

# Alewife Working Group

Healthpeak Project Updates & Introduction to Specialists

February 9, 2023

### What to Expect From Healthpeak

Incremental, Strategic Investments & Planning

**Continued Dialogue Through Next Phase** 

Connect Community & Healthpeak Specialists on Key Project Strategies + Priorities

- Sustainability
- □ Traffic Mitigation
- Stormwater Management
- □ Housing & Affordability
- Retail & Placemaking Strategy
- Street Infrastructure, Public Realm, Pedestrian Experience

**Work Towards Formal Permit Application** 

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### Introduction To Key Specialists

### **ALDRICH**

**Environmental** Kate Dilawari and team

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Sustainability Jessica Zofchak and team



Retail, Placemaking & Public Realm Robin Mosle and team

# Haley & Aldrich

# Alewife Zoning Working Group Meeting #8

Katherine L. Dilawari, P.E., LSP Haley & Aldrich, Inc. February 9, 2023



### **Presentation Agenda**



#### Who am I / what do I do?

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Alewife site history / known subsurface conditions

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#### Planning from the ground up



KATHERINE L. DILAWARI Principal Consultant, Haley & Aldrich, Inc.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

25 years experience supporting real estate development and environmental remediation in the Cambridge and Boston area. My areas of expertise are due diligence, environmental site characterization and remediation, brownfield redevelopment, excavation earth support, foundation construction, excavated soil management, and construction dewatering.

#### **EDUCATION**

M.S., Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering, Tufts University B.S., Civil Engineering, Tufts University

#### **PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS**

MA: Licensed Site Professional, MA (Reg. No. 3659) MA: Professional Engineer, MA (Reg. No. 46129)



### Introduction to Haley & Aldrich

- Underground (geotechnical) engineering & construction
- Contaminated site management
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Sustainable development
- Geothermal energy systems
- Environmental risk assessment
- Water resources
- Resiliency planning & engineering



### Haley & Aldrich's Deep Expertise on Complex Underground Conditions in Alewife Neighborhood





## What is a Licensed Site Professional (LSP)?

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### Hiring a Licensed Site Professional

If contamination has been found on your property, you will need to hire a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) to determine if cleanup work is required.

Search all LSPs by Name, Town or License Number > Learn About Cleaning Up Waste Sites →







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5:00pm

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24 Hour Spill/Emergency Line

- Significant professional expertise in the assessment and cleanup of oil and hazardous material contamination
- Licensed by the state of MA
- Professional obligation to protect public health and the environment



## Digging Deep into Site History

Known environmental conditions:

- Areas of groundwater contamination from underground storage tanks and spills
- Soil contamination from spills and materials used as fill



## Challenging Underground Conditions in Alewife Neighborhood

- Thick fill and organics unsuitable to support buildings
- Thick deposits of alternating soft clay and highly permeable sands
- Very deep bedrock



### Planning from the Ground Up

- Identify and clean up residual contamination
  Plan for human and environmental health
- Transform former industrial properties into vibrant mixed-use communities <u>with green spaces</u>
- Integrate site remediation with redevelopment
- Locate underground space in consideration of soil and groundwater conditions
- Plan sustainable development
  - Stormwater management
  - Lower carbon impact site design
  - Renewable energy options







## **Atelier Ten**

### **Alewife District Sustainability**

Cambridge, MA

### Introduction

#### Jessica Zofchak, Associate Director LEED AP BD+C

Jessica has consulted on highly ambitious projects, focusing on environmental design, sustainable masterplanning, and façade optimization. Through her current role as leader of the Masterplan practice at Atelier Ten, Jessica has advised several institutions on visionary frameworks that strive for development identity grounded in environmental performance and equity, while reducing resource consumption and impacts on climate change.

- M. of Engineering High Performance Structures, MIT, 2009
- S.B. Building Technology, MIT, 2008
- S.B. Marketing Science, MIT, 2008

#### Experience

- MIT Central Utilities Plant study, Campus Net Zero study, GSHP Utility Study, Metropolitan Warehouse Adaptive Reuse Renovation
- MITIMCo Kendall Square Masterplan + Volpe Development Masterplan
- Harvard University Campus Building Decarbonization Study
- GSA DOT Volpe (LEED Gold minimum target)
- GSA Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Building (LEED Platinum)
- CT DEEP (LEED Platinum target)
- Confidential Zero Carbon NYC C+S Office Tower Design (LEED Platinum)
- Northpoint Masterplan Sustainability (Early-phase)

