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City names Advisory Group for Fairmount Initiative

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An advisory group for the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative has been selected.

The group will serve as a voice for the community as the city works to spur development along the 9.2 mile Fairmount corridor that follows the MBTA's Fairmount Commuter Rail Line, which cuts through Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park.

The 24-member group includes residents, community activists, business leaders, and nonprofit organizations.

According to the BRA, requests for nominations for the positions were distributed in February and the BRA received 63 nominations.

"I am confident that the selected 24-members of the Corridor-wide Advisory Group will have a significant impact on the City's efforts to identify how to best invigorate the community along the Fairmount corridor,†Mayor Thomas M. Menino, who made the final selections, said in a statement. "Working together we can build neighborhoods and get folks back to work by improving their connection to transit, housing, and jobs.â€

Eventually the group along with the BRA and its consultant team will complete a study that will guide development and investment along a transit line that nearly 190,000 people live within a half-mile of.

The two-year study, the largest planning study to date to be undertaken by the BRA, will look at short and long term strategies to increase job access, accessibility, public realm enhancements, and capital investment.

The group will hold its first meeting Thursday, June 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the BRA Board Room at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

For more information about the study, click here.

To read about the study's kickoff ceremony in February, click here.

To read about the consultant team selected by the city that will work with the community throughout the process, click here.

Corridor Wide Advisory Group Members include:

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