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UCLA dean ‘rises to top’ as UMass Boston chancellor pick

By Chris Lisinski

A search committee last week named Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, a dean at the University of California Los Angeles, as its lone finalist for the University of Massachusetts Boston chancellorship after months of searching and interviews with 11 potential candidates. The 21-member committee voted unanimously to recommend Suarez-Orozco as the best fit for the job, describing him as a top-tier candidate who is dedicated to the school’s urban mission.

Four potential finalists had been in the running, but three of them — including interim chancellor Katherine Newman — took themselves out of contention over the previous weekend, according to the UMass president’s office.

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Saturday (8th) – High school students from across Massachusetts will go head-to-head in a battle of the bands in the 2020 Massachusetts High School Quiz Show. WGBH’s televised academic tournament, at 6 p.m. on WGBH2. The bracket includes last year’s defending champion, Boston Latin School. 

Geiger Gibson Community Health Center offers free dental services to children ages 1-17 during the month of February. To make an appointment and find out more information, contact 617-635-4505 or say they would like to make an appointment during Give Kids A Smile. Geiger Gibson is located at 240 Washington St., Dorchester and is part of Harbor Health.

Sunday (16th) – Dorchester Historical Society holds a schoolhouse evening with winter themes: History, Global Perspective and a Sampling” at the William Clapp House, 195 St. Bosco., Dorchester. Gain insights on the Dorchester connection to the industry and sample two different chocolates. The event is presented by the Dorchester Historical Society, curator of Cocoa Beantown Tours and Tastings.

Wednesday (19th) – Character breakfast at Florian Hall to benefit Leahy Hollerion from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buffet with DJ, meet and greet Mickey and Minnie, Cinderella, Tinkerbell, and a visit with the Child: ticket $22; adults (ages 13-18) $28; table $240.

Thursday (20th) – Children’s Winter Festival on Boston Common will attract the small and young, a.m. Share a special buzzword on its Facebook and Twitter pages. Visitors and money orders payable to The Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum will offer several family-friendly activities. The department added that event proceeds will benefit local children with soap and water or precautions they might take with the flu: wash hands often with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers, avoid touching one’s eyes, nose and mouth, avoid close contact with sick people and don’t share eating utensils, water bottles, cigarettes and make-up with others.

Newman added that anybody who goes to an event should make sure they don’t have respiratory symptoms as the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505

Friday (21st) – Jammin’ for Jimmy — an event at the William Clapp House, 195 St. Bosco., Dorchester. For more information, call 866-JFK-1960 or visit jfklibrary.org. Financial assistance available for families and individuals who provide the buzzword upon admission during the week. The construction of the bridge has been completed, but is not yet in use.

Wealthy Bostonians and influential figures in the city of Boston supported the building’s construction. The bridge was initially named “William Clapp Bridge,” but its name was changed to “Boston Common Bridge” after the Civil War. The bridge was completed in 1869 and was the first bridge across the Charles River in Boston.

The bridge was designed by Joseph E. Street, who also designed the Stone Bridge and the Bunker Hill Monument.

The bridge was dedicated on July 4, 1869, with a ceremony attended by President Ulysses S. Grant. The bridge was closed to traffic in 1932 and restored in 1992.

The bridge is a popular destination for walkers, cyclists, and runners. The bridge is also a popular spot for events and festivals. The Dorchester Historical Society hosts an annual springtime event on the bridge called the “Dorchester Historical Society Springtime Festival.”

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The bridge is a key transportation route for pedestrians, cyclists, and runners, and it connects the Boston Common and the Back Bay neighborhoods.

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The bridge is also a popular spot for picnics and other outdoor activities. The bridge provides a beautiful view of the Charles River and the Boston skyline.

The bridge is also a popular spot for the city’s annual “Dorchester Day” celebration. Dorchester Day is a popular city-wide celebration that takes place on the first Saturday of May each year.

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The bridge is also a popular spot for the city’s annual “Dorchester Presidents’ Day.” The festival is a popular event that takes place on the third Monday of February each year.

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Walsh sets $2.65m from CPA funding for Dot, Mattapan projects

State Police seek to fire 22 troopers in pay scandal move

By Mark Pratt

The Massachusetts State Police will move to fire 22 troopers implicated in an overtime abuse scandal, the agency’s commander said last Friday. The troopers were told last week that the department would pursue termination, although the officers will have the opportunity to appeal the decision, Col. Christopher Mason said. The department will also seek reimbursement of any pay received fraudulently, he said.

"In every case, we will require that the trooper reimburse the taxpayer, dollar for dollar, any money paid for hours not worked, in addition to a substantive punitive penalty," Mason said at a news conference at the department’s Framingham headquarters. The agency did not disclose how much that might be.

The scandal led to several reforms at the agency, including GPS tracking in cruisers, increased supervisory oversight, regular time and attendance audits, and additional ethical training.

Forty-six current and retired troopers who worked for the now disbanded Troop E, which patrolled the Massachusetts Turnpike, were implicated in the scheme in which they collected overtime pay for shifts they either did not work or did not complete from 2015 until 2017, authorities said. Often, they said, the troopers issued falsified traffic tickets to make it appear as if they had been on duty.

Of the 46, 10 have been criminally charged and 14 had retired.

Per the mayor, $2.35 million in CPA money would fund six open space and historic preservation projects this year in Dorchester:

- $800,000 to Norwell Street Park to build a new park on four parcels of open space adjacent to Talbot Avenue Station on the Fairmount Line;
- $225,000 to the Franklin Field Seniors Garden to build a new community garden for residents of Franklin Field and surrounds;
- $400,000 to restore the steeple of the Second Church in Dorchester, which is one of the oldest wooden churches left in Boston, built in 1806 and home to a Paul Revere bell;
- $730,000 to the Dr. William W. Henderson Inclusion School for a new, fully accessible playground and school yard on its lower campus;
- $150,000 to the Magnolia Street Garden to develop a permanent community garden and neighborhood plaza after serving as an informal gardening space for several years;
- $20,000 to First Parish Dorchester, which was built in 1897, to remove and restore a Palladian window and complete the window restoration on the only Colonial-Revival clapboard meetinghouse in Boston.

