

**Harvard Allston Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 26, 2007
Honan-Allston Library
6:30 p.m.**

I. Attendance

Harvard Allston Task Force

John Bruno
Cathi Campbell
John Cusack
Rita DiGesse
Bruce Houghton
Michael Hanlon
Harry Mattison
Millie Hollum McLaughlin
Ray Mellone, Chair
Brent Whelan

Harvard University

Will Donham
Chris Gordon
Peggy Hayes
Andy O'Brien
Dave Moffatt
David Raszmann
Alison Reinhardt
Kathy Spiegelman
Dennis Swinford

City of Boston

Gerald Autler, Boston Redevelopment Authority
Michael Glavin, Boston Redevelopment Authority

Harvard Allston Task Force chair Ray Mellone began the meeting at 6:40 p.m. He said he wanted the Task Force to follow up on the discussion from the last meeting regarding its recommendation to the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) to issue an adequacy determination for the Harvard Allston Science Complex Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR). He distributed a letter addressed to the BRA Board members for the Task Force to review. He said the meeting minutes for the September 17, 2007 meeting are integral part of the letter he would like to submit and a copy of the minutes should be formally submitted with the letter. The letter summarizes the factual business that transpired at the meeting on September 17th and recommends the BRA Board and the Acting Director of the BRA issue an adequacy determination on DPIR.

Ray read the letter to the Task Force and community members (attached). The letter summarizes the vote the Task Force took on September 17th to unanimously support the Allston Science Complex and to continue dialogue with Harvard University and the BRA to resolve outstanding concerns with regard to community benefits and construction mitigation.

Ray asked the Task Force to review the letter within the context of the minutes from September 17th and discuss it if they have substantial differences in opinion of what transpired.

John Bruno asked if Representative Moran's resolution would be submitted along with the letter to the BRA. Gerald Autler said yes because it was incorporated as part of the September 17th minutes.

Harry Mattison suggested that the Task Force start referring to and consider the document initiated by Representative Moran as the Task Force's proposal. Brent Whelan agreed and said Representative Moran consulted with community and attempted to summarize the discussion of the Task Force and he was an intermediary in getting the proposal on paper.

Brent Whelan said the minutes also reflect the Task Force's review and concerns about the DPIR. He said he thought the Task Force was intending the DPIR to be seen as inadequate in certain ways and the review and approval needs to address changes in the DPIR. He said Ray's letter calls for discussion to continue but doesn't imply the changes that need to be included by Harvard. He said that is his objection to the DPIR adequacy determination. He said the Task Force and community raised concerns and wanted them to be reflected as changes and not to approve the DPIR as written. For example, he said the community benefits as proposed are inadequate and not in scale with the project.

Cathi Campbell said the Task Force did vote in favor of sending forward its approval with Representative Moran's resolution but it is not 100% inclusive of what the Task Force would like to see. She said there was language in the resolution that she did not agree with and was not comfortable with. She said in an effort to have a united front as a Task Force she agreed to submit the resolution with their recommendation. She said the resolution doesn't adequately reflect all the feelings of the Task Force. She said she was not notified of the meeting that took place with Representative Moran to develop the resolution. She said she doesn't agree that this was the proposal of the Task Force and it doesn't reflect everything she may have included. .

Cathi also said that the language for approving the DPIR from June 25, 2007 is not clear language because Harvard and the City of Boston have made changes to the DPIR that Harvard has agreed to and what we approve and present should be reflective of those changes. Cathi said it doesn't mean the Task Force agrees with every nuance in the DPIR but that there were changes that all the parties agreed to that aren't reflect in DPIR and the minutes from just the last meeting. The changes are reflected from multiple meetings.

Ray Mellone said he wrote the letter with the understanding we would continue to talk about these things. He said the spirit of the letter recommends that the Science Complex should go forward. He said he didn't know how much it would be worth to itemize everything in the DPIR. He said he was trying to make the letter summarize the factual situation that occurred when the Task Force members took a vote. He said he was hoping that the Task Force was comfortable that the letter is the basis for the events that happened on September 17th. Ray said the DPIR is a work in progress and he doesn't see anything in his letter that has been left out.

