

Suffolk University Task Force Meeting  
Meeting Summary  
Thursday, March 1, 2007  
73 Tremont, Amenities Center  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**I. Attendance**

**Suffolk University Task Force Members**

Mary Ann Ponti  
John Delano  
Jane Forrestall  
Rob Whitney  
Louise Thomas  
Dan Passacantilli  
Billie Lawrence  
Beatrice Nessen  
Deanna Palmin  
Christine Dunn  
William Hayward  
Victor Brogna

**Suffolk University**

Gordon King  
Michael Feeley  
John Nucci  
Elizabeth Leary

**CKS**

Alex Krieger  
David Gambel

**City of Boston**

Gerald Autler, Boston Redevelopment Authority  
Katelyn Sullivan, Boston Redevelopment Authority  
William Onuoha, Mayor's Office  
City Councilor LaMattina

The meeting started at 6:38 p.m.

Gerald Autler, Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), asked the attendees to put their names on the sign-in sheet and offered agendas. Gerald started the meeting agenda and said that this will be a new process for many now involved in the Task Force and that tonight will be an overview of the broad-based planning process they are to be part of. The objective is to devise a long-term plan for Suffolk to fit into the city. This is a new Task force because this will be a fundamentally different process.

Gerald then gave a brief overview of the Institutional Master Plan (IMP) process and how the recent IMPNF Suffolk filing fits into that process. Gerald then fielded specific questions about Suffolk's filings. He said that Suffolk's IMP expired on February 13 and they then submitted an IMPNF without any new projects to extend the life of their IMP. This in no way gives Suffolk approval for new projects. Gerald

also answered questions saying that Suffolk can acquire buildings without IMP approval but they need an IMP to occupy the building for institutional use.

There was a brief conversation about the possibility of the formation of subcommittees to take on the function of an IAG should there be certain projects in the future that need more attention. If subcommittees are formed then additional direct abutters can be a part of those subcommittees.

After specific questions were answered about Suffolk filings Gerald gave a brief overview of the Article 80 process and Task Force members suggested that the comment period be extended. The request was granted by John Nucci, Vice President for Government and Community Affairs at Suffolk until March 26, 2007. John Nucci then said that their objective is for everyone to be pleased and have an understanding of what the Suffolk was trying to accomplish. He then introduced Alex Krieger, Suffolk's consulting planner.

**[NOTE: ALEX KRIEGER'S PRESENTATION IS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON SUFFOLK'S IMP WEBSITE.]**

Alex Krieger started out by saying that Suffolk expects to increase its undergraduate student population to about 5000 students in the next ten years. There are various reasons for this, for example, the growing positive reputation of Boston and Suffolk and the competitive environment in which Suffolk is operating.

Alex then discussed Suffolk's somewhat low student retention rate and said that surveys of exiting students suggest that a major factor is the low square footage per student compared to peer institutions, the lack of certain facilities, and the inadequacy of certain other facilities. Task Force members suggested that students, when they apply, know what they are getting into.

He then briefly went over Suffolk's "wish list" that stated the physical plant needs and priorities from 2007-2017. Key points were additional facilities, replacement facilities and existing facility renewal. He then went over expansion possibilities: 1.) Temple Place/West Street Area 2.) Bromfield Street area 3.) Court Street area 4.) New Chardon/Staniford Street area, specifically the Hurley Building (suggested by the Mayor) 5.) Bulfinch Triangle. It was suggested that the expansion possibilities be the next meeting's agenda.

Jane Forestall (Task Force member) said that she was on the planning group for Bulfinch Triangle and during that time then BRA approved no institutional development in Bulfinch Triangle.

Governance and administration tasks were then discussed. The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.