In Mattapan, $30,000 would go to the Mattapan Pool Forest to plant fruit trees and build planting beds on a vacant lot on Morton Street.

The largest share of the funds will go to subsidize affordable housing projects across the city. Some $4 million would be set aside for the Acquisition Opportunity Program whose purpose is to prevent displacement by acquiring existing private-market rental units and designating them as permanently affordable.

An additional $4 million would go to the ONE-Boston program, helping income-eligible prospective home buyers get down payment assistance and payment reduction in the interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage.

“We’re in the middle of a housing crisis that requires bold and creative solutions. I’m proud that through this new round of funding, we are dedicating the majority of this funding round to affordable housing projects,” said Walsh in a statement.

With this funding round, the Boston will have awarded over $67 million to support projects in every neighborhood since residents voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act in 2016.

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Essaibi-George lays out education policy agenda

**By Katie Troiano Reporter Staff**

Seeking to outline her BPS education policy agenda, City Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George last week introduced a series of ten hearing orders, including six re-filed from last year when she chaired the council’s Education Committee.

“As a BPS parent and the only BPS teacher on the council, advocating for BPS students, teachers, and families continues to be my top priority,” Essaibi-George said in a statement released by her office. “By calling for public hearings on these topics, this legislative package seeks to hold BPS accountable to their mission of transparency and community engagement.”

Among the re-filed orders were one focused on the BuildBPS planning process and another analyzing the governance structure of the school committee.

She also wants a hearing to present a mid-year audit of the BPS transportation system and budget, which she says are often “chaos inducing,” especially at the start of each school year.

At-large Councillor Michael Flaherty echoed the importance of a hearing to focus on efficiency of transportation costs, saying, “These are very precious funds that would be better used in the classroom. The time has come to look at this. Transportation costs have spun out of control.”

In other areas, Essaibi-George, who says “we need to identify system improvements,” wants to evaluate school safety and security, develop a funding and admissions policy for Madison Park Tech, establish a City Council Youth Council, and take up issues like the BPS staffing of mental health and social emotional support specialists. In addition to ensuring transparency with the planning process, the latest draft of the BuildBPS hearing order joins with District 6 Councillor O’Malley in emphasizing the goal of zero net carbon for all public schools.
ways to create connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods.

“There are tons of questions that we’d like to have answered in this process,” explained Ryan Woods, commissioner of Boston Parks and Recreation. “Tonight is a science fair approach. You’re able to go around and engage with the design team and the staff of Boston Parks to give your feedback. We want to hear what you like, what you don’t like, what you want to see programmed, what positive activations do you want to see in the park.”

The city recently completed a six-year, $7.25 million project to improve pathways and entrances in Franklin Park, the largest investment in the park since the clubhouse was opened in 1998.

As part of the new planning process, the team will host community workshops as well as interactive, on-site pop-up activities, surveys, and conversations with the park’s neighbors.

Woods said that that survey will be open for public input through the end of March, and that the deadline could be extended if needed.

Liza Meyer, the chief landscape architect for the Parks and Rec team, said that the agency is collaborating with 14 additional consulting teams in the planning process, including MASS Design Group.

“We didn’t come into this master plan process with any preconceived notions about what we’re doing,” said Lauren Bryant, project manager of the master planning effort. “There’s been a lot of talk on social media about things we’ve already decided to do or not do. None of that’s true. We’re here to listen and hear your ideas.”

Bryant added: “Over decades we’ve done a lot of planning in Franklin Park and we’ve asked for a lot of input in a lot of different ways—through master plans, Imagine Boston 2030—and what came out of that is this master plan that we’re doing and we actually have capital money behind it, so we will be able to do capital investments from this money,” Bryant added.

“We’re finally at the point where we can actually implement things,” she said. “We’re taking all of this information from past planning, but also understanding that things have changed, so we want to talk to everyone now and look at things holistically. This is the kick-off, and we’re really excited that so many people are here.”

Franklin Park is well used. It is the home of the William Devine Golf Course, the historic Bear Cages, Scarboro Pond, a renowned cross-country running course, the Franklin Park Zoo, White Stadium, playgrounds, miles of trails, and acres of woods and playing fields. It touches on the borders of Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, and Roslindale. Additionally, it has significant historical importance: It was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and commissioned in the 1890s to provide city residents more green space in a time of increasing urban density.
Jazz concert in Ashmont will feature hip-hop infused duo

By DANIEL SHEEHAN

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Next week’s edition of the Dot Jazz Series (Thurs., Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.) at the Adams Street Branch of the Boston Public Library will showcase the musical talents of Eric Hofbauer and Leva, two lifelong classmates.

Hofbauer is a professional jazz musician who has played with numerous artists, including Tony Bennett and the late B.B. King. Leva is a hip-hop musician who has performed at various venues around the city.

The concert will feature a blend of jazz and hip-hop, as Hofbauer and Leva perform their own compositions as well as covers of popular songs.

The concert is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early to secure a seat.

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Thurs., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 5 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours; Fri., Feb. 7, 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; Sat., Feb. 8, 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Preparation Class; Sun., Feb. 9, 10 a.m. – Films and Fun; Mon., Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; Tues., Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m. – Unleash the Amazing Quilter in You; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; 3 p.m. – Homework Help; Wed., Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; Thurs., Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Goes Home; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; Fri., Feb. 7, 10 a.m. – Special Storytime with Mrs. Sherry; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun; Sat., Feb. 8, 11 a.m. – Bilingual Vietnamese Storytime; Sun., Feb. 9, 3 p.m. – Homework Help; Tues., Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; Wed., Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; Thurs., Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours; 5:30 p.m. – TILL Autism Workshop.

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Thurs., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Stitches: 11 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Goes Home; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 6, 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga.

