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Boston mayor's neighborhood liaisons hit pavement for 24 hours straight

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The city's neighborhood liaisons, who provide a link between Boston's

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community
Thursday

liaisons will be collecting data about each neighborhood, based on what people in the community tell them is working and what officials said.

Information will be relayed back to leaders at City Hall, including Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

“I want to get a really good idea of what’s going on in the neighborhood,” said Angela Holm, the city’s neighborhood liaison for Allston. “The mayor said he wanted more information and wanted to try something new and innovative to get a look at the quality of life in the neighborhood.”

The effort also aims to raise awareness about the presence and role of neighborhood liaisons, or neighborhood coordinators, have to the city’s residents.

“I want to let people know we’re here,” she said. “A lot of people don’t know. So many people just aren’t aware we’re here and available.”

Holm was on her phone while having lunch at Boston Kabob in Allston Village on Thursday. She was five hours into a workday that began at Jim’s Deli in Allston, where she said she spoke with people stopping in for breakfast, including neighborhood residents, firefighters, and construction workers.

She said she visited park-goers at Joyce Playground. She toured the streets of Gardner, Ashford and Pratt, a section of the neighborhood with a diverse student population that is commonly called “the GAP” and has a high concentration of young professionals.

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“The mayor’s neighborhood Brighton.” “There’s something new in the neighborhood”

Holm said that the various liaisons constituents.

“I want people to know many people.”

Holm spoke at midday Thursday in Brighton, including local residents.

From there, she visited Allston streets with a diverse

