

# June 9, 2011 Central Square Public Workshop

SUMMARY REPORT TO THE RED RIBBON COMMISSION | JUNE 30, 2011



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# What we heard: major topics

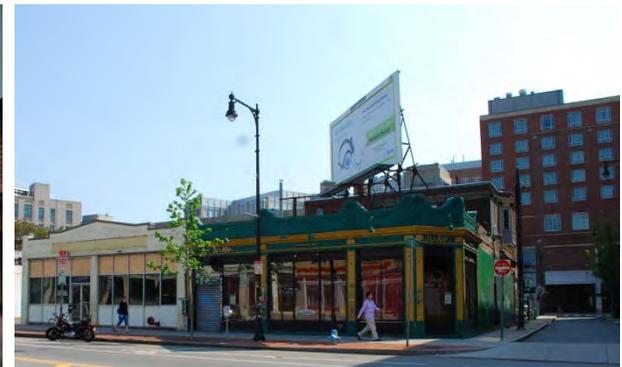
- **Retail:** amount...diversity
- **Housing:** amount...range
- **Public open space:** amount...kind
- **Arts, culture, identity:** current...future
- **Balancing access needs:** pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, drivers



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# Retail

- Attract more neighborhood-focused retail
- Maintain diversity, esp. price points
- Address blank store fronts



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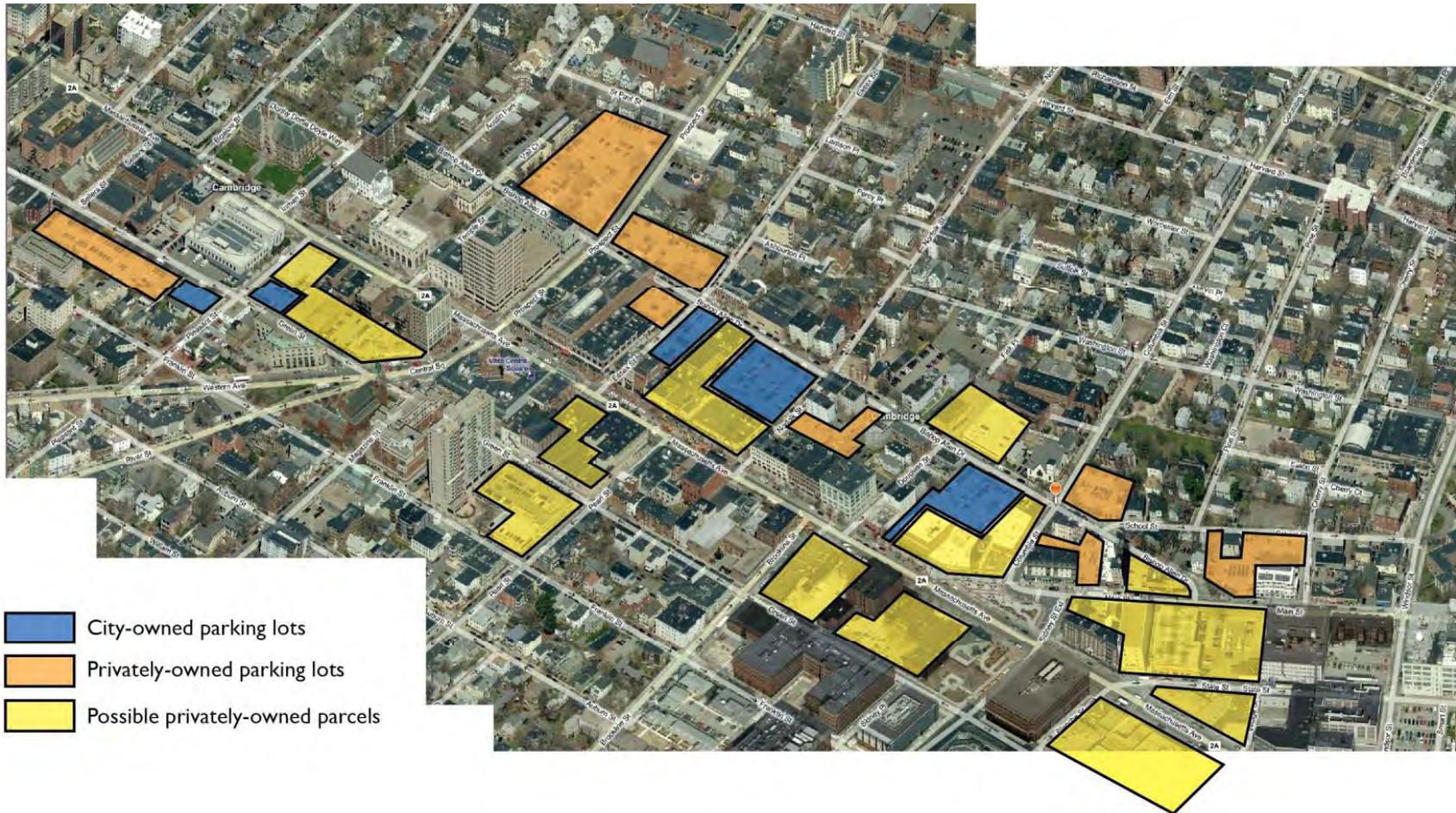
# Housing

- More housing serving broader range of households
- Ensure sensitivity of new housing to established surrounding neighborhoods



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# Multiple opportunities to add new housing



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# Public open space

- Intensify programming of existing public spaces
- Increase use in/of Lafayette Square
- Add more public art to public spaces
- Address problematic spaces



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# Arts, culture, identity

- Illuminate “dancing lights” in trees all year ‘round
- Hold more dance parties
- Make connections with universities more visible
- Preserve Dance Complex
- Artists must stay!



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# Transportation, traffic, streets, parking

- New development should provide sufficient parking to support retail
- Increase transportation/ traffic-related enforcement
- Increase traffic calming
- Improve walkability
- Add to already-high level of transit accessibility: e.g.,
  - Improved bus shelters at Barron Sq.
  - Seek to improve rush-hour service of No. 1 bus



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# Questions and comments



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