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ADAMS STREET BRANCH

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Collins-Gousby to lead Jane Doe’s board

Deborah Collins-Gousby, the Chief Operating Officer at Dorchester’s Brookview, has been appointed president of the Board of Directors for Jane Doe, Inc., a membership organization committed to ending sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking.

Collins-Gousby assumes this role after serving for the past fourteen years as President Elect of the JDI board and in various other roles of involvement with the organization overall. The entire team at Brookview is deeply proud of the work our COO is doing with Jane Doe,” said Deborah Harvey, president and CEO of Brookview. “Deb has been a long-time advocate for survivors of domestic violence and has a wealth of experience in prevention and intervention services along with community outreach and education.

Each year, Brookview provides 370 women and children experiencing homelessness with a safe, supportive environment in which to live and acquire skills to pursue education, job training and employment in order to achieve long-term stability and economic independence. At-risk women and children who live in the community are also invited to participate in Brookview’s programs. Recognized nationally for its successful model, 92 percent of mothers who have lived at Brookview maintain permanent housing after leaving, and 88 percent of the children who participated in Brookview’s Youth Development Program graduate high school, compared to the national average of only 25 percent.

Prior to Brookview, Collins-Gousby spent nearly thirteen years at Casa Myrna, a comprehensive provider of domestic violence services, starting as Director of Emergency Programs and eventually assuming responsibility for all of the agency’s direct service programs. Earlier, she worked for fourteen years at the Peace Institute in 1994 based Louis D. Brown founded the Dorchester-Chéry of Dorchester, who has been a long-time guest at State of Union address.

“Deb is leading a movement for peace and justice for survivors of homicide and other forms of violence, and giving them dignity in their community suffering. While our neighborhood streets suffer from the scourge of gun violence, those who experience violence to make our communities safer, and one of our greatest challenges to achieve long-term stability and economic independence.”

Said Chéry: “This is a personal honor, it is a recognition of the work that the Peace Institute does to transform society’s response to homicide and supporting those who experience murder, trauma, grief, and loss. I will be speaking on the behalf of all those working to transform the culture of violence to support our communities, and one of the three new teams formed under the Blue & White Sports program. Pugliese is a junior.”

Dot’s Chéry Sen. Markay’s guest at State of Union address


An internationally recognized expert in the field of homicide response, who has engaged families of murdered victims for more than two decades “is a teacher, a healer, a change agent, and one of the main forces for breaking the cycle of violence in Massachusetts and throughout the country,” said Markay.

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On April 30, 1932, the Winter Garden organization opened the Winter Garden Rollerway at 725 Gallivan Boulevard, located approximately where the Expressway off-ramp is now located between Staples and the gas station at Nantasket Ave. The Winter Garden Rollerway at 725 Gallivan Boulevard opened the Winter Garden Theatre and the auto parts store (which used to be a doughnut store is now). The drive-in was a popular destination for skaters at Chez-Vous on Rhoades Street. The drive-in was a popular destination for skaters at Chez-Vous on Rhoades Street. The drive-in was a popular destination for skaters at Chez-Vous on Rhoades Street.

On June 30, 1938, the roller skating activity moved to Nantasket to the rink. Hope this helps.”

Kate Davis

Kate Davis also previously served as the Center City in Los Angeles, in the hospitality industry. She gained experience working for the British travelbook series Rough Guides. She has lived in Italy, Belgium, Turkey, Nantucket, Los Angeles, and New York.

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

“In addition to providing a quality education to its students, Assumption College offers first-class athletic programs, which has enabled us to not only establish a Women’s Ice Hockey program, but also recruit high-caliber student-athletes,” said Head Coach Jack Sweetey.

“Being a professional with more than 24 years of experience, I am thrilled to be a member of the USA Hockey national junior team, a group of student-athletes we have for our inaugural season. It’s a dream come true.”

On Monday, previously worked in the office of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, overseeing budgets in connection with events such as Donna Summer Disco, Country in the City, Hub on Wheels, Boston Social Fitness Fest and the Red Sox and Patriots championship parades.”

Kate Davis, of East Boston, the City of Boston’s new director of the Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, plans to work with tourism industry leaders, sports entities based in Massachusetts and through-for-profit and non-profit organizations to bring more national and international attention to the city.

As a young lad back then, I didn’t have a car or license, I didn’t have to occasion to go near the Lincoln-Mercury property. I used to arrive via trakkless trolley at Neponset Ave. and Gallivan Blvd. and walk to the rink. The drive-in was also a popular destination for skaters at Chez-Vous on Rhoades Street. Camera Company, as the cover that was living in Florida, but I didn’t know how long the car wash was there. There really wasn’t a lot on Gallivan Blvd. in those days. Don’t forget...”
UMass Boston poised for new leadership

Marcelo Suarez-Orozco is the consensus choice to lead UMass's Boston campus into the new decade.

By Marty Meehan

Now that the UMass President Search Committee has selected a finalist and the process moves forward, we inevitably look to the future and things about the campus, about Boston, and about what lies ahead.

As we look ahead, I also recall the vision of founding chancellor John W. Ryan, who in UMass Boston's early days said the campus was established "to bring realization to the will of the Commonwealth that Boston shall have a great, public, urban University."

Those were different days, and it was a distinctly different UMass Boston that opened its doors in 1965—1,240 undergraduate students coming to class in makeshift quarters in Park Square. Now, more than five decades later, 16,000 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled at this major research university whose research projects $60 million in research annually in areas ranging from cancer therapy, climate change, and eliminating health disparities to helping our people with disabilities leave them vulnerable to marginalization.

While so much has changed, the desire to be the "great, public, urban University" that former Chancellor Ryan envisioned at UMass Boston's first convocation remains undiminished.

UMass Boston is typically described as the UMass system's "urban public university," and that's a phrase that has deep meaning for me—because UMass Lowell, an urban public, transformed my life and the lives of many of my family members and friends. So, yes, it does matter to me, which is why I am particularly proud to have been chosen to lead UMass Boston that deserves our full support and is poised to take the campus to new heights.