Harry Mattison asked Ray when he saw the DPIR finishing. Ray said it wasn't a black and white ending date. He said the Task Force needs to put its best foot forward. He said the intent is to see Harvard, the BRA and the Task Force agree on issues that are important to the community and that issues will be resolved. He said the first step to doing this is to get beyond the discussion of the DPIR document itself and get to the discussions of community benefits and construction mitigation. He acknowledged that the community benefits package is very important but the Task Force was going to get hung up on the discussion if it doesn't get past this stalemate of approving the DPIR. He said the points in Representative Moran's resolution weren't all related to the DPIR approval and all those things need to be talked about in an ongoing fashion.

John Cusack said that on page 5 of the meeting minutes John Bruno had an exchange with Gerald Autler, BRA, to try and nail down what had been changed in the DPIR. Gerald had said most of the questions and issues would be addressed as supplemental information rather than through an edited DPIR. Cusack said there have been changes that aren't necessarily attached to the 9/17 meeting minutes and that DPIR is not the same document as it was on June 25th. He thought it would be good if there was a way the Task Force could see what has changed in the DPIR since June 25th, such as things that have changed from discussions between Harvard and the BRA as well as things the Task Force knows about. John said though since this is reflected in the meeting minutes he's willing to support the letter. Ray agreed and said that was why he wanted the minutes included so they can refer back to them.

Brent Whelan asked if the Task Force can approve the DPIR conditionally and if that is a normal procedure.

Gerald said he thought that is what the Task Force's vote last week expressed- a sense of approval for the project moving forward conditional on further dialogue. In response to some of the points in the resolution, the City will need to work with the different City departments. For example, Gerald will need to work with the Public Works Department, to discuss the request for twice weekly trash collection. He said that's the kind of dialogue the BRA needs to have in order to respond to their requests. He said he understood the Task Force wanted the City to respond. He said the tone and vote indicated the Task Force's support for the project to move forward but conditional on discussion of ongoing issues such as construction mitigation and community benefits. He

said Harvard cannot get a building permit without an approved construction management plan and signed cooperation agreement.

John Bruno said paragraph two of Ray's letter does express conditions- it reflects approval with the understanding of continual dialogue to address unforeseen impacts.

Gerald Autler said again that in order for Harvard to get a building permit it needs a construction management plan and cooperation agreement and that is why there is a Task Force meeting tonight to continue to review these issues. He suggested moving beyond the DPIR, since his understanding was at the last meeting the Task Force recommended lending its support to move forward with this project with issues and concerns continuing to be addressed in ongoing discussion. Gerald said the BRA has committed to helping the Task Force and community get those issues addressed. He said he viewed the vote as a statement of support for the project with an equal statement of need to discuss concerns and questions.

Harry Mattison said that the commitment the Task Force was looking for was responses and a timeframe for resolution of the issues.

Mike Hanlon suggested that Ray's letter be edited to include employment as part of the last sentence in the second paragraph so that it reads "...developing a Master Plan of Community Benefits that meet comprehensive education, employment and other goals. He said "other goals" does not cut it in indicating the priority for employment community benefits. He asked the Task Force to support adding the word employment. Ray said he didn't believe it was necessary to add that word. John Bruno said neighborhood jobs are a huge component and advocated for that word to be included too.

Brent Whelan said this brought up the point that the question of community benefits is undeveloped and that the Task Force needs to develop a prioritized understanding of community benefits. He suggested that developing this would be a better plan rather than adding category by category.

Harry Mattison asked when the BRA was planning to respond to the resolution. Gerald Autler said that some things will be a formal response but some things will need more discussion with the City departments and the BRA is working on it. He said at this point, he can't give the Task Force a simple yes or no answer for all the items. He said the BRA views the resolution as statements of concerns and it wants to work with the City departments to find a way to address them. He said they've started the work and the responses can be done on a rolling basis. He said as the City is able to give responses and provide more information it will.

Harry Mattison said he was under the impression they were going to receive written responses to Representative Moran's points so the Task Force could review it and respond to it. John Bruno said he wasn't sure putting a deadline on the responses was a good idea because then they would risk not having all the items thoroughly investigated.

Harry said he thought the BRA was going to make responding a priority. He said he didn't think a continual dialogue with no end date would help the discussion. Gerald said some points are easier to respond to than others but they all need to be addressed before the project begins construction. Some are feasible, some are not. Some the BRA is going to work for an alternative approach. Harry asked for a response in writing before the building permits are issued and construction begins. Gerald said the BRA has made a commitment to respond to all these things and to do this by the time the process wraps up- when a construction management plan is approved and a community benefits agreement is reached.

