. Why build there? Area parking is almost impossible.

Community open to discussing various scenarios for Alpine Street involving maybe housing and open space.