Appropriately, UMass Boston stands at the shore and sees the sun rise over Dorchester Bay, heralding the coming of a new day. For the campus, the sun does not look north to the docks of Boston Harbor, where newcomers to this country once arrived in large numbers, or Logan Airport, where those who believe in the American Dream still come today. As was the case in 1965, it remains today: UMass Boston stands for opportunity and the American dream, for meeting the challenges and bad breaks over the years, but I firmly believe that the campus will soar into the next cluster of colleges and be able to seize opportunities and sail with favorable winds in the years ahead.

With astute leadership and with the pump primed as it deserves, UMB can achieve the level of success so many have worked for over the past half century.

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Additionally, the university recently announced that it is seeking proposals that could lead to the development of the former harbor pumping station property. A partnership that would generate more revenue for UMass Boston, provide the campus with space for student housing, and could bring about other ventures, including the Integrated Science Complex, the University Hall academic building, the new campus garage, its first-ever dormitories, new roadways, and an upgraded IT infrastructure.

UMB increasingly is making more substantial use of the many advantages that flow from its superb waterfront location and proximity to Boston—of the nation's top cultural, innovation, health care, business, and entertainment centers.

In addition to the significant rebuilding that has occurred on campus, we will see at BayState and could see at the Pump House—the campus will benefit from the major development boom occurring throughout the state. New businesses and new ventures are being transformed into an innovation and office complex, and other projects are emerging along Morley Bay.

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A letter from Marco Island, where "Roadhouse" is the place

By James W. Dolan

REPORTER COLUMNIST

Thanks to a person named Latch, I’m spending much of the winter on Marco Island in Florida. After my wife died, I was fortunate enough to meet Latch and her husband; we hit it off like a glove. We’ve since spent five years there, and the island, which is located on the west coast just below Naples and above the Everglades.

I never considered myself a Florida guy but have developed an appreciation for some of the things the sunshine state has to offer. If you can discount its politics, pretensions, and communities of gated communities, flat terrain, sum- mer heat, and hurricanes, it’s not that bad.

There’s a false rumor in Florida that the island was originally named for a map maker. It was actually discovered and named by Spanish explorers and rediscovered in the 1960s by the Mackle Brothers, who bought up much of Marco Island. They sold the island for development. They were. They designed an intricate network of waterways so that most homes would be on canals. A feast island now has a year-round population of about 18,000, which jumps to over 40,000 during the winter with the arrival of the snowbirds.

The island is a bit too idyllic for my tastes. I like a little grit and grime to remind me I’m New England. Fortunate for me is a hokey-tody restaurant called the Roadhouse, a bar in a corner of the island called Goodland, which offers refuge from the Main Street of Marco premised on providing a welcome, robust dose of reality to those fleeing serenity.

Located on a bayou, “Stain’s” is a legendary, having been in operation at the same open location for decades. On weekends, all gather to drink, listen to the music, and dance. In motorcycles, boats, and Bentleys, they come from all over southwest Florida to join in an old-fashioned hootenanny. Differences evaporate as folks celebrate what they have in common.

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On Marco Island Goodland stands, Known for its culture and a place called Stan’s Not part of the island, some folks say, But at the car, you got away. There on weekends, the place is alive. The locals all love that it’s a short drive. There’s a small bar called Sant’s, A varied selection but what is the link? For bikers and misfits, the rich and the poor, All come together of that I am sure. Homely-toky music and dancin’ the draw. A drink, a song, just you and the road. Leave that baggage at home if you must. For here is no place for the upper-crust. All in join the merriment in the joint by the bay, Where folks are just people for part of the day. There’s a spirit of fun, frolic, and amity. As patrons enjoy their shared humanity.

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.
Rarely used ‘red flag’ law called useful tool to police gun holders

By ALLY JOHANSEN WBUR REPORTER

When lawmakers in Massachusetts passed the so-called “red flag” law in 2018, they did so after years of study and needed mechanism for family members to remove guns from someone in crisis. The measure, formally known as the extreme risk protection order (ERPO) law, seldom talked about before would add new enforcement powers.

Nearly a year later, a review of more than two dozen of the 29 ERPO petitions filed through 2019 show police are using the law — and its flaws — to remove guns from anyone — more than spouses, parents, romantic partners or any other close associates who the law permits to petition a judge to remove someone’s firearms.

Police chiefs have long been able to seize someone’s guns through other provisions of the state’s strong gun control laws, but with the red flag law, some said the new tool provides a clearer — allowing them to take guns and mitigate risks with less delay. Despite these concerns, some said it’s a good thing.

“From a community police officer’s perspective, it’s a tool that we’ve never had before,” said Matt Boudreaux, police chief in Middleborough. “There’s the things that we want to step in and to remove somebody from their firearm.

But the ERPO, police chiefs already could suspend or revoke someone’s gun license based on an “unsuitability” clause in the state’s firearms law. If the chief believed someone was “unsuitable” to possess a weapon because he was deemed a risk to public safety, the chief could suspend that person’s license. But several police chiefs told WBUR that the red flag works faster than those older processes.

WBUR reviewed as many of the 29 petitions as it could. Of the 25 petitions reviewed, 16 were granted for a least a year. Police filed 14 of the 25 petitions.

Under the red flag, a police officer or a family can ask a judge to remove guns immediately under an emergency order. If granted, those with a judge’s order must avoid the person, keep guns out of their home, and just take the burden off the police.

Walpole Police Chief John Carmichael, whose department filed one of the petitions, said other officers to help worried family members or gun owners discover in distress.

“This is something that we can do on an urgent basis, and a judge can review the case and then issue the ERPO unilaterally, and sign off on her license.”

DaSilva’s case of avoided self-harm was one of the 29 circumstances the family wanted to address by passing ERPO. They were also focused on personal time for the family. That’s why Lakeville police showed up at Cynthia English’s house one afternoon in September 2018. After a months-long dispute with her next-door neighbors that included a harassment prevention order and a court order to take her guns, court records show police filed an ERPO against English based on a claim by the neighbors that they thought English, “shut up, I’m packing.” English denied she said anything like that.

