

West Village Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, Oct 26, 2022, 7pm

AGENDA:

- **Introductions**

- Present:**

- Eileen Brennan, WVNA President
 - Frances Donovan, Alan Wright, WVNA Board Members
 - Cathy Slade, Dennis Kirkpatrick, Laurie Radwin, Evan Zinner, Kacy Keenahan
 - Ngaio Schiiff, Stewards the Sherman Street Green Space
 - Tyler Lew from BTM, Planner on the Transit Team
 - Jordan Frias, Councilor Arroyo's Chief of Staff

- **Survey results** – only two results. We'll try again in the spring, probably. Laurie Radwin offers her assistance with creating surveys (has been doing it for 30 years)

- **Need for additional member engagement** – We missed our summer meeting. People are busy on the board and we need some new member engagement.

- **Development projects**

- Birch Street Bistro has closed, and a new restaurant called Midnight Morning is moving in, which will have a lunch service. Some discussion about the new liquor license.
 - Solera has closed
 - Bank of America has closed. There's concern about what might happen to the parking lot since it's used to ease parking issues when the bank is not open
 - IandI Rose Garden appears to be setting up slowly. The owner came and presented at the WVNA a while back and we were impressed by her. Website is live: <https://iandirosegarden.com>
 - Letter of Intent was just filed for a project on 18-22 Arboretum Road. Plan is to merge 43 Lochdale with Arboretum Road. This is a multi-unit building. This is off the Washington Street corridor between Rozzie Square and Forest Hills.
 - Links to BPDA and ZBA trackers:
 - [BPDA tracker](#)
 - [ZBA tracker](#)
 - Meetings regarding:
 - 25 Mendem Street
 - 168 Belgrade Ave

- **Arboretum corridor project** – Alan Wright presented. He's been working on it since the beginning. Will be extending the walkway from Forest Hills through to the arch near

Archdale. There will be improved pedestrian crossing at intersection of South and Bussey. The objective is to give Roslindale residents better access to the Arboretum. 5-10 more years out before completion. There will be a public meeting soon – please come and add your support. [View a storyboard of the project here.](#)

- Uju Onochie from Boston Office of Neighborhood Services announced:
 - There is an accessible voting system. Deadline to use is Tuesday Nov 1, 5pm. In order to vote by mail, your application must arrive by the same deadline.
 - Boston Common Master Plan is now online at <https://www.bostoncommonmasterplan.com/>
 - Mayor Wu has signed an executive order to speed up the approval of affordable housing
 - GROW Boston Advisory Board to provide funding for urban agriculture. \$600K in funding to support nonprofits that promote these efforts. More information here: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/growboston>
 - Mayor Wu has appointed new people to the ZBA.
 - Boston Public Health commission notes that there is a spike in COVID-19 and encourages people to take precautions, including masking and social distancing.
 - Issues with people not receiving the Roslindale newsletter. People who signed up are not receiving it. [Link to sign up for the newsletter is here.](#)
- **Washington Street bus lane extension** – Tyler Lew presented. Boston Transportation Department is introducing a shared bus-bike lane inbound from Albano to Corinth. No parking on the inbound side from 5am to 10am on weekdays. This is an extension of the lane that goes from the Square to Forest Hills
 - Alan: can we please please please have painted bike lanes from W. Rox Parkway down Washington Street to Rozzie Square?
 - Why not extend all the way to Metropolitan? Or is this just a pilot?
 - It's not a pilot at the moment, but we're open to changes in the future.
 - Evan: would love to see it go all the way to Beech Street or W. Rox Pkwy.
 - Tomorrow noon (10/27/2022) at Square Root there will be an in-person meeting with the planner there.
 - People with questions or concerns can email btdtransitprograms@boston.gov
- **Communication issues with ONS and BPDA**
 - Uju has the people working on the projects reach out to neighborhood groups. She has them flyer. And then puts the information in the newsletter. But the newsletter is not being received.
 - **Discussion of the problem with the newsletter not being received by people who have signed up. We received one months ago but nothing since. Twitter is not a good way to communicate updates with neighborhood associations. We need notices via email.**
 - The ZBA has their own process for notifying direct abutters (300 foot radius only). You can contact them at ZbapublicInput@boston.gov

- BPDA has their own community process as well. The BPDA handles projects of a certain size. If it's smaller, then it falls to Uju. [To sign up for the BPDA newsletter, follow this link.](#)
- Developers have been reaching out to WVNA members regarding very small projects as well. Sometimes they are outside our boundaries.
- Discussion of the Punta Cana change of their liquor license – WVNA was not notified of this hearing. RBG would also like to know about these sorts of things.
- Multiple members noted that it is better to receive too much information rather than too little.
- **Announcements:**
 - Santa will be appearing for Small Business Saturday on November 26. [More information about RVMS events here.](#)
 - Meet and Greet with State Rep Rob Consalvo this Saturday, Oct 29, 1-3pm, on Sherman Street.
- Councilor Arroyo's chief of staff noted that the city is in the middle of redistricting. People in need of assistance are welcome to reach out to:

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Chat Transcript of the Zoom meeting follows:

From Kacy Keenahan to Me (Direct Message) 07:14 PM

Hi Eileen - I would be interested.

