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## MHC appears favorable to 602 Canterbury St.



Residents said they were concerned about how the work would affect the Canterbury Brook.

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Staff Reporter

After some tweaking to the site, residents at the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) said they felt the proposed 14-unit building now at 602 Canterbury St. was much closer to what they wanted.

Originally, the site was proposed to have access on American Legion Highway, between the Scrub a Dub site and the Tabernacle Baptist Congregational Church. Developer Joseph De Gange of D2 Development said they spoke with the Boston Fire Department and they said the access from just Canterbury was adequate, so they could close the site off from American Legion.

“The last time we were here the project was sort of well-received, but the major concern was how vehicles were going to pass through the site,” he said. “But also, there’s a brook that runs right in front of the property and we were not sure how we were going to interact with the brook because we hadn’t consulted with the Fire Department first... Since then we have dotted all our I’s and crossed all our T’s and I can say there will be no access on American Legion, all of it will be on Canterbury. We will not develop around the brook and we’ve pushed the building back further towards Canterbury, away from the brook.”

The Canterbury Brook runs

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## Dana and Hart bridge work underway in HP

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Work has begun on the improvements approved for both the Dana Avenue Bridge and the area around the Father Hart Bridge, both in Hyde Park.

The Father Hart work includes the signalization of both ends of the bridge on Milton/Neponset and Milton/Hyde Park Avenue, a change in the traffic pattern at Wolcott Square and interactive signals at all three intersections. Construction Management Director Katie Hill said since the three signals have to be able to interact with each other based on traffic patterns,

they are starting with electrical work.

“We are starting right now with the underground work, the drainage, the conduit and the foundations for the signals,” she said. “The bulk of the sidewalk and roadway work will be done by the end of the construction season in November. We anticipate the new signals to be installed in the winter and we will complete the entire project by the end of May 2020.”

Hill said they are working to minimize traffic disruptions during construction, which is the whole point of the endeavor. She

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## Flashlight Walk draws good crowd in Jamaica Plain



On Thursday, July 18, officers from District E-13 in Jamaica Plain, the Bureau of Community Engagement, and the Command Staff joined Jamaica Plain residents for a Flashlight Walk near the Mildred C. Hailey Apartments. The walk wrapped up at Jackson Square Park, where participants visited the Score4More barbecue and enjoyed food, music, and dancing. Boston Police Department officers said they had a great time meeting and connecting with so many concerned and compassionate community members. To attend a future Flashlight Walk, please call the BPD at (617) 343-4345 or send an email to: [meetinginfo@pd.boston.gov](mailto:meetinginfo@pd.boston.gov).

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## Goodwill opens in Hyde Park after 11 years



Goodwill employees, city officials and State Rep. Russell Holmes came out on Thursday to officially open the new Goodwill Store on River Street.

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Staff Reporter

Despite a long hiatus after a groundbreaking took place 11 years ago with Mayor Thomas Menino, the Goodwill store in Hyde Park on River Street has finally opened.

“I’m so excited about how this store turned out,” said Boston Goodwill President and CEO Joanne Hilferty. “We really are committed to serving the communities of Boston and this is our first new Boston store in 10 years.”

Constructing a new building,

according to Goodwill Boston spokesperson James Harder, is a bit unusual for Goodwill.

“Typically we go into an existing storefront, but this was built specifically for us. The Boston Medical Center is going

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along American Legion, sometimes underground, and architect Peter Vanko said they are now able to reconstruct the brook for more greenspace on the project.

“We had to do an environmental study to figure out legally what this water body is, and it is a brook and it technically falls into a category that requires some reconstruction,” he said. “Our proposal will include some reconstruction of that brook because right now there is no good definition of what it is.”

Vanko said that currently erosion is a big problem with the brook, mainly due to increased flow from stormwater during heavy weather events.

“The bank that is nearest to our building will have rocks installed that will eventually be overgrown with native plants,” he said. “The idea here is that the greenery will also be kind of like a small park that is not necessarily off limits for the public.”

