

## **151 Lenox Street (BPDA Public Meeting) @ People's Baptist Church**

Thursday, May 25, 2017, 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM

- BPDA Staff in Attendance: Reay Pannesi, Francis Collins, Courtney Sharpe.
- One Media Representative: from the Boston Sun Reporter.
- Elected Officials: Michelle from Councilor Tito Jackson's office

### **Comments:**

People want persons of color, MBE enterprises reflected in the RFP Criteria and selection team.

Encourage the City to enforce that all RFP applicants be fully vetted in all phases for economic, diversity equity compliance.

Community wants to know how RFP weighs possible uses for site.

Tenants' Development Corporation (TDC) said they hosted a previous meeting to garner support to expand programs, youth, cooking, training, a gym/community center, senior programs, etc.

Chris Byner (City of Boston advocated on behalf of the TDC) positive programs for youth, seniors, with expanded community center.

Community member cited the large number of public housing developments (Roxy Homes, Mandela, Lenox/Camden, former Cathedral Homes) that exist in this area; kids need a community center to go to for positive activities and meeting peers.

Bill Singleton supports the TDC programs and development ideas.

David Hinton (BCYF, Vine Street) supports TDC concept.

People's Baptist Church on record to support TDC program and not any more luxury housing.

Youth coordinator from TDC said no reason for luxury housing and want a new community center.

BPD officer Daryl Vincent was advocating for the importance of children & a community center, praised work of TDC.

Michelle from Councilor Jackson's office talked about other scheduled meetings the same night and TDC support.

Coach for Roxbury Titans voiced support for the TDC and a community center at this location.

Community member spoke in favor of TDC community center; encouraged BPDA to do more outreach in Spanish.

Community member stated need more elderly/ senior programs; lifestyle programming without more gentrification of the neighborhood.

Community member stated he can't afford to live in this part of the city where he grew up; supports TDC.

Community member asked if there would be a PRC for this parcel.

Audience member asked if the BPDA would consider housing for the site, mixed use.

No outreach for group called Vibrant Boston.net and would like to see a new job training facility.

Neighbor stated that there are too many dog parks and not enough parks for people in area.

United Neighbors Board member supports TDC plans; also stated there are too many community meetings for people to go to. Roxbury experiencing a lot of gentrification and displacement of residents.

Community member suggested BPDA pay kids to flyer and advertise for outreach purposes.

Person concerned about impact on area parking if site is developed.