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City to host meeting on proposed hotel, housing development in Cleveland Circle

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The city of Boston will host a public meeting next week to discuss a major development proposal for Cleveland Circle.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority has scheduled the meeting for Thurs. Sept. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Alexander Hamilton School on Strathmore Road in Brighton.

A developer, Boston Development Group, has proposed building a 181-room Hilton Garden Inn hotel and 82 luxury apartments along with space for office, retail, restaurant and parking uses in a five-story building in Cleveland Circle.

The mixed-use building, revised substantially from original plans presented more than a year ago, would be constructed across 2.5 acres of property on two sites, replacing an existing Applebee's restaurant on one site in Boston's

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Brighton neighborhood and the abandoned Circle Cinema on the other parcel that straddles the Brighton-Brookline border.

The 236,500 square-foot building would include 19,000 square feet of medical office space and 14,200 square feet of ground-floor retail and restaurant space, he said. The project would include 141 parking spaces in a garage below the building along with 87 other parking spots in surface lot behind the building.

Some residents are opposed to aspects of the plan, including the building's configuration and have argued that the hotel's entrance is not visible enough from the Cleveland Circle intersection.

Contingent on getting approval from both Boston and Brookline officials, the developer hopes to start an 18-month construction process in spring 2013, the project manager has said.

On the Boston side, the public comment period is scheduled to close on Mon. Oct. 1. Comments can be e-mailed to erico.lopez.bra@cityofboston.gov or mailed to: Erico Lopez, Boston Redevelopment Authority, One City Hall Square, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02201.

To read prior coverage of the proposal, [click here](#).

To see a copy of the 722-page detailed project plan that was filed with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, [click here](#).

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