



WHARF DISTRICT
COUNCIL
B O S T O N

JANUARY 19, 2021 (5-7 PM)

Wharf District Council Meeting

BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT A-1 UPDATE

SERGEANT STEVEN MOY & CAPTAIN CICCOLO

Captain Ciccolo thanked the WDC for the lunch that was provided to the police and first responders on Sunday January 15 . Lunch was provided courtesy of Tradesman and delivered by WDC members.

NEIGHBORHOOD INCIDENTS

JANUARY 11 – 65 EAST INDIA ROW

BPD responded to a call regarding a man with a firearm related to a misunderstanding regarding children climbing around artwork in front of Harbor Towers. All was resolved

DECEMBER 31 –NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

A rugby ball was thrown into the seal tank from a previous suspect that the BPD is aware of. They are currently looking for the suspect.

SERVIA RESTAURANT, CUNARD BUILDING – 126 STATE STREET

DEREK ALTEN, GENERAL MANAGER

Derek Alten introduced his new Eastern Mediterranean restaurant which serves breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks. The menu is approachable, healthy and inspired by the Ottoman Empire. Servia currently offers take-out and sit-down dining with a bar. Visit ServiaBoston.com for more information.

THE HOOK WHARF PROJECT – 400 ATLANTIC AVENUE

JOHN MORIARTY AND PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS

The team presented the Hook Wharf Project which is construction of a single building totaling approximately 275,000 square feet, comprised of a 357-room hotel, retail/restaurant space dedicated to James Hook & Co., new public open space, Harborwalk, and other public realm amenities.

Comment period ends February 5, 2021.

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Project Information

Hook Wharf Hotel/Harborwalk
Expansion [Website](http://HookWharfProject.com)

Members of the IAG that represent the Wharf District Council include Susanne Lavoie, Doug Gribbell, Sheila Willard, John Larivee and Erin Piccirilli.

STATE STREET PROJECT DISCUSSION

MARC MARGULIES, WDC PRESIDENT

Marc Margulies discussed that the Wharf District Council supports a plan that includes two vehicle traffic lanes on State Street. This would ensure that this critical westbound street continues to provide sufficient access for vehicles to get to Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Cambridge and beyond while addressing curbside access, and narrow sidewalks, as well as bicycle and pedestrian safety. He is encouraging members to sign and share the following petition: **Say NO to one traffic lane on State Street.**

Councilor Flynn announced he met with city officials and transportation department and stressed that two lanes are essential due to public safety issues. Bobby Rudolph who represents the property owners on State Street strongly opposes the one lane plan with no room for loading. He represents buildings that have collectively over 10,000 occupants on State Street. Several members of Wharf District Council echoed supporting a two lane design.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THE WHARF DISTRICT

MARC MARGULIES, WDC PRESIDENT

Marc announced a Climate Taskforce that includes Rowes Wharf, Harbor Towers and New England Aquarium. More information to follow

CITY OF BOSTON COMMUNITY CHOICE ELECTRICITY

AIDAN SMITH, OUTREACH COORDINATOR OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND OPEN SPACE

The city of Boston is offering a new municipal program that provides residents with renewable and affordable electricity. The city will leverage their collective buying power to negotiate favorable electric deals. This program launches on February 1. Please visit boston.gov/community-choice-electricity

FRIENDS OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK UPDATE

JOANNE HAYES-RINES

Joanne announced there will be a "Tunnel of Love" beginning February 2 at the Christopher Columbus Park and encouraged everyone to visit.

** SPECIAL NOTE **

NORTHENDWATERFRONT.COM DAILY NEWSLETTER

The last edition was on Friday, January 8, 2021. Thank you Matt Conti, founder and editor, for providing such a valuable communications resource to our community. Each month the website newsletter communicated information on the Council including meeting notices and monthly meeting notes. The support and value to the Wharf District community was "priceless". It will be missed by all. Also, thank you Steve Vikas for attending our WDC Meetings and writing such detailed articles and Amanda Stoll, managing editor for all you did.