Fenway Zoning Part 2

Reviewing the Neighborhood's Planning Context and BPDA Zoning Recommendations



March 8, 2023

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Virtual meeting etiquette

- We want to ensure that this conversation is a pleasant experience for all, and that all community members/ stakeholders are comfortable sharing their comments, questions, and feedback.
- Please be respectful and mindful of each other's time when asking questions/providing comments, so that all attendees can participate in the meeting.
- Please wait until all CAC members have had the opportunity to ask a question/provide a comment before providing additional questions/comments.

Meeting information

- The presentation for this evening is available to view on the webpage on the BPDA's website: <u>https://www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-</u> <u>initiatives/fenway-kenmore-planning</u>
- Comments may be submitted through the project webpage or emailed directly to Michael Sinatra (michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov) or Cyrus Miceli (cyrus.miceli@boston.gov).
- Meeting recording will be uploaded to the project webpage within 48 hours.

Meeting format

- All CAC members and city staff are panelists.
- Attendee microphones will be muted during the presentation.
- Once the presentation is over, questions/comments will be accepted in two ways:
 - Through the Q+A tab at the bottom of your screen; or
 - Raise your "virtual hand" and we will take your questions orally in the order which hands were raised.

Zoom tips

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

Clicking on these symbols activates different features. (Phone users press *9 to raise hand and press *6 to unmute.)



Mute/unmute (you will remain muted until a host gives you access)



Turn video on/off (your video will remain off until a host gives you access)

Ask clarifying questions (we will have discussion period at the end)

Raise hand to ask for audio/visual permission at the end of the presentation.



Welcome

We are here tonight to discuss ongoing planning efforts in West Fenway.

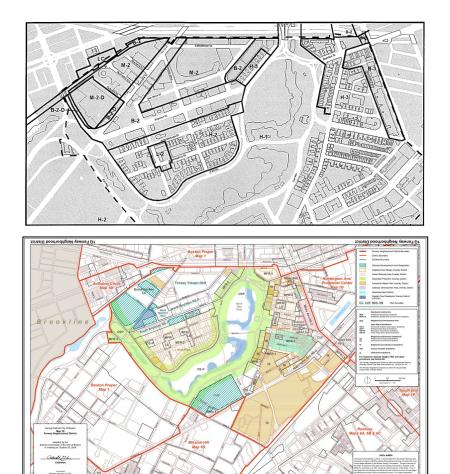
Tonight's agenda

- Review what we heard at community \bullet meeting on December 05, 2022 and listening session hosted by Councilor Bok on February 13, 2023
- **Preview recommendations**
- Next steps and discussion \bullet



What was discussed

- Transformation of Fenway since rezoning efforts in 2003
- Development pipeline in relation to current regulations
- Recommendation to proceed with process to revise features of Article 66
 - Use
 - Height
 - Density (FAR)



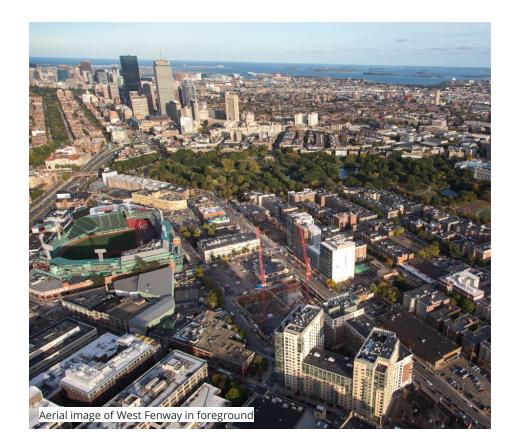
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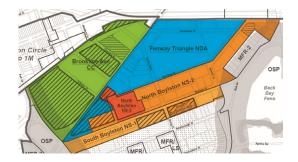
What we heard

- Desire for public facilities
- Desire for more housing
- Concern for timeline needed to assess comprehensive zoning reform
- Concern for "unravelling" existing regulations, and perceived loss of community leverage
- Concern for status of Fenway CAC serving as IAG for Article 80 projects





How we're incorporating that feedback



Concentrate proposed zoning changes to a limited geography focused specifically on criteria for Planned Development Areas (PDA).



Leverage private development to support the **creation of public facilities in Fenway.**



Leverage private development to support the **creation of affordable housing in Fenway.**



Changes to zoning will

- Enable Community Benefits
- Formalize Brookline Avenue Corridor
- Support Mixed Use Development at District Scale





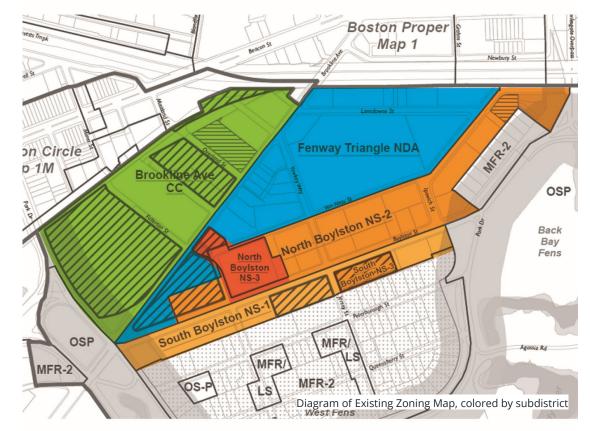
Proposed Zoning Changes

North Boylston NS-2

South Boylston NS-1

South Boylston NS-3

Concentrate proposed zoning changes to a limited geography focused specifically on criteria for Planned Development Areas (PDA) avoiding changes to underlying zoning wherever possible

