2019 Summer News

Working for community control of land, development without displacement, permanently affordable housing, and shared neighborhood spaces.

Plan Downtown, Plan Chinatown!

Chinatown CLT and other members of the Chinatown Master Plan Committee are represented in the Plan Downtown Boston Advisory Group to inform the City’s comprehensive plan for the downtown area, which will end with new zoning recommendations in 2020. Chinatown CLT is working with the CAFEH project, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and other community partners to host a community design workshop this month to involve community residents in identifying and highlighting Chinatown’s own priorities for a healthy community, focusing on housing, open space, and clean/safe streets.

Healthy Chinatown Design Workshop
Saturday, July 20th
9:30 – 3:30
Josiah Quincy Upper School Cafeteria
Preservation of Reggie Wong Park

Chinatown CLT secured a $100,000 grant from the Community Preservation Fund and a $25,000 developer contribution from the Hudson Group to implement improvements to Reggie Wong Park, the community’s only public recreational open space, which sits on state-owned development land next to the highway.

This spring, we launched the Reggie Wong Park Committee to discuss and oversee these plans, including youth, adult basketball and volleyball players, Chinatown and Leather District residents, and stakeholder groups. Committee representatives have been meeting with the Department of Transportation and the City of Boston on agreements to ensure the long-term future of the park. For more information, contact ChinatownCLT@gmail.com.

A Community Vision for Parcel R1

Chinatown CLT is continuing to work with students from MIT’s Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Chinatown Resident Association, Asian Community Development Corporation, Chinatown Main Street, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and others to create a development vision for Parcel R1, former site of the YMCA bubble. With the termination of Tufts University’s development option in 2017, we are asking the City of Boston to begin a public disposition process this year. If you are interested in joining the R1 Committee to reclaim this public parcel, contact us ChinatownCLT@gmail.com or call 617.259.1503.

Chinatown’s Living History

Chinatown CLT joined the Chinese Progressive Association for their Row House Preservation Launch last month to call for zoning amendments to protect Chinatown’s historic row house streets. An Interim Planning Overlay District could reduce height and massing limits on select row house streets, and offer a Tenant Option to Purchase or protections that bring displaced tenants back to Chinatown.

Chinatown CLT seeks to acquire or partner to preserve the neighborhood’s historic brick row houses as homes for working class families, as they have been for generations of immigrants since the early 1800s. This just one way to protect and safeguard the living pulse of Boston’s immigrant history. We are also exploring the development of an Immigrant History Trail with historic preservationists, artists, and community leaders.

If you are interested in learning more about the Chinatown Row House Protection project, please contact us at ChinatownCLT@gmail.com or 617.259.1503.

Hudson Street Chronicles

Read local author Cynthia Yee’s latest story from the Hudson Street Chronicles, Mo Hi: Don’t
Look, about growing up in Boston Chinatown.

Click here to read.

Support community control to stabilize Chinatown!

Anyone can become a member of Chinatown CLT if you agree with our mission and pay $5 annual dues. Chinatown residents are voting members; non-residents are supporting members.

Click here to become a member or donate to Chinatown CLT!