

AGENDA

Please join us virtually for our September 2021 general meeting. Our agenda is as follows:

7:00 p.m. Welcome and announcements (Board).

7:10 p.m. Future operations at the Shattuck Hospital (Frank Doyle of Mass. DPH and team). In 2024, a state-operated 260-bed medical/surgical and psychiatric hospital will open its doors at 88 East Newton Street, following renovations to that ex-BMC building. The Shattuck Hospital's mission is to deliver compassionate medical and psychiatric care to patients requiring multi-disciplinary treatment and support, a substantial share of whom are experiencing substance use disorder or homelessness.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Undersecretary Lauren Peters, Assistant Commissioner Frank Doyle and their team will describe and answer questions about what to expect when the hospital opens here, including the patients it serves, services provided and how it operates now on its current campus in Jamaica Plain. Tonight's discussion continues a MA DPH/BFSNA dialog begun in early 2019 and resumed earlier this year and will serve as one of several community engagement meetings the state intends to hold as this pandemic-delayed project moves forward in earnest.

As a separate matter, over the past few months BFSNA and Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association have cohosted three meetings with the state and its vendors over abutter-specific issues, such as the site's parking plan and construction logistics. We will briefly recap these localized issues, including concerns that remain outstanding, for the benefit of all, but ask that abutter-centric discussion be held for the next abutter meeting so there's plenty of time for matters of wider community interest.

8:10 p.m. Development proposal for 595 Albany Street, corner of East Canton (Drew Brassard of ABRE Capital). A proposal has been brought forward to redevelop 595 Albany Street as a six-story mixed-use building with 9 residential units over ground floor commercial/retail and parking; the site currently holds a small structure formerly home to the B'ahai Center of Boston. Drew Brassard of ABRE Capital, LLC will describe the project, which would require variances from the Zoning Board of Appeal, and take questions and comments.

A City-sponsored abutter/community meeting on this proposal will be held in the near future as well. BFSNA will not take a position--if we do take a position--except after hearing from people at both our meeting and the City's community meeting. Members and residents with opinions but unable to attend are encouraged to email us: bfsna@blackstonefranklin.org.

8:30 Adjourn.