That’s the power police already have under an emergency ERPO was granted, police can move through the court system at all hours of the night. In many cases, police were able to go into the person’s home and within hours seize guns and license.

Carmichael said that’s the benefit of ERPO, including its speed and efficiency in emergencies.

Malden Police Chief, Glenn Cronin, whose department has filed three petitions, explained the ERPO fast tracks police prevention orders. Unlike having a chief revoke a license, an emergency ERPO can move through the court system at all hours of the night. In many cases, police were able to go into the person’s home and within hours seize guns and license.

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Police chiefs and one of the law’s authors, state Rep. David Linsky, said there’s such a low number here because Massachusetts already has some of the most rigid gun laws in the country. In addition to the suit-ability clause, people can also have guns taken away as a condition of a restraining order.

The Giffords Law Center, a gun control group, ranks Massachusetts 8th among all states when it comes to gun law strength.

“The reality is that no one law can solve our firearm violence problem. It takes a whole package of different measures and policies. And that’s why we need to make sure people can be able to decrease firearm violence.”

They are also just fewer guns in Massachusetts. According to one measure used by researchers, which relies on the firearm suicide rate, 22 percent of people in Massachusetts own a gun. That’s nearly dead last, slightly more than Hawaii.

Instead, the lawmakers who sponsored the bill, she’s not convinced by how many petitions have been filed, or by who, but that people have access to them when they need them.

“My hope is that every person,” she said, “who feels that somebody in their home is going to hurt themselves with a gun, or who’s going to hurt someone else with a gun, knows that there is a law out there that has been passed that makes it possible for them to ... reach out for help.”

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RESIDENT PARKING
RESTRICTIONS BEGIN IN FEBRUARY IN SAVIN HILL
The city of Boston’s Transportation Dept. will begin enforcement of new resident parking permits on the streets in Savin Hill next month. Residents are urged to get their new stickers as soon as possible. Sticker will be installed in early-mid Feb., with enforcement to begin within two weeks. Impacted streets include: Savin Hill Avenue, Granby Street, Southview Street, Evendale Terrace, Wave Avenue and Hubbardston Road (Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.). Existing resident parking signage will not change on Playstead Road, Denny Street, Bayside Road and Davitt Street. For more information on how to apply for a sticker, go to boston.gov/transportation/resident-parking-permits.

BOSTON STATE HOSPITAL PLANS TO BE VETTED IN TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS
Six proposals for the redevelopment of 10 acres within the former Boston State Hospital property in Mattapan and Dorchester will be reviewed in a pair of public meetings set for next month. The first open house will be held beginning at 5 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 4 at Brooke Charter High School, 333 American Legion Highway. Presentations will be made by Cruz Development Corp., Lena New Boston LLC & ICHE III, Inc., and Planning Office for Urban Affairs. On Thurs., Feb. 6, 5 p.m., a second open house at the Brooke Charter High School will feature proposals from Terbaberuth.org. Financial assistance available upon request.

ONLY ONE MORE — The Only One Jamaican restaurant franchise celebrated the grand opening of its fourth location last Saturday (Feb. 1) by offering free plates to the public out of their new Bowdoin Street storefront. The chain also operates eateries in Brockton, Hyde Park, and Codman Square. Senator Nick Collins, who stopped by the restaurant on Saturday, endorsed Only One’s food and offered a recommendation: “Try the jerk chicken!”

JAMMIN’ FOR JIMMY AT FLORIAN HALL
JAMMIN’ for Jimmy – an evening of fun and music to benefit the James P. “Jimmy” Cawley Scholarship at Umass Boston – will be held on Sat., Feb. 29 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. Dorchester. The evening features a performance by the Boston ILL Harmonic (“Boston’s most loveable chamber rockensemble”) performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. The scholarship was created in memory of a much loved son of Dorchester whose life was sadly shortened by cancer. An active political volunteer and advocate for people with disabilities in his job at WORK Inc., the scholarship is set up to benefit a student from Dorchester who is majoring in political science. The first scholarship was awarded in 2017 to an outstanding recipient, Dorchester resident Renata Tedoro. General admission is $10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d’oeuvres and cash bar, and a cash drawing will be held. For more information or to purchase tickets for the cash drawing, please contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP
Boston Public Library’s free Homework Help program is offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher’s Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homeworkhelp.

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UCLA dean ‘rises to top’ as UMass Boston chancellor pick

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Search as “an unceremonious end,” Peters told reporters after the meeting. “Everybody, when he interviewed, was very enthusiastic. When you listen to me read his resume, it’s unparalleled. He came from humble beginnings, speaks many languages, and I think he will be an asset not only to the university but also to the city of Boston and the state of Massachusetts.”

UMass Boston has not had a permanent chancellor since June 2017, when longtime Chancellor J. Keith Motley stepped down. Barry Mills served as interim chancellor for about a year, and then in May 2018 during the first attempt at a search, all three finalists withdrew thereafter.

Meehan described the collapse of the first search as “an unceremonious end,” saying at the time that faculty council members were unhappy with the three finalists and raised questions about their qualifications.

Newman, who previously worked in the president’s office as senior vice president for academic affairs, was tapped to take over as interim chancellor in the fallout and has held the position since that time. Peters said the committee’s decision to name only one finalist was not unprecedented. Previous searches for a UMass Law chancellor and for a UMass Medical School chancellor each ended with a single finalist, he said, and a committee once recommended six candidates for the UMass Dartmouth top post.

Despite the challenging 2018 search and the frequent financial headaches at the school, search committee members said they believe Suarez-Orozco is committed to the job. “He is not only prepared, he is really looking forward to the challenge,” said Jean Rhodes, a UMass Boston psychology professor who served as the search committee’s vice chair. “He is approached, I think, for all sorts of very elite institutions to have a leadership role, but he chose this. He chose this because he sees this as the only public research institute in Boston, a university professor position at New York University, and eight years as a distinguished professor of education at UCLA. Since 2015, he has also served as the dean in UCLA’s Graduate School of Education and Information Studies.

