



BRIGHTON NEIGHBORS UNITED

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Once again those in the City charged to protect the interests of the community have declined to do so. The document that was supposed to compensate the community and impose mitigation measures for the grave disruptions resulting from Boston College's expansion into our neighborhood has been signed behind our backs.

On August 7, 2014, the City's Boston Redevelopment Authority entered into a Cooperation Agreement with Boston College. Among the most serious problems with that document are the following determinations:

1. BOSTON COLLEGE IS NOT OBLIGATED TO BUILD ANY STUDENT HOUSING;
2. BOSTON COLLEGE IS NOT OBLIGATED TO IMPLEMENT ANY MITIGATION MEASURES THAT MAY OFFSET THE IMPACT OF ITS EXPANSION INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD*
3. BOSTON COLLEGE WILL HAVE FULL CONTROL OVER WHO RECEIVES MONEY FROM A COMMUNITY FUND**

We at Brighton Neighbors United (BNU) have attended meetings, conducted studies, and written well-documented letters challenging the process and content of discussions on the Cooperation Agreement. Despite having publicly and privately acknowledged the merits of many of our concerns, City officials went ahead and signed the agreement without addressing these significant issues.

We wanted to keep you informed of our efforts and, unfortunately, of their futility. Once again the City persevered in the charade of a public consultation process. We encourage you to check our facebook page (www.facebook.com/savebrighton) and website (<http://www.savebrighton.org/>) for original documents, such as BNU letters to public officials, and a copy of the Cooperation Agreement. We are happy to discuss and clarify the nature of these problems with you at your convenience.

The biggest community benefit that BNU continues to advocate for is the housing of BC students on BC's original campus.

We look forward to your input on next steps.

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- * Among such impacts are: the loss of tens of acres of green space for the construction of a baseball stadium, a softball stadium and a 500-car parking garage; the construction and intense use of such stadium to be built within a few feet of residents' homes, increased traffic, and the construction of three buildings adjacent to infrastructure that provides the City's backup water supply.
 - ** See specific paragraphs of the Cooperation Agreement, respectively, "Abandonment of Projects (Paragraph C.3); "Mitigation Commitments (Paragraph B.6 and B.6.a)