John Cusack suggested that the letter be edited to say "...and to continue a dialogue to resolve..." For example, the Boston Transportation Department said it will make certain decisions but it will adapt them once they see how the plan is working. He said the inclusion of the word "resolve" is good and also the right to revisit things. He said the idea is that the discussion is for a purpose to get to the issues and to resolve them.

Ray Mellone said that his letter talks about the process and wasn't meant to talk about the specific issues that have to be prioritized over others. He said they shouldn't spend more time trying to prioritize the issues and wording. The intent and spirit of the letter is to identify the process and show a consensus about where we're going and how to do it. Eventually priorities will be discussed but this letter describes the process and was intended to provide a broad view. He said that if the letter has to break down every single issue, it's not a letter he would sign.

Harry Mattison said he is trying to get things resolved and that without deadlines the Task Force is just meeting and meeting. He said what frustrates the neighborhood is the lack of results and lack of commitments. He said he wasn't saying the City and Harvard actually do all the proposals but all he's asking for is a response.

Cathi Campbell said the BRA's response doesn't need to be in writing because Gerald has made a public statement that the BRA is going to respond. In the minutes of this meeting it will say that the BRA and Harvard are going to respond to Representative Moran's proposal before the permits are issued.

Chris Gordon, Harvard University, said Harvard also agreed to respond.

Brent Whelan said the point is to resolve the issues not just respond. Ray Mellone said the word "resolve" sets it up for black and white answers without having a chance to discuss the issues. Ray said the Task Force should have confidence in the City departments and that it isn't up to them to come up with the solutions. He said the community is going to get the best it can out of the City.

John Bruno said that at the last meeting when the Task Force voted in favor, Chris Gordon suggested the Task Force broaden their vote to include other issues besides those listed in the resolution. Chris Gordon said that what he was trying to clarify for the Task Force was that the resolution that was endorsed by the Task Force wasn't its only list.

Cathi Campbell said what she thought Chris had been saying was that the resolution not be exclusive of other things and that there are other issues that may come up that we all need to talk about even if they weren't included on the list. Chris agreed and said he was trying to say that the list should not exclude anything that wasn't on that list that the Task Force wanted previously that was brought up during the last months of meetings.

John Bruno suggested that the September 17th minutes should be amended to reflect that not only did the Task Force not object to his suggestion but that they enthusiastically supported it. John Bruno made a motion to amend the minutes to say:

“Chris Gordon said that he would be happy to respond to the list of concerns being submitted and suggested that, with the permission of the Task Force, Harvard's responses would be broadened to include other issues previously raised by the Task Force. The Task Force enthusiastically supported this suggestion.”

Mike Hanlon seconded the motion. The Task Force members all voted in favor of the motion.

Harry Mattison asked what the status was for Harvard to respond to items in the BRA scoping determination that weren't answered in DPIR. Kathy Spiegelman said that Harvard was asked to focus its presentation tonight on its community benefits proposal. She said Harvard has been putting together a Questions and Answers document from the questions that were raised during the review of the DPIR and it will post it on its web site soon and distribute it to the Task Force in the next couple of days.

Harry Mattison asked Ray Mellone if the audience members would be allowed to contribute to the discussion at tonight's meeting. Ray said if time allowed but he thought it was important for the Task Force to discuss amongst themselves and come to a consensus.

Millie Hollum McLaughlin made a motion to vote on sending Ray Mellone's letter to the BRA Board with the amended September 17th meeting minutes. Cathi Campbell seconded the motion. Brent Whelan confirmed that the meeting minutes included Representative Moran's document. The Task Force members all voted in favor of the motion And voted in favor of approval of the minutes as amended.

Harry Mattison asked that in the future letters like this be distributed amongst the Task Force members before the meeting and that if assistance is needed the BRA can provide staff support.

Gerald Autler announced that the BRA Board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m. The meeting is a public hearing and all are welcome to attend. The meeting will be located in the BRA Board room on the 9th floor of City Hall. The Allston Science Complex is the second agenda item slated to being at 2:15 p.m. although it is likely it will start a little later.

Representative Moran asked what else is on the agenda and Michael Glavin, BRA, said he could get back to him.

Gerald confirmed that the BRA will distribute the public comments it received on the DPIR before the hearing.

Kathy Spiegelman said that originally the university's Institutional Master Plan (IMP) Amendment include two projects: the Harvard Allston Science Complex and the Allston Art Center. The art center project will now be taken out of the amendment and incorporated into the university's long-term, new Institutional Master Plan. The Amendment will only include the Harvard Allston Science Complex project.

