

PLAN: Charlestown

Advisory Group Meeting #1

February 24, 2021

Welcome

Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager

Meeting Recording

At the request of community members, this event will be recorded posted on the PLAN: Charlestown project webpage at <http://bostonplans.org/PlanCharlestown> for those who are unable to attend the Zoom event live.

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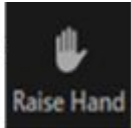
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Zoom Tips

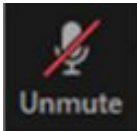
Welcome! Here are some tips on using Zoom for first-time users.
Your controls are at the bottom of the screen



Use the chat to type a comment or ask a question at any time –
Members of the PLAN: Charlestown team will enable the chat at the end.



To raise your hand, click on “Participants” at the bottom of your
screen, and then choose the “Raise Hand” option in the participant box



Mute/unmute – Participants will be muted during the presentation –
the host will unmute you during discussion if you raise your hand and
it is your turn to talk



Turns your video on/off

Zoom Etiquette

- Please remain muted until called on. If you'd like to speak during this time please use the "Raise Hand" function in Zoom.
- The chat function will be enabled during the discussion agenda item. (In keeping with convention from in-person meetings.)
- Please be respectful of each other's time.
- We ask that participants limit their questions so that others may participate in the discussion. If you have more questions, please wait until all others attending have an opportunity to ask questions.
- If we are unable to get to your question at this meeting please put them in the Chat at the end or email **Jason.Ruggiero@boston.gov**

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions (20 min)
- What is PLAN: Charlestown and what has happened so far? (15 min)
- Who and what is the PLAN: Charlestown Advisory Group? (15 min)
- Next Steps and discussion (40 min)

If you have a follow up item, please reach out to Jason Ruggiero (**Jason.Ruggiero@boston.gov**) and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

PLAN: Charlestown

PLAN: Charlestown is a neighborhood-wide planning initiative in Charlestown. Guided by Imagine Boston 2030, the planning process will build on earlier planning initiatives and will assess their stated goals for Charlestown. The process will produce a framework to predictably shape the future of Charlestown, and identify opportunities to preserve, enhance, and grow.

Specifically, PLAN: Charlestown will:

- Recommend updates for Charlestown's zoning (Article 62)
- Produce Urban Design Guidelines
- Provide regulations to guide contextually appropriate growth

For meeting all content:

<http://www.bostonplans.org/plancharlestown>

PLAN: Charlestown Staff Team

Planning



Ted Schwartzberg
Senior Planner II



Anna Callahan
Planner II

Engagement

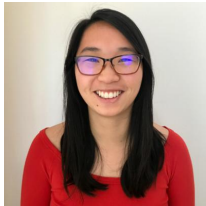


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Community Engagement Manager