The building will be set back 65 feet from American Legion Highway. Roslindale Representative for the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services Joseph Coppinger said currently there is a two phase plan for Canterbury Street, the first involving a series of bumpouts at the intersection of Bourne Street and Canterbury and then the instal-

lation of five-foot sidewalks. He said this will most likely result in the street becoming a one-way, as it is pretty narrow even without the five-foot sidewalks.

Thadine Brown of the City’s Community Preservation Committee also came to share with the MHC information on the Community Preservation Act Fund, for which any neighborhood organization could apply for capital projects for open space and recreation, historic preservation or affordable housing. MHC Chair Rick Yoder said it was a great opportunity for the first round of funding to get more trees planted at the Mount Hope/Calvary Cemetery, and he encouraged neighbors to apply for more projects. Resident Jessica Mink said she and residents from Hyde Park are working on a proposal to make use of Crane Ledge, on the Hyde Park/Roslindale line, for the first collaborative project between two neighborhoods.

The group also discussed the proposed marijuana facility on the City Farm site at 717-721 American Legion Hwy. State Rep. Russell Holmes said despite some neighbors being opposed to the facility on principle, he felt it was the best location for such a facility.

“Still I hear ‘we just don’t want a marijuana place in our neighborhood,’” he said.

Holmes pointed out that the

city voted 60 percent in support of legalizing marijuana, and though he has heard from many residents that they do not support the facility, he has heard from those who do support it and he said he has seen the developer, Silver Therapeutics, be extremely responsive to community concerns.

Yoder and MHC Chair Lisa Beatman said they have been working on this issue and encouraged residents to set up a petition to further the neighborhood’s bargaining position with Silver. Beatman said Silver had agreed to pay \$10,000 annually to the neighborhood group, but she said they are now negotiating for more funds. She said a Jamaica Plain store is offering \$500,000 over five years.

“The aim is to get to a point where they’re likely to agree and we think enough of this community might be okay with it,” she said. “As of today they said \$125,000 over five years. We don’t know what other good neighbor agreements are, but it’s really likely the store in Jamaica Plain might be the only ones offering that much, but it’s a wonderful precedent.”

Coppinger also said during the meeting that the Mayor’s Office will be opposing the proposed project at 26-38 Stella Rd., which the neighborhood was against because of the loss of trees.

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Daniel Smith lives on Forest Hills Street.

“If the goal is to integrate the world of the homeless, this is not the way to do it.” he said. “One hundred and forty one studios. Single homeless people. TCB is cramming as many units as possible. This does not allow for social mobility. This is the lazy way to solve the homeless problem by building them all here. I’m worried that this is being rammed through.”

Pat Feeley of Paul Gore Street was having none of those arguments.

“You’re way off base,” she said. “This kind of housing is needed. It’s a very good idea. What the city is doing for housing is pitiful. Totally inadequate. I worked in health care for years. Medical techs, LPNS, they’re priced out; they’re moving to Norton. Wilmington. People need Boston homes for Boston people.”

Tom Kieffer of the Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center was in the forefront to preserve the Bowditch School for low income people.

“There’s a lot of talk about the concentration of poor people,” he said. “Go down to Green Street and look at the school.”

Marie Turley of Union Avenue waited until the very end. She tried to be conciliatory by couching her objections in terms of architectural design. “This is a unique opportunity to find a new balance,” she said. “This is a working class community. This is an opportunity to be welcoming. The main entrance looks like any hotel in America. Gives us at least a bench.”

“I don’t want to hold up this project,” she said. “I don’t want to be anti-affordability. But try to get larger units. Try to be part of the neighborhood.”

Marie Mercurio of Boston Community Ventures was at the meeting and spoke with The Bulletin the next day.

“Of course we’re supportive,” she said, “We’re very optimistic. It’s exactly the type of revitalization of the Washington Street corridor that Plan JP Rox envisioned.” “We’re providing one type of product to the housing market and they’re providing another.” “Mordy[Mordechai Levin] is extremely optimistic,” Mercurio said. “He thinks people come on hard times for a lot of reasons.” Whiteside concluded the meeting by saying that another public hearing on 3368 Washington St. would be held in the next two or three weeks.



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