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### Healthpeak Approach

Sustainability

- Healthpeak's approach relies on a multidisciplinary team, brought together early in the zoning process, to **understand the challenges and opportunities** of this region of Cambridge.
- Varying existing conditions across the site **demand a variety of solutions to address sustainability and resiliency**, to enrich the district and enhance community connectivity.
- Studies to date have evaluated opportunities that apply to sub-districts and how, as a whole, these collective strategies contribute to a sustainable Alewife district.
- Complementary program demands, such as residential and commercial spaces, can be utilized to optimize efficiency for a next generation live, work and play district.
- **Designing as a good neighbor** incorporating stormwater runoff mitigation, pedestrian connectivity, and energy district strategies development can improve conditions for neighbors.





#### **Planning Drivers**

Alewife District

#### **Transportation**

- Transit/MBTA pedestrian bridge
- Alternative Transportation/Innovation
- Bicycle Transportation bike racks to meet Cambridge minimums
- Parking electric charging
- Loading/Servicing

#### Water & Stormwater

- Stormwater Quantity Management
- Stormwater Quality Management
- Water Reuse tank sizing with a district approach
- Resilience planning for flooding

#### Energy & Infrastructure

- District Systems + Energy Sources and Storage
- Energy Efficiency
- On-Site Renewables
- Resilience extreme weather events

#### Site & Landscape

- Open Space Requirements water/bioswale amenities
- Urban Canopy replenish tree canopy
- Massing Strategies solar access and reducing energy loads
- Ecological Streetscapes
- Invasive Management

#### **Operations & Maintenance**

Waste Handling

#### **Community Amenities & Social Interface**

- Food Production
- Community Scale
- Education & Outreach
- Affordable Housing



### **Sustainability Approach**

Resilience, Energy + Carbon







### **Sustainability Approach**

Transportation, Site + Water







**DISTRICT STRATEGIES** 

#### **Stormwater Management**

Alewife District

Example of potential water re-use districts



ROOF

#### AVERAGE MONTHLY STORMWATER VOLUME SITE

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5,000,000 [GALLONS] 4,500,000 4,000,000 3,500,000 VOLUME 3,000,000 2,500,000 STORMWATER 2,000,000 1,500,000 1,000,000 500,000 April May June February March July August September January November October December







#### SITE WATER FLOW DIAGRAM



#### **Heat Island Reduction**

Alewife District



Source: Resilient Cambridge Heat Map





+ Trees / Vegetation











### **Energy and Electrification**

**Alewife District** 

Preliminary energy strategies:

- All-electric with green energy
- EUI targets for building types



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# **Of Place**

# FEB WORKING GROUP

2.2023.











#### WHO WE ARE



### WE ARE STRATEGISTS

Of Place maximizes the value of real estate investments by defining and ensuring the success of the groundplane – where the public realm and retail spaces interact to establish the premium of place.

Our unconventional combination of creativity, financial acumen, and disciplined expertise in master plan strategy, public space design, development and leasing enables us to realize vibrant, thriving places that define communities.

### THAT CHAMPION LOCAL CHARACTER

We believe that the allure of a place begins with neighbors: nothing feels more genuine and desirable than a gathering place animated by regulars, familiar faces, and authentic relationships between customer and proprietor.



#### SOME OF OUR WORK



#### Atlantic Plumbing (Washington, DC)

Client: JBG Smith Tenants: Cherry Blossom Creative, Washington Project for the Arts

#### What would have been easy:

Pursue national credit-tenants to take retail space in what was the hottest mixed-use neighborhood in DC.

#### What we did to enhance authenticity and create community:

- Engaged small DC artist studios and galleries
- · Structured leasing creatively to incentivize community events like DIY classes, studio open-houses, etc.



Sparkman Wharf (Tampa, FL) Client: SPP Tenants: 8+ local Tampa food entrepreneurs

#### What would have been easy:

Leverage tourist/visitor foot traffic from nearby Amalie Arena and made long term leases with 2 or 3 predictable and less-risky brands.

#### What we did to make it great for locals/regulars and to celebrate Tampa:

- · Identified the most beloved and creative local restaurateurs
- to allow well-known and emerging local concepts to connect with Tampans



· Created vibrant, rotating collection of food and beverage offerings that continues

#### SOME OF OUR WORK



#### Alethia Tanner Park (Washington, DC)

Client: NoMA Business Improvement District Tenant: Local Taco Restaurant (TBA Spring 23)

#### What would have been easy:

Identify a well-greased fast casual concept that could easily handle setting up a food kiosk in the park.

