

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER



Residents celebrate the BCDC approval in the CRA office on April 6.

BCDC APPROVES PHASE 1

After five public meetings meetings over a period of two months, on Tuesday April 6 the Boston Civic Design Commission voted to approve the designs for Phase 1 of the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment. Phase 1 includes two buildings - called Building F and Building M - and 350 total apartments, including 126 affordable units.

The approval followed a contentious battle waged by activists from outside the development over how many trees would be preserved during construction.

Throughout the process, the Charlestown Resident Alliance Board of Directors made clear that fully supported the Phase 1 design. At the BCDC hearing, Vice President Tina Goodnow spoke in favor of the project:

"I am proud of the way that our residents' priorities are reflected in the design for Phase 1. When we have raised concerns or suggestions for the development team, they have made changes, including adding secondary doors for better access to public transit and making shared open spaces feel more private."

"As these designs become more detailed, we look forward to continuing to have our residents provide input into their future homes. In Phase 1 and beyond, the residents will continue to lead the way."

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Phase 1 includes Building F - above. This view shows the entrance on the corner of Samuel Morse Way and Corey St.

JENNY GOMEZ JOINS THE BOARD

The CRA is thrilled to welcome resident Jenny Gomez to our Board of Directors. Jenny is a long-time resident and community leader. She has experience working as a Resident Services Coordinator at Maverick Landing in East Boston and as a volunteer with the Kennedy Center. We look forward to having Jenny as a resident leader!



Jenny Gomez is the newest member of the CRA Board of Directors.

STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

By Karla Wert

In light of the increasing frequency of violent attacks against Asian people in the United States, the CRA would like to express our unequivocal support for Asian community members in Bunker Hill and Charlestown. We condemn ALL acts of violence and hatred. To any of our community members who have experienced hateful attacks, we see you and we support you.

You are part of the Bunker Hill community and will always be welcome here. We may look different and speak different languages, but we all share the same hopes, dreams, and struggles. As long as we stay divided, we will always stay conquered.



EASTER BUNNY PAYS A VISIT

On Saturday, April 3rd the Easter Bunny paid a visit to Bunker Hill. He passed out Easter goodie baskets, took photos, and even busted a few moves. We'll let you judge who was the better dancer. Thanks to the Charlestown Mothers Association for organizing such a fun event!

BHA OFFERS RENT RELIEF

BHA and the City of Boston have established a new rental relief fund to help public housing residents impacted by COVID-19. Contact Chris Knox to see if you qualify: christopher.knox@bostonhousing.org.

Residents can also email rental.relief@bostonhousing.org or call 617-988-5060. Please include your name, address, and telephone number in any message.



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