Urban Design



Meghan Richard
*Preservation Planner and
Urban Designer II*



Kelly Sherman
Planner I



Chris Breen
*Urban Renewal
Manager*



Quinlan Locke
*Mayor's Office of
Neighborhood Services*



Natalie Punzak
Urban Designer I

Advisory Group Members

Ex-officio Members

Representative Dan Ryan

Senator Sal DiDomenico

Councilor Lydia Edwards

Councilor Annissa Essaibi George

Councilor Julia Mejia

Councilor Michelle Wu

Melissa Brennan

Brian Callahan

Mary Chippa

Amber Christofferson

Sarah Coughlin

Elaine Donovan

James Donovan

KarieEverett

Shannon Fitzgerald

Anda French

Tina Goodnow

Julie Hall

Intiya Isaza-Figueroa

Nancy Johnson

Chris Kuschel

Joanne Massaro

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Lisa McGoff-Collins

Zaire Richardson

Niko Skiadas

Phil Smith

Paul Sullivan

Karson Tager

Stephanie Ward

Amanda Zettel

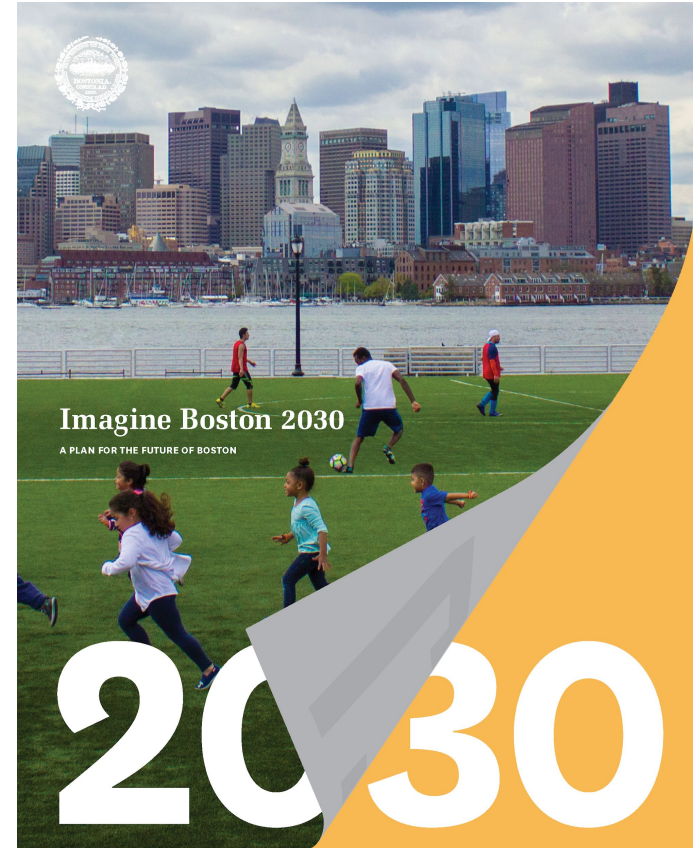
Project Overview

Ted Schwartzberg, AICP, Senior Planner II

What is Imagine Boston 2030?

Completed in 2017, Imagine Boston 2030 is Boston's first citywide plan in 50 years.

Shaped by more than 15,000 residents, the City of Boston created a framework to preserve and enhance Boston. In partnership with the City of Boston, the BPDA is responsible for implementing Imagine Boston 2030 within ongoing planning studies.

