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Boston Redevelopment Authority to launch new website; will let residents track, comment on proposals

Posted by Matt Rocheleau August 5, 2013 01:02 PM

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123 STREET NAME

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PROJECT STATS

Last updated 12/11/2012

Address: 50 Lorem Ipsum Street

Neighborhood: Lorem Ipsum

Land Sq. Feet: 48,558 sq ft

Building Size: 148,904 sq ft

Uses: Retail / Residential

Residential Units: 139

Applicant: Lorem Ipsum Dolor Sit Amet

Project Manager: John Smith

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LETTER OF INTENT PDF, 20MB
 PROJECT NOTIFICATION FORM PDF, 20MB

PROJECT PHASE ?

- Letter of Intent
- Under Review
- Board Approved
- **Under Construction**
- Construction Complete

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 Comments:

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A sample page of the new website design.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The [Boston Redevelopment Authority](#) plans to launch a new website this fall that will allow residents to more closely track and comment on planning initiatives and proposed projects.

At a recent authority board meeting, Andrew Grace, a senior planner for the agency told the board that the new site, expected to launch in mid-October, will have a “beautiful design.”

“The look and feel is radically different,” he told the board. The site will be “easy to use with a graphic emphasis and focus ... It will improve the user experience.”

At the July 14 meeting, the board unanimously approved a request for another \$50,000 to fund the new website, bringing the total budget for the effort to \$290,000.

“We’re making great progress,” Grace said at the time.

The authority [formally announced](#) the new site’s upcoming launch last week, saying that the project is in the “final stages.”

“The new site will feature an engaging contemporary design and user-friendly navigation to give constituents quick access to a variety of documents and interactive elements,” the announcement said.

New features will allow users to buy copies of maps and other documents, including requests for bids, requests for proposals and requests for quotations.

Users will also be able to submit comments on planning initiatives and proposed projects and to track the status of planning initiatives and proposed projects.

Scanned copies of archived paper documents will be uploaded to the site.

“More public documents will be accessible online, offering visitors easy navigation to BRA Board agendas and videos, zoning maps, Article 80 filings, planning documents, and research reports,” the authority said. “All of these

efforts will make the BRA even more accessible and transparent.”

At the meeting in mid-July, Grace also said the new site will also allow users to sign up for event alerts and other notifications. And, he said, the site will have a glossary that will define certain words and terms for users.

The project is being led by Charlestown-based Boston Interactive, which the authority picked through a public request for proposals process.

The authority said the company has based much of the new design on feedback collected from constituents who expect to use the new site.

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The screenshot shows the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) Document Center website. The header includes the BRA logo, navigation links (ABOUT THE BRA, CONTACT US, SEARCH THE BRA), and a search bar. The main navigation menu lists: NEIGHBORHOODS, PLANNING, ZONING, PROJECTS, BUSINESS SERVICES, OPPORTUNITIES & PROPERTIES, RESEARCH & MAPS, and DOCUMENT CENTER. The left sidebar contains 'FILTER OPTIONS' with sections for 'By Document Type' (Meeting Summaries, Meeting Minutes, Presentations, Reports, Renderings & 3D Models, Development Project Filings/Documents, Project Notification, Letter of Intent, Notice of Project Change, Project Reports, Public Comments, Zoning Code) and 'By Neighborhood', 'By Project', 'By Planning Initiatives', 'By Program', and 'By Department'. There is also a 'By Keywords' search box and a 'By Date' range selector. The main content area is titled 'DOCUMENT CENTER' and features a 'Sort by:' dropdown menu set to 'Last Updated'. Below this, there is a list of document entries, each with a title, document type, departments, document date, and a download button. The entries are: 123 Street Name Letter of Intent, 555 Lorem Ipsum Street Project Notification, 46 Street Name Letter of Intent, 123 Street Name Project Notification, and 123 Street Name Letter of Intent.

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