

Land Use and Zoning

- LU1. There is concern in the neighborhood regarding potential impacts on backyards, open space, and neighborhood character as properties expand or are redeveloped into larger multifamily buildings.
- LU2. The residential character of the neighborhood should be protected and enhanced especially when considering the heights and scale of new buildings and developments.
- LU3. Consider additional buffers between residential and industrial uses in the neighborhood.
- LU4. Encourage a mix of uses along Concord Avenue including affordable and market rate housing, and artist live/work studio spaces.
- LU5. New development in the neighborhood should include additional services and resources, such as open space, for residents.

Energy and Environment

- EE1. Consider converting City traffic signals to solar power or LED lighting.
- EE2. Explore additional ways to address the lack of porous ground and green space in the industrial areas of the neighborhood.
- EE3. The Silver Maple Forest should be kept as open space to protect against flooding and other environmental issues.
- EE4. Explore options to deal with the water table in the neighborhood and impacts such as basement flooding.
- EE5. There should be adequate tree maintenance and a preserved tree canopy in the neighborhood.

Transportation

- T1. Traffic at the intersection of Griswold Street and Concord Avenue is a concern. Consider a left turn signal from Griswold Street onto Concord Avenue.
- T2. The neighborhood should have more access to public transportation, including a more direct pedestrian route to the Alewife MBTA station, direct bus routes to the station from the neighborhood, and better Sunday transit service.
- T3. The current buses that serve the neighborhood via Concord Avenue should arrive on a more regular schedule to reduce instances of buses arriving in bunches.
- T4. Consider resident only parking on neighborhood streets. Explore the possibility of limiting certain streets to parking on one side only.
- T5. Explore the concept of bike sharing facilities in the neighborhood.

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- T6. Consider ways to make neighborhood streets safer including traffic calming on Concord Avenue, better separation between regional and local traffic, and landscape improvements.
- T7. Consider a truck restriction on the southern portion of Blanchard Road similar to the one that exist on the north section of Blanchard.
- T8. Explore the possibility of establishing a shuttle service for Fawcett Street.
- T9. There should be better lighting at the crosswalk at South Normandy Street and Blanchard Road.
- T10. Consider ways to ensure that snow is adequately cleared from properties in Belmont.

Housing

- H1. Encourage more families with children in the neighborhood through appropriate housing types and neighborhood amenities.
- H2. The style of new and redeveloped housing should be consistent with the existing character and scale of structures in the neighborhood.
- H3. Encourage and maintain a mix of rental and homeownership opportunities in the neighborhood.

Economic Development

- ED1. There is concern regarding commercial vacancies on Concord Avenue and the potential of losing more businesses along the stretch. Consider incentives to encourage businesses to locate there.
- ED2. The neighborhood should have a full service restaurant, more coffee shops, cafes, small boutiques, dry cleaner, and similar types of establishments in walking distance.
- ED3. Work to improve the current mix of retail at the nearby shopping center, possibly with fewer national chains. Vacant restaurant and retail space nearby such as the former Japanese restaurant and former Fish Market should be reused.
- ED4. Work with the United States Postal Service to explore the possibility of a mailbox in the neighborhood.

Open space

- OS1. The City should review, and if necessary, improve the safety of Rafferty Park in terms of the features within the park, as well as the layout, and work to create improved and safe access between the neighborhood and the park.
- OS2. Consider safety issues, such as access and lighting as part of the planned improvements to Blair Pond.
- OS3. Overall there should be more green space in the neighborhood.