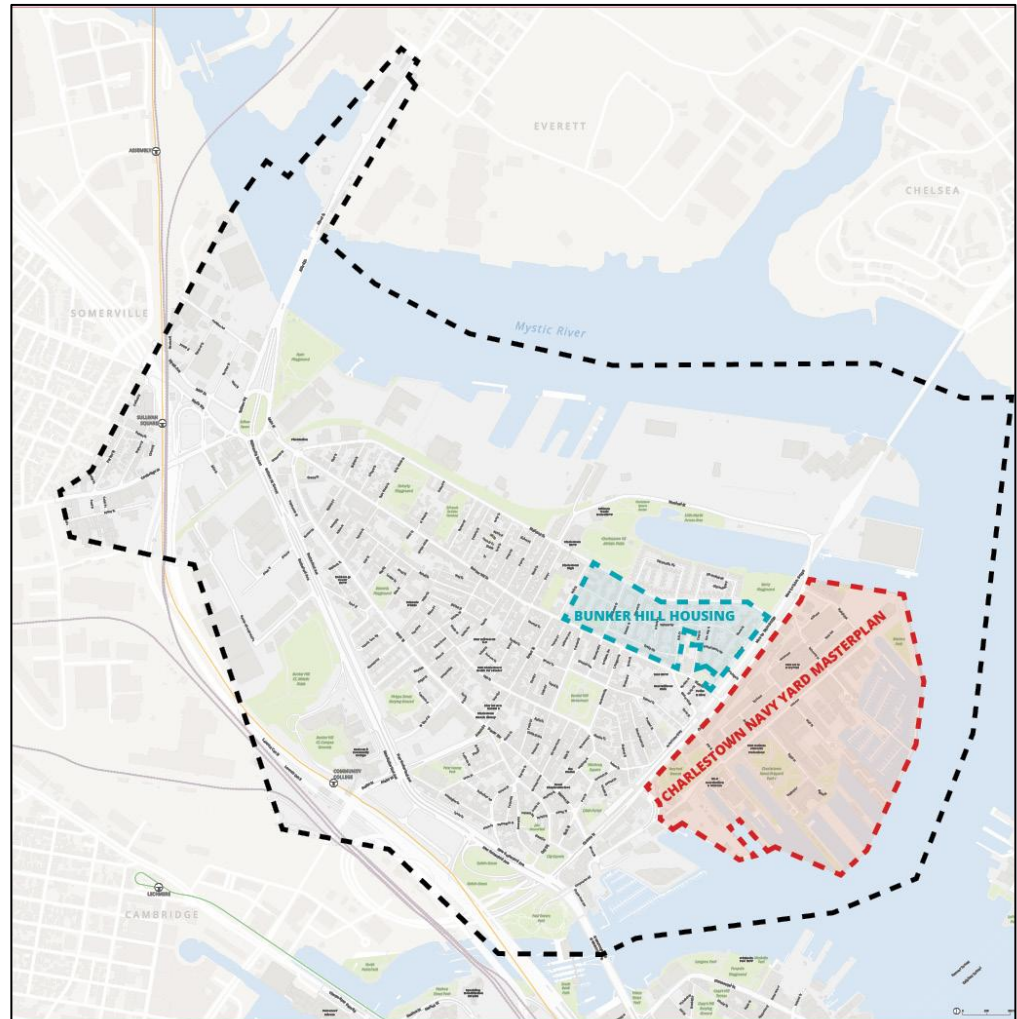


Study Area

--- PLAN Charlestown Study Area

 Bunker Hill Housing

 Charlestown Navy Yard Master Plan



Planning Framework



Open Space



Preservation



Land Use - Housing



Climate Resilience

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Mobility



Land Use - Commercial



Project Partners

Charlestown Stakeholders


- Individual Community Members
- Elected Officials
- Advisory Group
- Community Organizations