In a UMass press release last Tuesday, Suarez-Orozco said he is “deeply humbled and honored by this extraordinary opportunity. The University of Massachusetts Boston is a beacon of public education in the Commonwealth, in the country, and beyond. At a time when more is asked of higher education than in any previous generation in American history, the public research university faces extraordinary opportunities and real challenges moving forward.”

He continued: “An ethic of social justice, a commitment to nurture the life-enhancing powers of education, and an unwavering devotion to excellence and equity shall guide my work if given the honor to serve as the next Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston.”

Suarez-Orozco’s research has focused on mass migration, globalization, and the psychological effects of those trends.

Rhodes told reporters that she believes Suarez-Orozco’s background and interests are an ideal fit for UMass Boston. About 54 percent of the school’s Boston’s enrollment was made up of students of color as of fall 2019, according to university statistics.

“The combination of skilled leadership and outstanding academic credentials makes him a very important candidate, as well as his particular story, of someone who came over as an immigrant from Argentina and studies immigration,” Rhodes said. “He really speaks to the urban mission of our university and I think he’ll speak to the communities and be an aspirational figure for the students who may attend the University of Massachusetts Boston.”

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Baker bill would ease fare-evasion penalties

By Chris Lisinski

The state House of Representatives is taking action on the Baker-Polito administration’s contract for a new fare-collection system. The bill would create new penalties banning private motor vehicle operators from driving, standing, or parking in designated bus lanes. Motorists would receive a fine of up to $200 for violations between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on a weekday and up to $100 for violations at any other time.

The need for stricter enforcement of bus-only infrastructure has been elevated as more and more cities and towns implement bus-priority infrastructure. LivableStreets Alliance Executive Director Stacy Thompson said in an email, “While we are supportive of better bus lane enforcement we hope the state will also explore camera enforcement which is utilized in New York City.

The bulk of the transit-related changes in the bill aim at MBTA fare collection and evasion. Under the bill, police would be explicitly banned from arresting individuals who board or attempt to board the MBTA without paying, which they can do now if the individual fails to provide identification, according to the T.

Authorities will still issue non-criminal citations for evasion, but the fine structure would change from a statutory mandate to one set by MBTA regulations. The bill calls for lowering the fines from the current minimum of $50 and maximum of $500 to a new minimum of $10 and maximum of $250.

State law allows for the Registry of Motor Vehicles to decline renewing a driver’s license if a single fare evasion citation is unresolved, but Baker’s bill would only permit that step if a motorist has two or more outstanding citations.

The bill also strips out existing language that would require new drivers who received a fare evasion citation when they were 17 or younger to pay the outstanding fine before acquiring a license.

Jarred Johnson, chief operating officer of the advocacy group Transit-Matters, said in a statement that decriminalizing fare evasion should accompany a low-income fare structure. “Fair penalties consistent with the low-gravity nature of the infraction ought to be adopted as the Commonwealth moves away from today’s onerous approach,” he wrote.

Baker’s legislation calls for the MBTA to begin filing annual reports two years after passage detailing fare evasion warnings and citations issued by the agency. Current MBTA policies could issue citations under the new language, and the MBTA would also be allowed to hire new civilian staff to handle the task instead of using transit police.

Keolis, which operates the commuter rail, in 2016 estimated losing about $35 million annually in uncollected fare revenue. At the same time, T officials said fare evasion on the Green Line and on buses — where passengers can often board through doors without stopping at the fare box — costs between $2.3 million and $6.9 million per year.

The company plans to install fare gates at North Station, South Station, and Back Bay stations this year as part of a push to recoup uncollected revenue.

Activists planning hunger strike to promote immigrant licenses

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Supporters of legislation that would create a pathway for undocumented immigrants to get Massachusetts driver’s licenses say they will launch a hunger strike outside the State House next Monday morning just two days after the joint legislative committee to report on bills.

Committees can give bills favorable or unfavorable reports, send them to study, or request extensions for further consideration. The activists are calling on House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Senate President William Straus, and other members of the Transportation Committee to endorse and advance the driver’s licenses bill (H 3012, S 2061), known as the Work and Family Mobility Act.

Faith leaders would bless the striking hunger strikers on the day they arrive, according to a press release from Movement Covecha. Organizers say two immigrant leaders of the group were detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement earlier this month in incidents that “would have been prevented if undocumented immigrants were not allowed to access essential services such as public health and safety services and schools.”

The activists are registered University Professor Nathan Phillips launched a campaign last week to highlight what he describes as “serious public health and safety violations occurring at the site of the ill-conceived Weymouth Compressor station.”

Baker proposal comes less than two months after the MBTA reported its planned rollout of an automated fare collection 2.0 system.

The new system, set to be implemented in stages over the next four years, will allow riders to use a website or mobile app to track their fares. Larger changes such as all-door boarding on buses or tapping of a credit card — rather than a ticket or CharlieCard — at a fare gate are now three or four years away from implementation.

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Coronavirus infection risk ‘extremely low,’ says Baker

By KATIE LANNAN

By ADRIAN MA

BOSTON — The number of coronavirus cases in Massachusetts remains extremely low, and the risk of contracting it is extremely low, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency on Friday, and ordered all U.S. citizens returning from the center of the outbreak in China to be quarantined for two weeks. As part of the emergency declaration, flight arrivals from China are limited to a handful of airports, according to the Department of Public Health.

On Monday, Baker said the only flights from China that will be coming into Logan Airport will be those arriving from Hong Kong.

Reaction locally: fear, face masks, assessing the risk factors

By ADRIAN MA

WHR Reporter

Bostonians are having a range of reactions to the first confirmed case of the Wuhan coronavirus in Massachusetts. Since UMass Boston administration officials notified students and staff Saturday, campus life has mostly continued as usual, said Tahra Scorzailo, a student there. However, she said some of her peers make “xenophobic” comments about people of Asian descent.

