

November 2024: West Fairmount Hill Community Meeting



November 2024 WFH Meeting Agenda

- Opening and Chat Hellos
- WFH Announcements and Updates (Cathy, Nathaniel and Marcia)
- Boston Police Report
- BHA Check-in
- Updates from Councilor Pepen and Rep. Rob Consalvo
- Q and A and Close

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Rep Consalvo Update:

- Climate Bill passed – very important; 3rd major climate bill passed
- \$4billion economic development bill; including Bio and small business community support
- Mayor’s Municipal Tax Relief Bill- averted a 28% tax increase for residents; final bill compromise between the 4 largest businesses in the City and include abatement for small business
- Residents can help: Call Senators to urge them to pass the Bill on Monday
- Resident Questions about the Housing Bond Bill and Fairmount Housing: There are resources to help Fairmount on this Bill. Rep. Consalvo will file an additional \$2million earmark to jumpstart renovations at FHA. The dates and kinds of repairs are unclear. Working with Kenzie Bok and others to make this happen. May take 4-6 months for the details to be sorted out. Senator Augustus toured the Development for more than 4 hours and met with residents. There is interest in prioritizing Fairmount renovations.
- Next WFH meeting invite Sheila Dillon and Kenzie Bok to talk about the plans needed. The development is in need of major repairs. Renovations are intended to make it “safe, warm and dry” and the ideas of making it mixed use to diversify it and re-constitute it is another conversation.

Councilor Pepen’s Office (Eddie Conley representing)

- Community event planned on 12/7 at the Muni- a D5 Youth Assembly. Provides access
- Working on Hyde Park Health access issue with the HP HWC Steering Committee
- Hearings are virtual – the next one is on winter weather preparation
- 12/2 hosting folks from Austin Texas to learn about their work to change land use laws to increase housing and change zoning
- Worked with rep consalvo for crosswalk improvements in Cleary square.
- Hi everyone, I'm Eddie Conley, I work with District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén. I'm also a resident of Fairmount Hill (over on Faraday Street). Much love coming from Councilor Pepén and Team D5!
- Here are some important notes from our office for the coming month:
- 🏡Community Events👉
- D5 Youth Assembly - Saturday 7th @ the Hyde Park Muni
- ❄️Winter Coffee Hours on Fridays from 10-11:30am ☕
- December 6th: Starbucks 850 River Street Hyde Park
- December 13th: Brothers Deli & Restaurant Mattapan
- December 20th: Green T Coffee Shop Roslindale
- Link to sign up for 15 minute slots
- <https://form.jotform.com/243165427749162>
- 🗳️Policy Efforts🗳️
- Upcoming Hearings:
- Winter Weather Preparation - Wednesday, Nov. 27th at 11am virtually
- Austin Land Use - Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 3pm
- To Be Scheduled: Hyde Park Health Access (in Collaboration with Marcia)
- Sign up for the Pepén Newsletter!
- <https://bit.ly/PepenNews>
- If you'd like to contact me feel free to do so edward.conley@boston.gov !

Announcements:

▪ **Cathy:**

- Wreath hanging in Cleary Square:

On Saturday, November 30, Keep Hyde Park Beautiful will be hosting a one-hour Flash Mob Cleanup of the area around Westinghouse Plaza. Park in the front parking lot of Westinghouse. Bring work gloves.

- Anderson Tree lighting on 12/1

▪ **Marcia-**

- Turkey giveaway to more than 200 families

- The Community Health Needs Assessment is very important for all residents to complete. See link in email.

• **Police Report:**

-From September 28 -- present

❖ Assaults robbery and Band E =0

❖ Auto thefts, vandalism and drugs=0

❖ November 8 – Garfield avenue- 1 fatal shooting

❖ Crime down 10%

Questions

- Question for the folks who live in the WFH neighborhood - Have you noticed a strong, acrid, gas-like smell in our neighborhood? It comes and goes. I usually smell it in the morning or early afternoon. I don't think it's a gas leak. I think it may be coming from Grant & Co.
- For Councilor Pepen: may you please discuss if the Slow Streets criteria can be improved to meet the context of our neighborhood to allow a speed hump in Wakefield/Washington and Summit Streets; Eddie will follow up and meet with transportation to address these and report back to us
- What is the status of our WFH sign to designate the area?
- River Street Bridge Update: Rep Consalvo says they are working on it and will continue to give status. They are still shooting for a January 2025 opening of the Bridge.

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