Commonwealth

 **Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**



City of Boston

 *Boston Centers for
Youth and Families*

 *Environment*

 *Landmarks Commission*

 *Neighborhood Services*


 *Parks and Recreation*

 *Public Health
Commission*

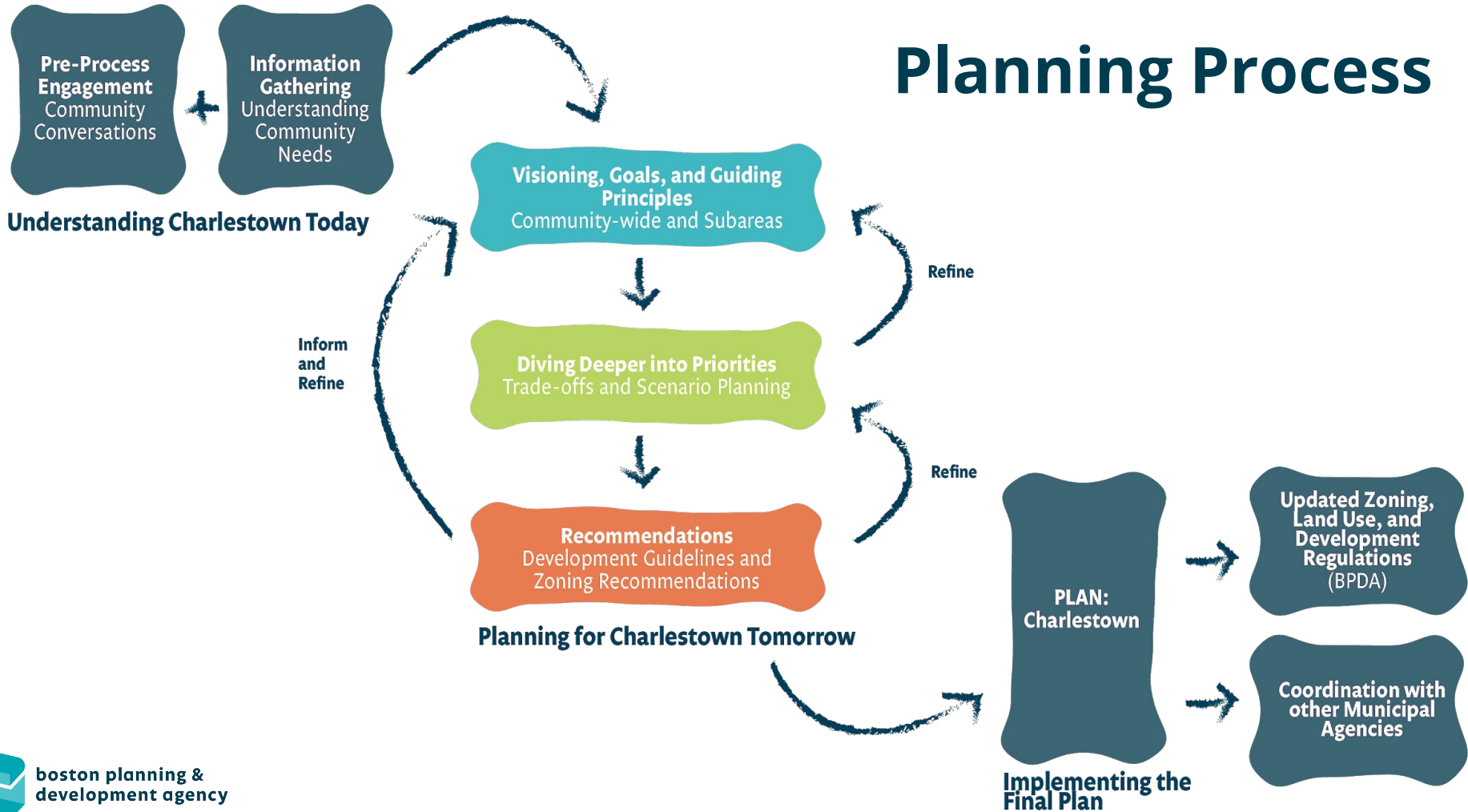
 *Public Works*

 *Public Facilities*

 *Schools*

 *Transportation*

Planning Process



Advisory Group Role

Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager

Advisory Group Role

- Appointed group of stakeholders that serve as a core group committed to the process
- Ensure continuous, sustainable, and meaningful engagement
- Advise on planning process and neighborhood-specific issues
 - Bring topical expertise and personal perspective to discussions and work sessions
 - Be an engine for ideas and innovation
- Encourage broad neighborhood participation
 - Assist with outreach; spread the word about PLAN: Charlestown
 - Communicate information back to civic groups and other neighborhood associations

Partners in the Process

Guide Outreach

- Provide advice to the planning team to help make PLAN: Charlestown an inclusive, community-led process
- Foster civic enthusiasm and broad process participation
- Convey information about the process back to civic groups and other neighborhood associations
- Assist with design of PLAN: Charlestown meetings

Shape the Plan

- Bring topical expertise and perspective to discussions, work sessions & meetings
- Participate in the creation of vision, goals, and principles for PLAN: Charlestown
- Assess future land use scenarios
- Advise on future infrastructure and open space needs
- Review and help revise final planning document and zoning updates

Commitment

This Advisory Group is specific to the PLAN: Charlestown process.