“We have a group chat for my floor,” Scorzailo said, “and should send the foreigner back.” And I was just like, ‘Really? You’re being ridiculous.’”

The announcement of a sickened student also spurred concern among some members of UMass Boston’s Chinese Student Scholar Association.

“Our group was trying to comfort people down, tell them not to panic,” said freshman Kate Chen, who said she is originally from Shenzhen, China. “But there are people trying to ask, ‘Where has that person gone to?’ because they don’t want to be affected.”

Health officials said the patient is in stable condition and was at home. He apparently spent only limited time on campus and had contact with just a few people.

In Boston’s Chinatown neighborhood Sunday morning, the scene at the annual Lunar New Year parade was a familiar one — fire-crackers popping, drums banging, and lion dancers strutting down the street. But a few people scattered among the crowd of onlookers wore surgical masks over their faces.

“If you can do this small thing for your own health, then why not?” said Dora Perjesi, who recently moved to Boston from Hungary.

She said she put on the mask as a precaution.

“You don’t know the people who are attending this parade. If they are living here or they returned recently from a city in China, she said.

Perjesi was not alone. On the subway down town and on the UMass campus, some Chinese and non-Chinese residents alike were wearing face masks.

“Everyone wants to be safe, everyone wants to protect themselves and their families,” said City Councillor Michelle Wu, who attended the Chinatown parade. “But in an instance like this, we have to be very careful not to let this spill over into assumptions about an entire race of people or people who look a certain way.”

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh echoed that sentiment.

“This is a virus that could be happening anywhere in the world,” he told a group of reporters gathered at the parade. “I think it’s important for us to rally around each other, not be divided.”

Health officials emphasized that the chance of catching the flu in Massachusetts is much higher than the risk of contracting the coronavirus, and the steps to take to reduce the risk of both are the same: avoid close contact with people who are sick, stay home if you are sick, and cover coughs and sneezes with your arm. Health experts also recommend frequently washing your hands frequently.

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HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.
The Hancock Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uphams Crossing, 550 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Meeting time is 7-8:30 p.m. Annual dues are $5; please contact hancockcivic@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
The Wellington Hill Neighborhood Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library. Updates can be found on Facebook page: wellingtonhillneighbors. Or Google Group: wellingtonhill@gmail.com

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The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Fekey Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

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ASHTON-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Frederick St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattishammond@gmail.com.

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Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmounthill.org or call Message Line: 617-792-8178.

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CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.
Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Fr. Harr Hall, St. Brendan Church, 15 Rita Rd. Ed Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.
The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it’s a holiday) at WORK, Inc., 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freepot St., across from the HREW, on-street parking available.

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The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSOC.
Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiaasvinhillcivic.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see the Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchester-north@outlook.com.

FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.
The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info, contact V. Girard, chair, at: vivian8120@gmail.com.

WOODROW AVE CIVIC ASSOC.
WANA meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6-7 p.m. at WPV VFW Post 8772, 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowaveassoc@gmail.com or visit wanaboston on Facebook.

JONES HILL ASSOC.
The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inspect or present their project contact: joneshill.com. Information, events, and voting membership can be found on joneshill.com.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.
The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham’s Corner Health Center, 606 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

DORCHESTER UNIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Please join the D.U.N. association contact list to stay up to date. Provide your name, address, e-mail and phone to DUNAssociation@gmail.com or 617-901-4919.

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The meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station).

GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
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LOWDER MILLS CIVIC ASSOC.
Lower Mills Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at St. Gregory Auditorium. Dues ($7) are due now. See the web page: dorchesterlowermills.org.

MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSOC.
Meetings are held at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall in basement of Saint Margaret Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. More online at McCormackCivic.org. Please be ID’ed for proof of residency within association boundaries. Dues are $5 or $10. Email McCormackCivic@gmail.com.

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Opening of his eatery in Fields Corner rooted in ‘pact,’ says the owner

Anthony Caldwell credits divine intervention for his good fortune.

Plenty of restaurants in the city boast their own versions of fusion, but none is quite like the creative cuisine offered by Caldwell’s 50 Kitchen. Caldwell’s creative cuisine is aimed to keep menu items relatively affordable. "I have to think about you, know what you can Fields Corner afford? It has to work for me and the community.

50 Kitchen will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday, serving lunch and dinner. Tuesday nights will feature a "Chef’s Table" special—a prix fixe offering of a three-course meal for one price.

Caldwell said he’s looking forward to sharing his passion with customers: "My joy is watching people eat and seeing them smile," he said. A decal on the wall inside the restaurant read, "For beautiful people," a slogan that Caldwell had gotten into the habit of saying years ago when serving food to friends. The message describes the welcoming, peaceful environment that Caldwell aims to establish at his eatery, which he describes on his website as "a place that represents second chances." This is a safe haven," he said. "When you walk into 50 Kitchen, you need to feel safe and feel at home.

Describing his passion for social justice, Caldwell outlined a number of community-oriented plans he has for the restaurant’s future, including a partnership with local schools whereby he would teach cooking classes and connected "choop'd" style competition with students, a scholarship fund for sending local kids to culinary school, and a zero-waste initiative in which leftovers will go to nearby food pantries. The next few years, Caldwell says, he will hand-deliver to homeless individuals in the community.

"I made a vow to the community that I’d give back, because I took so much from this place," said Caldwell. "I’ve made mistakes, I’ve done things I regret, but now that’s behind me." Pleased at the beginning of this new chapter in his life, Caldwell admitted it’s hard for him not to see a divine plan behind it all. After conquering personal demons, and even escaping death, he acknowledges in his restaurant a chance for atonement, and an opportunity to refocus his life’s path alongside those around him. "I believe that people are blessed to be a blessing for others," he said. "I know that I’m a blessed man, so for me to not be a blessing to others would be silly.

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Non-profits reach accord on Four Corners property

By Daniel Sheehan

A dispute between two non-profits over the ownership of a Four Corners property appears to have reached a resolution.

