John W. McCormack Civic Association

Tuesday

September 18, 2007 @ 7 p.m.

Meeting

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall

This Tuesday's Agenda

Can We Protect Our Community from Encroaching Development?



JFK Red Line T Stop with conceptual frame that illustrates approximated height of air rights.

The **BRA** envisions drastic changes for Columbia Point as well as for sections even closer to our neighborhood. The **MBTA** is on the verge of selling air rights over the JFK/UMass T Station. This means a structure that would cap 35 feet above the roof. Other issues include the Bayside's Proposal which would essentially replace the Expo Center with housing and retail, a proposal involving Channel 56, the UMass Master Plan and Synergy's purchase of the vacant lot adjacent to Shaw's. There are many potentially negative impacts to our neighborhood including traffic congestion, more pollution, building height and the resulting shadows.

The BRA will have a task force. Will association members be able to join? More information on how to apply for the BRA task force will be available at the meeting. Our community needs stalwart voices in order to avoid the negative impacts as well as to assure that our community benefits.

Next Saturday Volunteer Day @ Sharon's Park



Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. is Community Volunteer
Day at Sharon's Park. We plan to finish our landscaping for the season. Landscape architect David Warner's recommendations include:

- 1) Removing the excess stone and debris
- 2) Leveling topsoil around the new walk & plaza by cutting high areas and filling low areas.
- 3) Touching up mulch beds so soil and mulch does not spill onto Eco-pavers
- 4) Slice over-seeding grass.
- 5) Raking, weeding and generally sprucing up the park.

Please place Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. on your calendar. Come down with rakes and brooms, get to know neighbors better, get some exercise and beautify your neighborhood.

Police Reports

Officer Richard Doherty of C6, Officer Michael Keaney of C11 and Trooper Brian Dunn from the State Police will give reports on activities affecting our neighborhood.

Tree Pit Update



This Association has been awarded a grant to beautify the street tree pits along **Boston Street** and this neighborhood's stretch of **Dorchester Avenue.** There will be a progress update on this project.

Thank You

To all those who have contributed and continue to contribute so much of their time and resources to Sharon's Park this year, we thank you. We thank the Bricklayers for their labor of love, all those connected with CityRoots for their priceless resources and knowledge, all of the residents and business people who worked so hard and gave it their all on planting day and all those who "feed" bricks to **Bobby** and his crew on those hot Saturdays. We thank the **Barros** Family who stores our equipment and the altruistic waterers who venture to the park every Monday night to keep it going into November.

8 Enterprise Street Update

Fair Foods and Walsh Service Co. met with the Executive Board over the summer. They plan to come to our October meeting to give status reports on their efforts to either seek alternate locations or attain the proper occupancy permits for their current places of business at 8 Enterprise Street.

50/50 Drawing: \$1.00 per ticket. 6 / \$ 5.00

Please pay your dues! \$5.00 or \$10.00 depending on ability

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2007 Our E-mail Address is Civic@McCormackCivic.com