Chris Gordon said there's been a number of community meetings and Harvard is impressed with the community and the Task Force and appreciates their effort. Harvard views the process as being constructive, civil, and positive. Chris also thanked the elected officials and the Mayor pushing Harvard on behalf of the community. He said Harvard looks forward to continuing the review and discussion. He said the list from Representative Moran is a good list and in response Harvard has tried to come up with a specific community benefits package. He said it may not be perfect but Harvard wants to hear their feedback. As far as construction mitigation, Harvard thinks it has a good plan but he guaranteed that it probably has missed something. He encouraged people to utilize Harvard's 24-hour hotline and construction mitigation web site. He said Harvard wants to fine tune the plan to make sure it gets it right. He said Harvard will be a long-term, permanent resident and that we are just at the beginning of a long process. Harvard doesn't have intentions of being a bad neighbor.

Chris Gordon and Kathy Spiegelman went through Harvard's presentation which was a summary of the Allston Science Complex and the proposed community benefits package. The presentation is available on the Allston Development Group's web site at: www.allston.harvard.edu . Questions and comments that came up during the presentation included:

Mike Hanlon: Will the building have an Allston name and an Allston zip code? The Harvard Business School doesn't have an Allston zip code and the community would like to see this building with a 02134 zip code.

Chris Gordon: Right now we have been calling it the Harvard Allston Science Complex. In our mind it's an Allston building. There may be a donor who wants to give money to pay for the building and therefore get naming rights. I will get back to you on how the system works for zip codes.

Mike Hanlon: Where is Harvard's human resources department represented in the outreach efforts with the community?

Kathy Spiegelman: There isn't a specific community benefits program yet with the human resources department. As part of workforce development there will be a liaison contact in the Office of Human Resource. We want the Neighborhood Planner to make sure that's a visible component for the community.

Mike Hanlon: Can you use the education portal at 175 North Harvard Street to make a day care center instead of waiting for the day care center to open at the science complex?

Kathy Spiegelman: The physical requirements to build a day care facility are so strict that it would take as long to build it at 175 North Harvard Street as it would to build it at the science center.

Mike Hanlon: How much will the school of education be involved with the education portal?

Kathy Spiegelman: Right now the Graduate School of Education's programs are geared toward to the Gardner School. The tutoring program will be through Rob Lue who works for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and presented at a previous Task Force meeting. The Graduate School of Education will play a role in helping to understand the Boston Public School's curriculum so they can provide the proper training for the tutors.

Brent Whelan: It seems like you have some parameters for where you're going to start. Do you have some planning assessment for how it will grow?

Kathy Spiegelman: As of right now the plan is only grown with a percentage multiplier. Once we do the community assessment survey and through regular evaluation and contact with the advisory committee we can begin to have a better idea. We envision the advisory committee to be active before spring 2008.

Kathy Spiegelman said that majority of the coverage area includes the 02134 zip code but Harvard recognizes that areas of North Brighton have a 02135 zip code. The coverage area includes everything from the Turnpike to Market Street this was the study area in the North Allston Strategic Framework Plan (NASFP).

Audience Member: It's not fair to eliminate Brighton residents from the benefits.

Kathy Spiegelman: Once we complete the community assessment survey we will have better information to evaluate the coverage area. Harvard hadn't expected to reach all of Brighton around toward the BC area and instead was focusing on the planning area in the NASFP.

Harry Mattison: How many square feet of the 175 North Harvard Street building is being renovated?

Kathy Spiegelman: I don't know, we haven't hired someone to do the plans yet. We can get back to you.

Mike Hanlon: What do you mean by career exploration programs?

Kathy Spiegelman: The career exploration programs are targeted toward high school kids. It introduces the children to different careers and helps them identify the kinds of education opportunities that can be explored.

Audience Member: You plan calls for giving worker preference to Allston-Brighton construction workers. What about construction companies located in Allston?

Chris Gordon: That's a good question, we haven't tackled that yet.

Audience Member: What about construction workers who have their licenses but aren't a part of the union? Can they apply for the construction worker jobs?

Chris Gordon: Harvard has signed a project labor agreement with the local unions so the jobs will be union jobs. They would need to work out their employment with the union.

Ray Mellone: Harvard should introduce the scientific careers and job opportunities as early as possible for the children at the education portal.