- Members will remain active for the entirety of the planning process
- Time commitment is approximately 1 meeting every 4–6 weeks for 24 months
- Meetings will last 1.5–2 hours, depending on the agenda
- Members are expected to be active participants in all PLAN: Charlestown events

Code of Conduct

- All BPDA meetings are open to the public
- AG members should:
 - Act as ambassadors to the larger community
 - Treat all participants with respect
 - Listen actively; speak thoughtfully
 - Support all voices, so that all viewpoints may be heard
- The process encourages respectful dialogue among those with differing opinions
- Always be open to seeing the world from someone else's perspective

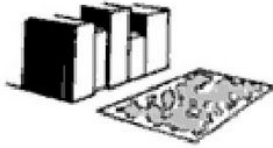
Next Steps & Discussion

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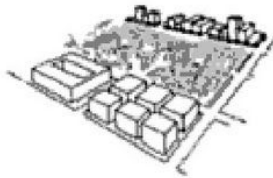
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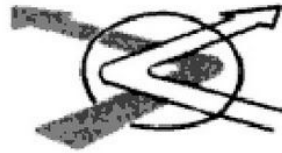
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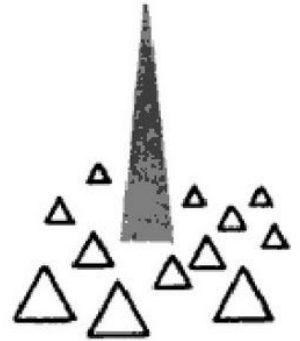
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Districts

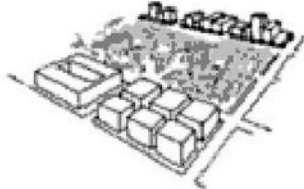


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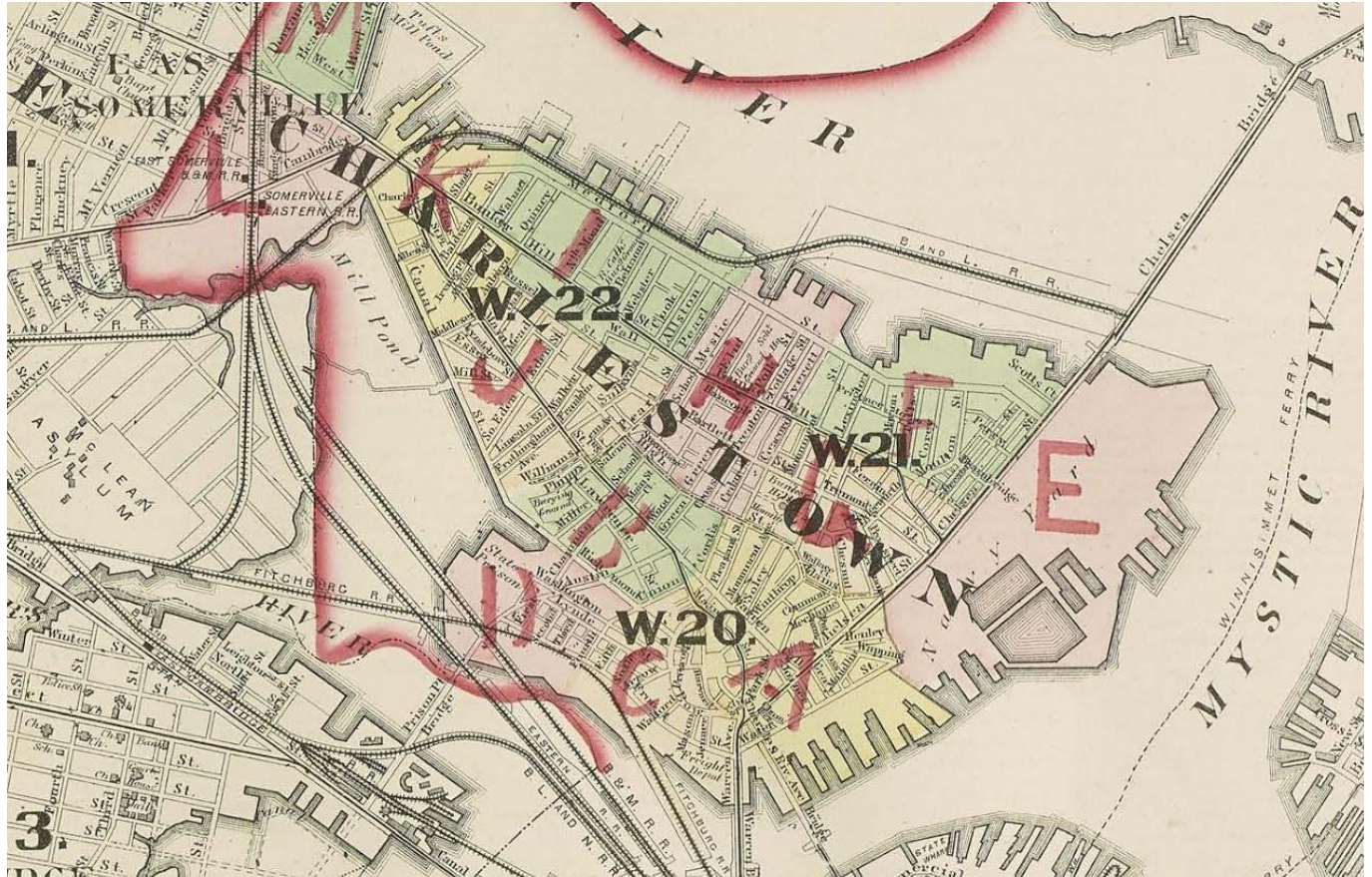


