

# **Report from Our Conversations on Neighborhood Visioning**

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# Tonight's Agenda:

- **Objective**
  - Summarize community ideas
  - Inform architect's physical design proposals
  - Present findings to easily share with others
- **Who we've talked with**
- **What we've heard**
  - Opportunities within neighborhood
  - Redevelopment proposals
- **Invite feedback from you**
  - How would you like to see redevelopment occur in your neighborhood?
  - Do you have other recommendations?

# Who we've talked with:

## **Elected Officials**

- Senator Jack Hart
- Councilor Chuck Turner

## **Neighborhood/Tenant Associations**

- Pasadena, Supple & Columbia Road Neighborhood Association
- Wilder Gardens Tenants Association

## **School Administrators**

- Jessica Bolt, Principal, Quincy Dickerman Elementary School
- Ayesha Rodriguez, Family Center, Jeremiah E. Burke High School
- Debra Socia, Principal, Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School

## **Service & Trade Organizations**

- Bowdoin Street Health Center
- Grove Hall Board of Trade
- Roxbury Multi-Services Center

# Neighborhood Assets

- Longtime residency
- Cultural diversity
- Entrepreneurship
- Rich neighborhood history
- Good schools that anchor neighborhood



# Topics That Came Up...

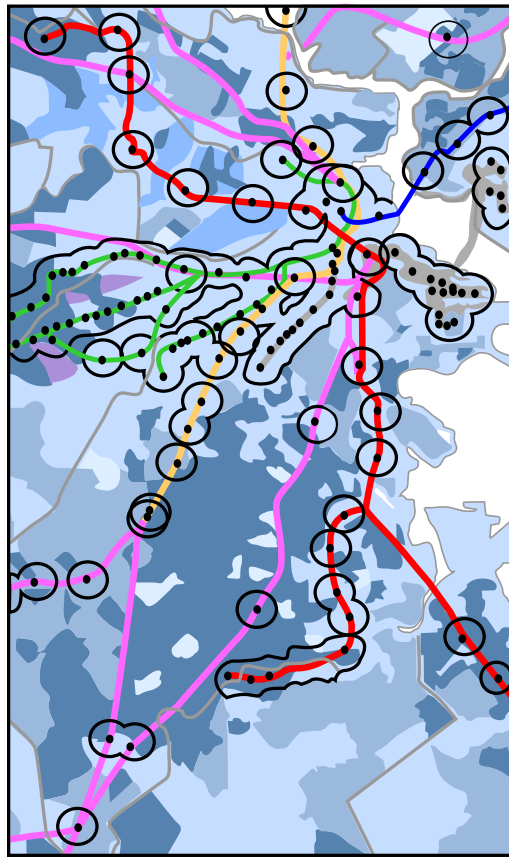
- **Parking**
- **Transit**
- **Job Creation and Workforce Development**
- **Youth Programming and Safety**
- **Housing**

# Opportunities to Improve Parking

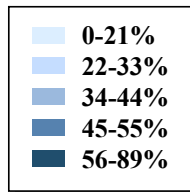
- **Increase off-street parking**
  - Create adequate parking as part of new development
  - Will facilitate more trips into neighborhood
  - Will alleviate congestion and improve pedestrian access
- **Site Idea**
  - Build parking garage
    - Maximizes parking per area
    - Generates revenue
    - Creates job opportunity



# Opportunities to Improve Transit



Percentage of workers with commutes over 30 minutes



- **Improve access out of neighborhood**
  - Increase employment opportunities
  - Increase residents' ability to benefit from amenities throughout Boston
- **Ease movement of people into neighborhood**
  - Teachers
  - Local business patrons
  - Visitors
- **Alleviate rate of asthma caused by diesel exhaust**
- **Reduce dependence on cars and informal transportation networks**
- **Site Idea**
  - Fifth Fairmount Line stop near Columbia Road and Quincy Street

