BPDA Board approves 870 residential units at July meeting

Submitted by BPDA

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), Board Directors approved four development projects and one Notice of Project Change at their July meeting. The projects will generate a total of 870

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USES Receives $15,000 Grant from Wells Fargo

Submitted by USES

United South End Settlements (USES), a 125-year-old nonprofit organization serving families in the South End and surrounding communities, announced today it was awarded a $15,000 grant from Wells Fargo to support its early childhood STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) education program.

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Astros take Mayor's Cup

The South End Astros had a busy and productive weekend. Five games in two days, taking the gold in their division for round one of the Baystate tournament, and then had just enough left in the tank to win the Boston Mayor’s Cup!

Luzia Breaks New Ground

Luzia, Cirque du Soleil, Suffolk Downs, Boston, through August 12, 877-924-7783 or circucedusoleil.com/usabox/boston/luzia/buytickets

By Jules Becker

Cirque du Soleil continues to amaze with each of its distinct incarnations. "Luzia," a Montreal-inspired production now touring under the company's grand chapiteau at Suffolk Downs, is a unique evocation that takes the Montreal-based Cirque to rich new terrain.

"Luzia"—with a title derived from the Spanish words for light ("luz") and rain ("lluvia")—invites the brightest and boldest Cirque "passengers" alike, to share its visually stunning and culturally rich "flight" to a surreal Mexico that blends dreams and reality.

Always, the big top—here under the expert direction of Danielle Finex Pecora—includes first-class talent from around the world. That talent attends this always colorful and singularly poetic show.

There is the early stunning grace and visual beauty of the

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City of Boston’s Family Friendly Beach Is Open

The City of Boston’s “Family Friendly Beach” at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston is open for your enjoyment. The beach is open seven days a week and offers families access to an enclosed stretch of beach on Boston Harbor, restrooms with changing tables, picnic tables with umbrellas, outdoor showers, beach game equipment, and the use of an indoor area to get out of the sun. Experienced, certified lifeguards are on duty.

For information on the beach, and the City’s pools, visit Boston.gov/BCYF.
Controversy over a roof deck

The Board of Appeals yesterday approved a rooftop deck proposed by the owner of 30 Bond Street that would sit between the roof decks at 8 and 12 Bond Street, rejecting demands by neighbors to deny permission because he currently lives and works in Argentina.

Frederick Bates has been trying since 2013 to win city approval for the deck. His attorney and architect told the board the deck would not be visible from the street and that he would put in planters—with some plants reaching six feet in height—to screen it from his immediate neighbors.

His attorney, Dennis Quilty, said seven other buildings on the short street between Millford and Hanover streets already have decks and that a total of 18 buildings within a 500-foot circumference of Bates’s single-family building have decks.

Residents said Bates would be welcome to file another application for a deck when he fulfills what they said was a promise to move into the building himself, rather than renting it out. In fact, some accused him of reneging on that promise. Residents told the board they don’t know what could happen if an absentee landlord put in a deck—who would they talk to if they had problems?

One resident raised the specter of an incident at 12 Bond Street, which has a deck and had an absentee landlord—and a dog that spent hours on the deck barking.

Bates, Baby Dent, attended the meeting—to oppose the proposed deck. He acknowledged the dog problem, said it was the fault of his tenant’s and that the neighborhood had no such problems since he moved into the unit himself.

Quilty said Bates does plan to move into the building at some point, but gave no timeline.

Board Chairwoman Christine Arango tried repeatedly, and finally, to get people to stop talking about where Bates lives now, saying that’s not a zoning issue that the board

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Through its charitable giving programs, Wells Fargo embraces its responsibility to be a leading corporate citizen and the opportunity to create more resilient, sustainable communities through its operations and actions. Wells Fargo focuses its giving on community development, health and human services and educational programs that create lasting change and address the challenges facing the cities and towns where its customers and team members live and work.

USES’s accredited Early Childhood Education program serves 68 children ages 3 months to 5 years old, focusing on readiness for school by promoting learning and building cognitive, motor, and social emotional skills. Its STEAM curriculum introduces and reinforces concepts such as curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving; it also helps with language and motor development.

“We are incredibly grateful for Wells Fargo’s support of our STEAM initiative. This approach to learning through an arts lens helps develop critical-thinking, problem-solving, and reasoning skills, laying the foundation for children in our program to thrive in the classrooms,” said USES President and CEO Marcia Wein Lyte.

“Wells Fargo has a rich history of community support in Massachusetts and we have personal connections to the people in our communities,” said Brian Carran, vice president, communications and community relations, Wells Fargo New England. “United South End Settlements provides critical services to Boston’s youth, serving as an outlet for our city’s children to learn, thrive and become successful adults in a safe, enrichment environment.”
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sequence known as Running Woman, with Shellie Epstein luminous with monarch butterfly-waving wings—ludes to gifted costume designer Giovanna Buzi. Running Woman takes its inspiration from a Mexican tradition of butterfly women running 50-100 miles through the mountains.