Orienting
Landmarks

Districts



1875 Map of Charlestown



Next Steps

Next Workshop: March 24th

- Help to spread the word!

Next Advisory Group Meeting: Mid-April

- Share and discuss workshop findings
- Clarify vision, goal, and guiding principle framework

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Discussion



Appendix

Full Staff Team

- Jason Ruggiero, Community Engagement Manager
- Ted Schwartzberg, AICP, Senior Planner II
- Anna Callahan, Planner II
- Kelly Sherman, Planner I
- Meghan Richard, Preservation Planner & Urban Designer II
- Natalie Punzak, Urban Designer I
- Chris Breen, Urban Renewal Manager
- Jim Fitzgerald, Assistant Deputy Director for Transportation & Infrastructure Planning
- Quinlan Locke, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services
- Reay Pannesi, Senior Real Estate Development Officer
- Morgan McDaniel, Real Estate and Community Development Officer
- Ocean Luo, Senior Planner for Imagine Boston 2030
- Raul Duverge, Senior Project Manager

ZBA Tracker and ZBA Survey

The screenshot displays the 'Appeal Tracker' web application for the City of Boston Zoning Board of Appeal. The interface includes a search bar at the top left for finding addresses or locations on a map. Below the search bar, there are controls for the search radius, set to 1 mile, and a 'Select filters to apply' section. This section contains four filter categories: Status (with 6 selected), Zoning District (with 0 selected), Neighborhood (with 0 selected), and Date Submitted (set to between 1/1/2019 and today). The main area is a map of Charlestown, Boston, showing various streets and colored markers representing different appeal statuses. A legend on the right side of the map, titled 'Appeals', lists the following statuses with corresponding colored markers: Appeal Closed (red dot), Community Process (blue dot), Appeal Submitted (green dot), Hearing Scheduled (purple dot), Hearing Rescheduled (black dot), Hearing Concluded (orange dot), and ZBA Decision Finalized (yellow dot). Below the legend is a 'Zoning Districts' section with a map icon. The top navigation bar includes 'Tracker', 'ZBA Process', 'How to use Tracker', and 'Email us Feedback' with the email address 'zba@boardofappeal@boston.gov'.