

## **Neighborhood Survey/Needs Assessment Committee Meeting**

**Monday March 10, 2008  
4-6pm**

**Honan-Allston Library  
North Allston, MA**

### **Attendees:**

Monika Bankowski, Mary-Helen Black, Keith Collar, Sheila Dillon, Ellin Flood-Murphy, Michael Hanlon, Linda Kowalcky, Kevin McCluskey, Rita Vaidya, Anand Vaishnav and Brent Whelan.

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Review BRA Housing Data and Committee Discussion with Sheila Dillon.**

Sheila Dillon brought copies of BRA housing data and reviewed it with the committee. Data shows that approx. 30% of households in Allston/Brighton make less than median income which is \$46,124/year. The data shows a large number of non-family households, which means people that live together that are not related. One-third of the Allston/Brighton population is over 50 years old. If an owner lives in one unit of a 3-family house, the other two units are counted as renter-occupied. Half the units in Allston/Brighton are large apartment buildings. Information on median rents is collected from advertisements in the Boston Globe. Allston/Brighton does not have a lot of foreclosed properties.

Review of 2000 census of population and housing. Sheila said that this information can be broken down further. 19% of the city's housing stock is affordable, 14% of Allston/Brighton's housing stock is affordable.

Discussion about affordable housing, middle class housing, and owner occupied vs. absentee owner.

#### **2. Review of topics for upcoming committee meetings:**

**3/24: Review Health Commission Data (what would the committee like to see?) and Discussion and review of BPS breakdown of data**

**4/7: Review Transportation and Public Realm Data and Discussion**

**4/21: Meet the Consultant**