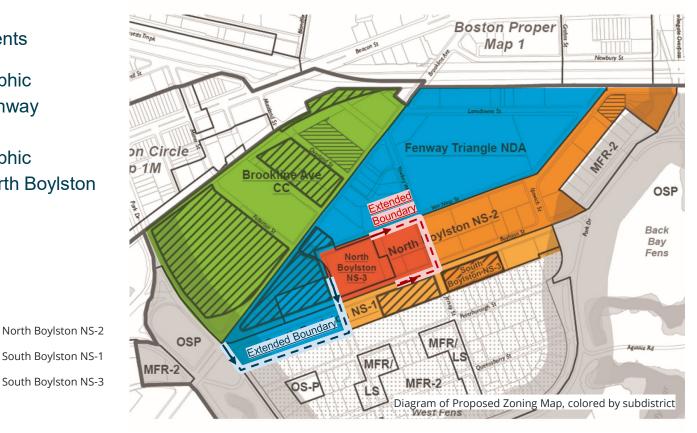




Changing Allowed Uses

Proposed Map Amendments

- Expand the geographic boundary of the Fenway Triangle NDA
- Expand the geographic boundary of the North Boylston NS-3



Legend Brookline Ave CC Fenway Triangle NDA North Boylston NS-3

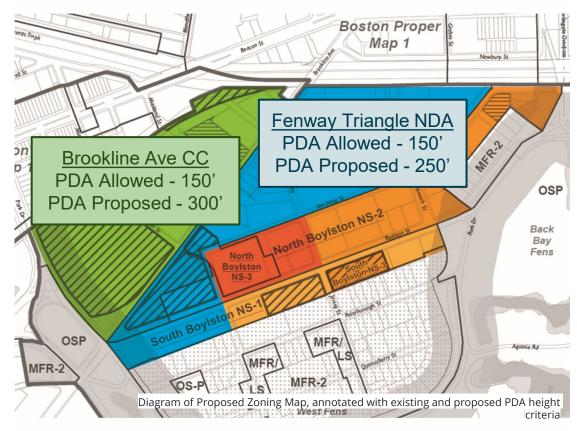
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Changing Allowed Height

Increase PDA-allowed height in the Brookline Avenue CC and the Fenway Triangle NDA.

- Increase allowed height for PDAs in Fenway NDA from 150' to 250'
- Increase allowed height for PDAs in Brookline Ave CC from 150' to 300'





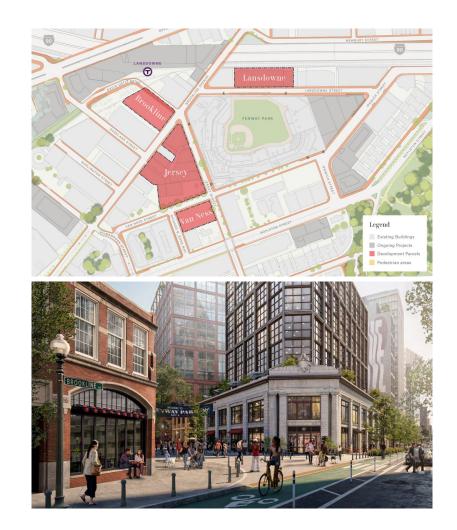
Fenway Corners

Zoning Relief Needed

- Fenway Triangle NDA, Brookline Ave CC, North Boylston NS-2
- Exceeds dimensional requirements (150' and 7.0 FAR allowed)

Proposed Community Benefits

- On-site affordable housing
- On-site child care
- Delivery of Richard B. Ross Way
- Phased approval approach to respond to Fenway-Kenmore Transportation Action Plan (FTAP)



1400 Boylston Street

Zoning Relief Needed

- South Boylston NS-1
- Exceeds dimensional requirements (150' and 7.0 FAR allowed)
- PDA-eligibility sunset in 2012 and requires 60% residential use

Proposed Community Benefits

- Funding for affordable housing at 165 Park Drive
- Proposed new branch library to be operated by BPL - due diligence commencing





Next Steps

- Comment period Please submit written comments to <u>cyrus.miceli@boston.gov</u>
 - To review zoning revisions in more detail please refer to Draft Article
 66 Zoning Amendment on project website
- BPDA Board Meeting to consider recommended zoning changes
- Remaining Community Process
- If BPDA Board Approves, then Boston Zoning Commission Hearing to consider adopting recommended zoning changes
- Anticipated PDA filings by project proponents
- Launch new Zoning for remainder of Fenway in 2024