Kathy Spiegelman: That is a good idea and once the building is constructed we will be developing programs to bring the kids to the Science Complex to meet with the researchers and use the labs.

Audience member: What about adults who want training?

Kathy Spiegelman: We need to do the community survey to tell us where people are at. The programs will change over time to adapt to the needs.

John Bruno: The spin-off jobs that will be created, will they be private sector jobs and would they be locate in properties Harvard owns around the site?

Kathy Spiegelman: We had a company called Appleseed do a formal study. The results say that with the development it would create a need for 200-300 jobs in the Boston economy. The study doesn't tell us where the jobs would be located.

Chris Gordon said it was important to note that not all the jobs created will be science related.

Kathy Spiegelman presented a slide that showed as part of Harvard's community benefits package it is committed to enhancing affordable and mixed income housing for the neighborhood. One of the ways this will be done is through the Charlesview relocation and the addition of up to 187 new units as part of the negotiation between Harvard and the Charlesview Board.

This slide resulted in several questions and comments from the Task Force and audience members.

Brent Whelan said the proposed Charlesview relocation is entering into the Holton Street corridor area which is identified as a Special Study Area in the NASFP. The Holton Street corridor area was one of the study areas left open in the NASFP for further review and planning and he did not feel comfortable that plans were being made in a piecemeal approach.

Kathy Spiegelman that Harvard will not be developing that site as part of the land swap. She said that assuming the negotiations go through, the community would engage in a broader planning context, of which Harvard would be a part.

Gerald Autler said the open planning study areas in the NASFP have come up a number of times but because the process to review the Science Complex has been long and complex the City and the community haven't gotten to spend much time on them yet. He said as the Task Force and community begin to look at the Institutional Master Plan as a broader development the City and the Task Force will revisit the study areas including looking at all of Western Avenue, Brighton Mills, Holton Street, and Barry's Corner to start to put into better context.

Brent Whelan said it sounded like Harvard was disowning the Charlesview relocation. But as he sees it, it is part of Harvard's expansion into Allston. He said the NASFP identified a significant investment in housing units as part of a larger partnership between the community and Harvard and this figure comes up short.

Kathy Spiegelman said she can't negotiate the Charlesview deal with the Task Force. She said the land swap is not in Harvard's IMP and Harvard ultimately is not going to be doing the development for the new apartments.

Ray Mellone said there were three open study areas in NASFP and it's never been determined who exactly would be doing the studying. He said it remains to be seen exactly how this Task Force as a group will look at it and it falls into the larger planning scheme.

John Bruno asked if the number was determined with Charlesview. He asked if it was Harvard's whole initiative to add housing stock to the area and what kind of housing it would be.

Kathy Spiegelman: For the 213 units that are there now we hope it would be a transfer of the subsidies that are there. The Charlesview Board and their consultant The Community Builders have come up with a development plan to support a mix of incomes- some at market rate, some below. Harvard didn't dictate the profile- we agreed to provide enough land and money.

John Bruno: Where is the land?

Kathy Spiegelman: In the former KMART lot and at Harvard's land on Teleford Street.

Chris Gordon said this does not effect the Shaw's.

Kathy said at the request of City Hall and the Mayor's office, Harvard was asked to pay attention to the relocation in conjunction with the DPIR for the Science Complex. The City asked us to commit to working on the Charlesview relocation as way to have citywide and community goals for housing incorporated.

John Bruno said the Task Force is going to be limited in what it can do. He suggested they should act as an advisory group.

Harry Mattison asked if the City was considering this as part of the Harvard's community benefits package.

An audience member expressed his frustration with the lack of community input on stuff like this and that it looks like Harvard has already decided what the community needs. He said he was uncomfortable with the process as part of the negotiations between two parties. He said it shouldn't be considered as a community benefit if it's a negotiation between two parties. Gerald Autler stated that the city did not consider the replacement of Charlesview Apartments as a community benefit specifically tied to the Science Complex.

John Cusack said the 213 units at Charlesview represent members of this community. Harry Mattison asked when there been discussion with them. Representative Moran said there have been meetings with the Charlesview residents.

Chris Gordon said this was only the first step in trying to get the deal completed and that if completed, it would still have to go through a community review process.

