



Wharf District Council Meeting
Tuesday March 21, 2023, 5 to 7pm
Norman Leventhal Center, 30 Rowes Wharf

Meeting Notes

Meeting was held in-person and on zoom.

To join with zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84510270952?pwd=NURsM3pLWlVNUtNRMnB1SkJ3dTEzZz09>

AGENDA

At 5pm President Marc Margulies opened the meeting.

Boston Police District A-1 Update was given by Officer Ciampa

Our guest speaker was Boston City Council President Ed Flynn. President Flynn outlined what his office has been working on and his agenda for the year. He pledged his continued support for the Wharf District Neighborhood and will work with the WDC on the issues that are challenging. He will arrange a meeting with the Chief of Street regarding our concerns on the City of Boston's current State Street design proposal that consists of one vehicle traffic lane and one bicycle lane. This proposal would permanently eliminate the two traffic lanes for vehicles.

Faneuil Hall Marketplace presentation, What's Happening in the Marketplace. Jenny Morse, Assistant General Manager discussed current activities and future plans.

Boston Harbor City Cruises, the Eco Ventures Cruise – April 1st – Matthew Murphy, BHCC Managing Director

- Focus on Marine Life
- Educational
- **(Moved to WDC April 18 Meeting)** Community Preservation Office – Rakia Islam, Manager,
 - Communication Preservation Act presentation
 - 2024 application for funding, deadline August 31, 2023,
- 5:50pm** Request for a transfer of the Liquor License for new restaurant at the Harborside Inn.
 - More information to follow

- 5:55pm** Milk Street - PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT – **Creating a MILK STREET Bike Lane**
 - The Wharf District Council just became aware of this project. See the flyer below.
 - The WDC will reach out to our neighborhood, City Councilors, Neighborhood Services, and City of Boston Transportation to begin a dialog on a proposed Bike Lane on Milk St.
 - It is important to NOTE that the concerns that the Wharf District Council and WD Neighborhood have expressed over a proposed dedicated bike lane and one traffic lane on State Street have never been resolved. State Street remains in an unsatisfactory state with stakeholders on both sides of the issue, frustrated by the ever-worsening conditions of the street and sidewalks.

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

MILK STREET BETTER BIKE LANE

We will add safe, comfortable bike lanes on Milk Street to create connections from our Tremont Street bike lanes to the Financial District and the Greenway.

WHY MILK STREET?

Downtown Boston and the Financial District hold some of the highest concentration of jobs in the region. There are also historic landmarks, as well as dining and retail destinations. Milk Street will serve as the eastbound pair to westbound bike lanes on State Street and Court Street.

OUR VISION FOR MILK STREET

- ▶ Accessible curb ramps.
- ▶ Dedicated, protected space for people biking. This includes a short section of Washington Street between School Street and Milk Street where people can bike in both directions.
- ▶ Clear, legal zones for commercial loading and pick-up/drop-off traffic.
- ▶ Eastbound-only vehicle traffic on Milk Street from Washington Street to Devonshire Street. This creates more space for people walking and biking as well as loading and pick-up/drop-off activity.

NOTICE OF ACCOMMODATIONS

English: Interpretation and translation services are available to you at no cost. If you need them, please email us at better-bike-lanes@boston.gov.

Spanish: Hay servicios de interpretación y traducción a su disposición sin costo alguno. Si los necesita, póngase en contacto con nosotros mandando un correo electrónico a better-bike-lanes@boston.gov.

Traditional Chinese: 我們可以向您提供口頭翻譯和書面翻譯服務，並不向您收取費用。如您需要，發電子郵件至 better-bike-lanes@boston.gov。



SAFER STREETS FOR BOSTON

Everyone in Boston deserves safe streets. We have a bold plan for transforming Boston's streets to better serve people walking, rolling, and riding bikes. Read more about our plan: boston.gov/bike-lanes

WE NEED YOU TO GET IT RIGHT

We want to work with you to get the details right. Joining our email list is the best way to stay up-to-date.

- ▶ Visit our webpage to learn more and **join the email list:** boston.gov/milk-street
- ▶ Schedule a virtual 15-minute appointment with a member of the project team: bit.ly/bbb-apt
- ▶ Email us: better-bike-lanes@boston.gov

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Wharf District Council Updates

- CRTF – Marc
- Greenway Gala June 8
- WDC Greenway Volunteer Day June 15
- FOCCP – Joanne Hayes Rines

WDC Social Media update by Doug Gribbel

WDC went into Executive Session

Board voted unanimously to engage the services of John Rogers. The scope of work to include the following: Rendering legal advice and services to the Client relative to its Client Resiliency Task Force (“CRTF”) Communication Strategy plans, its Conceptual District & Resiliency Plan (“Plan”), attendance at its monthly or other meetings, attendance at CRTF meeting relating to marketing the Plan and effectuating support of the Plan to bring the Plan to its next levels of implementation; and to render further representation to Client, as from time to time may be required and requested by the Client and agreed to by the Attorney and/or the Firm.