A metallic horse (evoked by Clooney performance) that follows Epstein derives from Spanish influence. (Elsewhere expect to see performer office conjuring the head of a marmoset and crocodylus.) Epstein also performs as one of the female birds in the pedestrian eye-catching Swing VS Swing—which reaches uncommon height as parasols send her and fellow flyers to catchers. Bringing together a highly sophisticated ensemble from Berenice, Ukraine and Russia, Swing VS Swing reaches remarkable heights.

Eric Ford Koller has a homely eloquence as the clown who ‘lands on the start’—along with the audience—in the show’s singular representation of Mexico. This gifted Netherland performer also displays great comic skill interacting with audience members at various points throughout “Luzia” and especially during Clown Beach—in which a kind of beach ball volley ball stretch occurs—and Clown Bar.

Clown Beach, a virtual standout, conjures up such images as fish and birds. Here Koller turns Keaton-esque as his vulnerable Clown struggle to fill his densely empy with the pill like rain that moves beyond him as he pursues it. Now light hearted whimsy turns to an intense story of Hope Divining with performers from the United States, Canada and Australia.

Mexican vocalist Maia Carnero delivers the songs in composer Simon Carpenter’s score—complete with operatic storms and blends of modern and traditional rhythms—with rich voice and strong phrasing.

Hand Balancing on Cannes, one of several standout acts, features gravity-defying French performer Ugo Lafleur increasing his level degree of difficulty repeatedly as he adds more and more height to his act. French juggler Gildo Pybik masterfully handles seven pins—not only in front of the Clown du Soleil audience but also his performance with world-class confidence during his tour in various cities.

Russian, contortionist Alexei Goloborodko delivers the most amazing showstopping in “Luzia” amid stage-adorned candles. Goloborodko’s magical work with head and body—could be quadruple-jointed—makes him the best contortionist: this critic has seen during decades of seeing Circus du Soleil. and even such theatrical counterparts as the Big Apple Circus.

This artist’s Mexican custom and Spanish music proves as imaginative in its own distinctive way as the company’s recent invention—puppets “Kunce” and replacing its streaking rail. “Alegria.” Take flight with Clown du Soleil’s touring “Luzia.”

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South End Citizen Teachers Honored

With President’s Volunteer Service Award

SUNY and UT Eliot Strategies

Each year, the President of the United States recognizes volunteers throughout the country with the President’s Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA). South End residents Laura Diis and Eric Halliday are among this year’s recipients. As Citizen Teachers, these volunteers spend several hours each week sharing their professional “know-how” with middle school students in low-income communities during after-school hours. The membership and support they provide is a helping hand that opens opportunities which exist between students and their peers from more affluent communities.

During the 2017-2018 school year, nearly 4,000 volunteers worked in our classrooms impacting over 29,000 students across the country. 2018 PVSA winners worked in expanded learning time activities during after-school hours this school year teaching on-field television work at their expertise in. These partnerships for ten weeks each semester, offering hands-on, project-based learning that helps students connect the lessons they learn during school hours with real-world applications beyond the classroom. Many of the partnerships focus heavily on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and include Lego Robotics, Rocket Science, Mock Trial, 3-D Printing, Social Justice, and more.

Honorees show a notable commitment to service. Gold level recipients taught 9 of the past 5 semesters, silver level recipients taught 5 of the past 5 semesters and bronze level recipients taught any of the two last semesters. Diis and Halliday are being recognized as silver level honorees.

“We thank our PVSA winners for their unparalleled commitment to our students, communities and the mission of Citizen Schools,” said Citizen Schools CEO Emily McCarty. “These women and men hold our students’ access and explore potential career pathways and support students’ academic and social emotional growth. Their work lies at the heart of our mission.”

Resources

Summer Programs for Kids

Bostons Community College is offering summer programs for kids. We have 4-week Summer Arts Intensive programs (ages 10-14) and 2-week Summer STEM Weeks. Summer Arts features drama, theater, dance, creative writing, and dance. STEM Week 2 (ages 10 - 14) features courses in Robotics, Chemistry, and 3-D design.

Free Tennis Lessons at Almont Park

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Every Saturday starting June 23rd, 11 am to 12 pm at Almont Park.

Franklin Park Tennis Association Summer Camp 2018

The camp prepares tennis, fitness, and fun, including courts, games, and activities. Parents and children will love the fun.

Weekly sessions from June 27 through August 18.

Free Friday Nights at Children’s Museum

Every Friday evening families can enjoy the entire Boston Children’s Museum for $1. The museum includes an Art Studio, Construction Zone, and more.

Free Friday nights from 5:00 – 9:00 PM

MGHFC Club STAR

This group is for children and teens in kindergarten through senior year of high school and their parents who are aspiring to be a star. Sis is a membership group, but new members are welcome at any time. Dinner and parking reimbursement provided.