#### What we did to show the community we listened:

- Vetted several beloved socially-conscious food entrepreneurs for BID-operated park in emerging neighborhood
- Selected operator that has focused on extending free meals to public school children in addition to their normal offerings
- Helped relatively small, local operator design FOH, BOH, and streetscape to ensure a great shot at success



Bridge District (Washington, DC) Client: Redbrick LMD Tenants: Ongoing

#### The challenge:

Bring retail to the first major mixed-use development in an fiercely proud, politically engaged, African American neighborhood of Washington, DC

#### What we are doing:

- Developing diversity-driven retail merchandising strategy
- Working out financial underwriting for "affordable commercial" space and
- cally under-served residents



mentor programs that can provide opportunity to hyper-local entrepreneurs

· Integrating programming that appeals to new residents, old residents, and histori-

# PROCESS

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#### CURRENT MASTER PLAN - RETAIL ZONES



#### FRESH POND MALL

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### **15-MINUTE CITY METHODOLOGY**

The strategy focuses on meeting the needs of citizens by giving residents access to everything they could need within a 15-minute radius of their home







#### METHODOLOGY

### **15-MINUTE CITY COMPONENTS – WHAT IS MISSING?**

#### Grocery

- Full service
- Bodega/grab-and-go
- Organic

Drugstore/Pharmacy

**Fitness** 

• General gym

 Boutique/Specialty fitness Home improvement/Hardware store Personal grooming

- Hair salon
- Nail salon •
- Skincare

Liquor/Wine store

Packaging/Mailing needs (USPS, UPS, FedEx, etc.)

#### Dog services

- Grooming
- Overnight & daytime boarding
- Veterinary services

#### Childcare/Education

- Daycare
- Public and Private schools at all levels

Food & Beverage

- Coffee •
- Specialty foods
- **Ouick Service**
- **Full Service**
- Bars

#### **Medical Care**

- Doctors
- Dentists
- Eye doctors
- Urgent Care

#### Sundries/home goods/gifts

• Plant care/Nursery/Florist

**Beauty products** 

Banking

**Electronics store/repair** 

Dry cleaner/tailor/alterations/shoe repair

Home décor

Cultural Activities/Civic Uses

- Art galleries
- Museums (Private and Public)
- Live theater/music venue
- Movie theater
- Library

Parks/greenspace

- Community garden (active engagement)
- Maker community

Car services (remote service) Jewelry repair/watch repair **Bookstore** 

**Clothing store** 

Sporting goods/Active goods/Bike store Music store (records, instruments, etc.



#### WHO'S COMING ALREADY?



#### Trade Area (75% of footfall)

Retailer	Area	Population
Whole Foods	13 mi <sup>2</sup>	172k
Trader Joes	12 mi <sup>2</sup>	160k

- 1. Existing population in Fresh Pond trade area demonstrates that there are **already** enough people coming to sustain neighborhood retail
- 2. A lot of diversity
  - Age
  - Income
- 3. Extraordinary interest in alternate modes of transportation

#### **Trade Area HHI Income Diversity**





#### **Trade Area Multimodal Adoption**

Mode to work	Likelihood compared to US avg.
Bicycle	11x
Transit	6x
Walk	4x





#### GROUNDPLANE TYPOLOGY









#### Lifestyle Center

uses branded and managed by a private entity. Upscale national-chain specialty stores with dining and entertainment in an outdoor setting.

10-50 acres

150k SF+

Anchors: 2+

20+ FSRs and QSRs

15+ miles

**Prudential Center, Boston Rice Village, Houston** 

#### **Entertainment District**

Leisure, tourist, retail and hospitality uses, often with some component of residential. Branded and managed by a private entity with entertainment as a unifying theme.

30-50 acres

500k SF+

Anchors: 2+

20+ FSRs and QSRs

50+ miles

District Wharf, DC Fenway, Boston

# MERCHANDISING STRATEGY



#### ASPIRATIONAL MERCHANDISING





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#### RETAIL HEART - MAIN STREET



NEW MAIN STREET LOOKING NORTH TOWARD THE PARK



#### RETAIL HEART - MAIN STREET





#### RETAIL HEART - THE PARK



PARK CONNECTOR WALKING FROM BRIDGE TO RETAIL HEART



#### THE HEART IN THE PARK





#### ASPIRATIONAL PUBLIC REALM





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