From Jordan Frias - Councilor Arroyo's Office to Everyone 07:16 PM

Alan shared the following with me Arboretum Corridor (Gateway path) project

link: [https://email-](https://email-mg.flocknote.com/c/eJwtjkuKwzAQRE9jLU2rW1lrCy2ymXu0fraIHQdLMOT2cSBQUMVbPKoE7Zx1TN5ZlQNrQjaqBQREDZq0BQcw-6yrwVsl0pFshclA3Y70eB6jzOnY1Rq8gRIpuixUrZfsEFEKW06pUAFWW1jHePWJ7hP-XenjON-7vPosZ1pa_3p-uJV-LagknlhyKcmwxGiYvXP1aitYsqzDbM_sy3ruA4tu7TtK_kAhB0_Vg)

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I will look into it!

From Laurie Radwin to Me (Direct Message) 07:30 PM

Uju is here

From Jordan Frias - Councilor Arroyo's Office to Everyone 07:32 PM

From Alan Public meeting about Arboretum

path: <https://walkuprosindale.org/weblog/tag/arboretum-gateway-path/>

Meeting date Nov 3, 6:30pm

From Frances Donovan (she/they) to Me (Direct Message) 07:34 PM

Do you want to stop sharing screen so we can see each other?

From Ngaio Schiff to Everyone 07:39 PM

It would be great to get the information regarding funding for green space/urban farm development.

From Danielle Tenen to Everyone 07:40 PM

Is there any way to get a Google map of projects?

From Dennis Kirkpatrick/PHNA/RBG to Everyone 07:40 PM

There is a citywide BPDA project tracker. Hold on for the link

From Tyler Lew to Everyone 07:40 PM

<https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects?mapview=1&type=dev>

^^ That's the link

From Danielle Tenen to Everyone 07:40 PM

Thank you!

From Laurie Radwin to Everyone 07:40 PM

So, you can go to the ZBA tracker -- which is not always up to date. It marks those projects that have already been rejected by ISD

From Dennis Kirkpatrick/PHNA/RBG to Everyone 07:41 PM

City of Boston ZBA - Zoning Project Tracker & Map Access

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/c019ba9a25cb4f33bb6cdd2f69b543d4/page/page_0/

From Laurie Radwin to Everyone 07:41 PM

Thanks, Dennis

From Tyler Lew to Everyone 07:42 PM

<https://www.boston.gov/neighborhood/roslindale#neighborhood-contact>

Link to sign up for the newsletter is here^^

From Laurie Radwin to Everyone 07:45 PM

<https://www.boston.gov/neighborhood/roslindale#newsletter>

From Jordan Frias - Councilor Arroyo's Office to Everyone 07:47 PM

Thanks Uju and Eileen

From Laurie Radwin to Everyone 07:47 PM

Thanks, Uju

From Tyler Lew to Everyone 08:00 PM

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From Jordan Frias - Councilor Arroyo's Office to Everyone 08:01 PM

Thanks Tyler!

From Dennis Kirkpatrick/PHNA/RBG to Everyone 08:02 PM

Dennis Kirkpatrick / Prospect Hill Assn and Roslindale Business

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From Ngaio Schiff to Everyone 08:02 PM

May I make an announcement before the meeting ends?

From Frances Donovan (she/they) to Everyone 08:03 PM

Yes, Ngaio, we'll make sure you can make your announcement after we're done with this agenda item

Thanks for reminding us!

From Ngaio Schiff to Everyone 08:04 PM

Thanks Frances

From Jordan Frias - Councilor Arroyo's Office to Everyone 08:04 PM

For those who haven't yet signed up for BPDA updates in Roslindale you can sign up here <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects>

*Correct webpage <https://www.bostonplans.org/about-us/get-involved>

From Tyler Lew to Everyone 08:05 PM



Uju

We appreciate that this may be a system problem, Uju Please let us know if you'd like us to reach out to leadership to help smooth the process.

Uju, do you have a comprehensive list of ALL of the neighborhood groups. Some -- like the Coalition and the SWBCA -- are cross neighborhoods?

From Jordan Frias - Councilor Arroyo's Office to Everyone 08:10 PM

ZbapublicInput@boston.gov

Yes as Laurie said here's how you sign up for the BPDA news letter for all things roslindale <https://www.bostonplans.org/about-us/get-involved>

Adding to Laurie's point - BPDA "Small Project Review" is any building over 20,000 square feet. So anything smaller is not handled by the BPDA process.

Thanks for coming Evan

From Matt Moran - Boston Transportation Dept to Everyone 08:21 PM

Laurie, I can follow up on next steps for the bike lane meetings. More on BT'D's bike lane project is here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a90bff933db94496b6c4214caf17c706>

From Laurie Radwin to Everyone 08:21 PM

thanks to the leaders -- super meeting!!

From Jordan Frias - Councilor Arroyo's Office to Everyone 08:22 PM

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Good night