Ray Mellone said it's true that Harvard benefits but some members of Charlesview also see it as a benefit. He said the NASFP never envisioned the Charlesview relocation to a commercial spot. He said there are problems in his mind about how it will work in this location without analyzing the impacts and eventually some task force has to be formed to look at larger questions. We haven't come to conclusion if it's a good fit or not. Don't know what the process is to consider that.

Kathy Spiegelman said it was requested by the City that Harvard try to take the project forward.

Representative Kevin Honan said the community benefits package as presented is not finished. He suggested that it would be beneficial to have the Harvard School of Public Health involved in the community benefits package. He said he hoped to see that school much more involved.

Kathy Spiegelman said it was definitely anticipated for the future but Harvard can try to work on incorporating it now.

Brent Whelan said there hasn't been a community forum to discuss and respond to the proposed public realm benefits.

Kathy said as we work toward a cooperation agreement Harvard looks forward to engaging the community more.

Mike Hanlon asked the BRA what percentage of the linkage money comes back to the Allston Brighton neighborhood.

Michael Glavin said that linkage payments are designed to benefit the entire City. However, the City needs to understand the needs of the immediate neighborhood to see how they are consistent with the City's priorities.

Mike Hanlon: What kind of commitment can the City make to give a percentage of the linkage dollars back to Allston Brighton?

Gerald Autler said linkage is a citywide fund and it is designed to use the value of the real estate in parts of the city experiencing more intensive development to enhance other parts of the city. He said that it was established when there was significant development happening downtown and it was a way to make sure that economic benefits from that development downtown had a positive impact on the neighborhoods. There are no requirements or formulas for directly tying the linkage funds to the neighborhood for which they're generated.

Mike Hanlon said that if Harvard is going to put money up, he doesn't want to see it disappear to another neighborhood.

Gerald said that every development project across the city that meets certain thresholds is required to pay into the linkage fund and he's not sure if the community really wants to go down the path of advocating that linkage funds stay in the area where they're generated because as it is Allston and Brighton can benefit from funds paid by projects in other areas of the city. He said the linkage program was established to accomplish certain goals and the community benefits program was established to accomplish other goals.

Kathy said that \$4 million dollars of Harvard's \$25 million dollars represents the linkage payment.

Bruce Houghton suggested that the agenda for the next meeting be for the Task Force and community to develop a plan for what the community wants. Ray asked if we trust the City departments to negotiate for the community. Yes, but they also negotiate in their own interests and separately. The most appropriate people to determine the benefits are the people of this neighborhood. This group hasn't done a good job in developing a plan for this community. He recommended the next meeting address their goals. What are the

long-term, medium and short term goals for this community? He said he would like to have document that the Task Force can go back to on a regular basis and represents what the community wants. He said that if the community doesn't have goals it will depend for others to develop the programs for them. We have to give the BRA and Harvard guidance and hold them accountable to what we want.

An audience member commented that residents need to have a discussion. She also said that Washington Street beyond Market Street will be impacted by Harvard's development and they shouldn't define a boundary for benefits.

Kathy Spiegelman handed out an updated version of the original draft community benefits matrix that was distributed by the Harvard Allston Task Force at their meeting on April 23, 2007. The text highlighted in yellow reflects the initiatives included in Harvard University's pending community benefits plan associated with the development of the proposed Harvard Allston Science Complex.

Representative Honan clarified that just because he initiated the resolution it is not his document. He said he's attended most of the meetings and it was developed from the community's comments given over time and with discussions with the neighbors. He said he put it together because he wanted to see solid community benefits come out of this science complex that they could all be proud of. He said he was happy with Harvard's proposals that he saw tonight, and was taken aback about what they talked about for the education portal. He said it was a step in right direction and hopes the construction mitigation plan receives the same time and attention. He also suggested that the food for the meetings be purchased from local restaurants like the Bus Stop Pub and others.

An audience member asked if it would help if community members submitted comments on their thoughts for community benefits to the Task Force. Ray said yes.

Cathi Campbell said she was hesitant about Harvard's language to revisit proposals over time. She said the community benefits have to be forever and the benefits have to be continued for the community. She wants to make sure they are forever as long as Harvard is in the community and she doesn't want so much "revisiting".

Senator Tolman agreed with Cathi. He said we have to look at the long-term not just the short-term fix. He said the proposal is a good first start to enhance the community. He said he supports a community trust to protect the community's future and enhance it 100-200 years from now.

Rita DiGesse suggested that Rena Park be designed as a sit down park for the adults and older neighbors rather than designed with functions for kids.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:45 p.m.