The 1st Wednesday of the month from October to June. 5:00-7:30 PM

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For more information about the program or to register, please contact Hillary ElAmro at haelmarz@hotmail.com or call 617-364-9276.

Get a Free Bicycle with CommonWheels’ Earn-A-Bike Workshops

This winter, CommonWheels is hosting its second season of Earn-A-Bike programs, in collaboration with PublicNext. This program is specifically designed for women in the Allston-Brighton area. This program will focus on teaching participants how to repair and maintain bikes and introduce them to the skills and knowledge necessary to use a bicycle as a practical and sustainable mode of transportation.

$1 Friday Nights at Children’s Museum

For more information about upcoming classes and how to apply.

YEAR UP Recruitment

For young adults interested in taking their next step in their journey towards a career and higher education, YEAR UP’s mission is to close the opportunity divide through a career-year intensive program. This free program serves students ages 14-21 who are interested in earning educational diplomas and an associate degree or one-year certificate at Boston College Credit recommendations will be provided while taking classes and completing an internship at top companies in Boston to prepare for a

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residential units, 190 of which will be affordable. In addition, the project will create 397 jobs upon their completion.

The BPDA continues to make progress towards Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s goal of increasing affordable housing to support a strong middle-class. Since the start of 2018, 2,081 new housing units have been approved, with 62% of them set aside for low- or moderate-income residents.

South End Development Projects

217 Albany Street to bring innovative residential living to the South End

217 Albany Street proposes to bring innovative residential living opportunities to the South End. The project includes a five-story mixed-use building that will consist of 32 residential units, with 21 units set aside for low- or moderate-income residents, and 11 commercial spaces on the ground floor.

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The new residential building will consist of 50 units, with 25 units set aside for low- or moderate-income residents, and 25 units for market-rate residents.

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Subsidized Hubway Memberships

For only $5/year, low-income residents in the City of Boston can rent a Hubway bike for up to 30 minutes at a time at no charge. With this special membership, a free helmet is also provided. The subsidy code can be obtained from the Boston Public Health Commission. Must be 17 years of age or older. All season, except winter in Boston. You can find a map of the stations at http://www.thehubway.com/stations

To get the code, call 617-394-3690 and redeem it at TheHubway.com.

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Summer Jobs

Summer Learning: Project ESL Lead Teacher position, 2 Summer Learning: Project Visual Art Teacher positions, and a BFS Instructional Coach position are all available. IBA is also looking for a Teaching Artist for their Peer Leader Program to lead a workshop on Monday and Tuesday from 1-3PM (for 6 weeks) with about 15 teens in their “Art for Justice” program. Preferred forms of art include movement, theater, dance, music, spoken word, improvisation, etc. but they are open to other! The Summer Learning Project serves rising 2nd and 3rd grade ESL students based at the Blackstone Innovation School in the South End.

For more information, visit http://www.ibaboston.org/employment/

Roof Deck

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could deal with. “I just want to focus on the decks,” she said. “We’re not talking about the universe here and people’s lives, we’re talking about this deck, which is 294 square feet.”

One Bond Street resident did support Bates. Harry Connell, who lives across the street at 7 Bond for 63 years, and who told the board he might have been the first street resident to add a roof deck, said he has never had a problem with the decks on either side of him. He added that he looked out his bedroom window before the hearing and counted 17 decks.

Another supporter was Bates’ tenant, who has lived in the building with his wife and daughter for the past five years. The mayor’s office supported the deck proposal. “We don’t feel owner occupancy should necessarily be the criteria for a zoning decision, a neighborhood liaison told the board. But citing the neighborhood opposition, City Councilor Ed Flynn, Annissa Essaibi George, Ayanna Pressley, Michael Flaherty and Michelle Wu and state Rep. Aaron Michlewitz all opposed the deck.

After an aide to Wu cited a petition against the deck signed by 75 residents, Araujo asked, “out of curiosity, how many of those people have decks?” The aide said he did not know.

The board vote was not unanimous. Member Anthony Picchi voted against allowing the deck.

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Street building will be nine stories and set back at the corner of Herald and Washington Streets, rising to 15 stories further south along Washington Street. The building will contain 113 residential units with ground floor retail, commercial, cultural, and/or community spaces along Washington Street. In addition, there will be an underground garage with 120 parking spaces.

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Pet of the Week

Most Lady, a spunky gal who has quite the voice. She’s going to take some time to get used to her new surroundings and how space. She gets nervous around loud noises and moving things and is gonna need someone patient, who can help build her confidence. Lady would do best in a home that will give her time and space and let her be herself. Due to this site can’t come home with children and wants a nice quiet household. If you think this sweet Lady is the right fit for your home, please plan to visit her at our shelter today. For more information about Lady or other adoptable animals at the Animal Rescue League of Boston, please contact us at (617) 426-1787 or visit us online at arlboston.org.

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