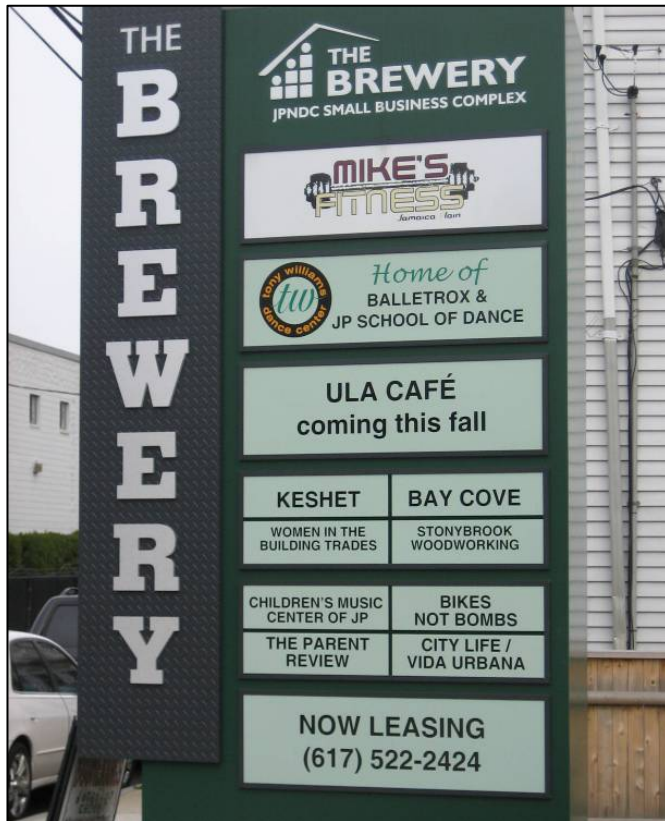
# Opportunities for Job Creation

- **Employment within neighborhood**
  - Redevelop commercial and light industrial sites so no net job loss
  - Increase diversity of business size and type
  - Promote industries that capitalize on existing skills, cultural diversity, and infrastructure
- **Site Idea**
  - Training kitchen to incubate restaurants and food production





# Opportunities to Increase Workforce Development



- **Access to jobs in other neighborhoods**
  - Improve transit reliability
- **Training, counseling and placement**
  - Provide small business training
  - Create feeder programs to growth industries
  - Assist prisoner reentry
- **Site Idea**
  - Community centers that offer workforce development training

# Opportunities to Improve Youth Programming & Safety

- **Increase number of recreational facilities**
- **Alleviate risk to youth on street**
  - Decrease time on street
- **Site Idea**
  - Incorporate youth programming into more facilities featuring
    - Shorter walking distances
    - Age-appropriate programming
    - Amenities to engage youth and explore their talents
    - Opportunities to develop practical tools



# Expanding Opportunities with Housing

- **Housing can help current residents**
  - Provide retail and community space
  - Employ local residents in construction
  - Increase housing options for seniors
- **Site Idea**
  - Develop housing that
    - Incorporates amenities which are accessible to current residents
    - Has adequate parking



# Recap of Site Ideas

- **Opportunities to Improve Parking**
  - Build parking garage
- **Opportunities to Improve Transit**
  - Fifth stop on Fairmount Line
- **Opportunities for Job Creation and Workforce Development**
  - Training kitchen/small business incubator
  - Offer workforce development training at community centers
- **Opportunities to Improve Youth Programming and Safety**
  - Incorporate youth programming into more facilities
- **Expanding Opportunities with Housing**
  - Develop housing with amenities for current residents

# Summary

- **Spoke with 21 people at 10 organizations**
- **Main themes**
  - Diverse neighborhood with untapped opportunities
  - Chance to create more civic, cultural, economic amenities
  - Opportunities and challenges in neighborhood are interconnected
  - Residents have specific ideas for site redevelopment that could address these issues

# How Do These Ideas Sound to You?

- What suggestions do you like?
- Where would you like to see these types of opportunities?
- What suggestions would you change or add?