On Monday night, the Dorchester Neighborhood Housing Development (DNHD) and the Third Sector New England (TSNE) Missionworks, the organization that purchased and began development of the site at 260 Washington St. in 2014, formally transferred the property last week to Urban Guild Inc. (known as The Guild), a social enterprise that has operated out of the space since 2015.

Tensions between the organizations came to a head at a community meeting in November that drew over 200 residents, many of them to voice their support for programming offered by The Guild, which provides various onsite programs and services, such as yoga classes, holistic wellness workshops, and community meeting spaces, all things community members say are much needed in the neighborhood.

According to a legal agreement detailing the relationship between TSNE and The Guild, transfer of property ownership was slated to occur in November of 2018. Founder and CEO of The Guild Jhana Senxian accused TSNE’s lawyers of delaying the process because it took a year. That entire time we were waiting for a response, but once we did receive one we moved quickly to ensure transfer of the building.

The move included a note of contention: 260 Washington Street.

Point of contention: 260 Washington Street. Daniel Sheehan photo

Bayside developer credits community for help on project

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it intends to outline its plans with the city’s Planning and Development Agency by the end of this month, Galvin said, a team hoping to build a mixed-use project with residential, office spaces, and labs, become a technology hub that would, among other things, present opportunities for jobs for UMass Boston students.

Key themes that emerged from the various meetings, Galvin told the 50 or so attendees on Monday night, included the need to collaborate with city and state authorities to improve surrounding transportation and infrastructure, the creation of parks and public space, the need to make diversity and inclusivity a priority, the urgency of offering housing across a variety of income levels, and the need to develop appropriate branding.

Galvin said that Accordia is in talks with the state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation about a possible agreement that would allow the team to maintain and improve areas of the Dorchester Harbor Trail that surround the development.

“We see a wonderful opportunity to make some beautiful public places,” he said. Planning for climate resilience—and ensuring full public access to the waterfront—is a component that Galvin said will also be represented in the project plans. He said that landscape architects will look at how they might create connectivity from what he called “the T to the sea.”

In examining the prospects for the Bayside project, residents have continually noted that the opening of one close-by, large-scale development, the BEAT, on the old Globe site, and the recent emergence of plans for residential towers and commercial interests at 75 Morrissey could bring hundreds, perhaps thousands, of new residents and employees to the area and overburden nearby transportation infrastructure.

Galvin said Accordia is aware of this concern and will work in partnership with other developers as well as the city, state, and other stakeholders—like DCR, the MBTA and MassDOT—to discuss solutions.

“This is a big one,” he said, “enabling key infrastructure improvements. We see the project, with a few others around it, as being able to tip the scale in really dealing with the city, and the state, and other stakeholders to try to make infrastructure improvements happen. I’m talking (Kosciuszko) K-Circle, I’m talking the T, complete streets off JFK/UMass station, specifically pedestrian access to the station and the Sydney St. entrance.

Galvin noted that in addition to Accordia’s 99-year lease on the Bayside property, the company has purchased the nearby 14-acre Santander Bank site. He noted that the BPDA has asked Accordia to work on master planning for that site as well, although the bank has about six years left in its lease.

“Baker also pointed out that Northbrom Company, the developer of the HUB, is providing $500,000 in mitigation funds to the city. He said $250,000 of that will go toward a study of infrastructure improvements at JFK/UMass station, specifically pedestrian access to the station and the Sydney St. entrance.

Galvin also pointed out that Nordblom Company, the developer of the HUB, has about six years left on their lease. He said, “We’re getting there, that’s for sure.”

“Point of contention: 260 Washington Street.

You’ll see when we do our actual filing, and we’re hopeful that you all will recognize some of the things that you told us when we submit our project notification form sometime in March,” Galvin said.
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BORKOWSKI, Herman F. “Whitey” of Dorchester, at age 94. Born in Gardner to the late Frank and Rose Borkowski, broth- er of the late Daniel Borkowski of Seminole and husband of the late Joan Borkowski (nee Coughlin). An army veteran, Whitey lived with his wife Joan in Dorchester for 55 years.

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Activists report that guards are retaliating after inmate attack on three officers at Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center

By Chris Lisinski
State House News Service

Describing instances ranging from tasing to denial of attorney contact, a group of lawmakers alleged Monday that correction officers at the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Shirley have abused inmates after an inmate attack in response to an assault on three officers.

Three inmates had been high at the facility since inmates injured three correction officers in a Jan. 10 attack, a video of which the Department of Correction published.

Since then, groups and family members said Monday, prisoners not involved in the assault have recounted being targeted by officers and tactical teams with tasers, lockdowns more than 24 hours and more during a lockdown.

The department said conditions at the prison are improving after the assault, but outraged advocates and some of whom filed a lawsuit against the Department of Correction — said more needs to be done to prevent inhuman treatment and unconstitutional restrictions.

“While some privileges have been restored,” said, “We’re not involved at all with this.”

Three speakers at Monday’s press conference described being cut off from contact with incarcerated family members or friends for weeks after the Jan. 10 attack. Once they were able to get in touch, they said, their loved ones shared harrowing stories of mistreatment and violence.

Sindey Hayes said her brother, Tony Gaskins, watched an inmate get attacked by dogs released into his cell and tased by officers. “He was definitely scared,” Hayes recounted of her phone call with her brother.

“His last words were, ‘I don’t want to be a part of this anymore,” said Hayes. “He said, ‘They’re just randomly attacking people.’”

Several legal and prison reform advocates, days after the attack, were also prohibited from contacting attorneys for at least two weeks after the lockdown started.

Some inmates, Elpridge said, told law enforcement officers that tactical riot officers entered their cells and aimed pepper spray guns at their heads or pointed taser guns at their chests. Rep. Mike Connolly, who also participated, said one inmate reported not being subjected to violence but having his religious texts confiscated and never returned.

“The inmates that we met with were not in the unit where there were attacks by inmates on a few correction officers,” Elpridge said. “They were either in solitary confinement or knew nothing about the attack or they were in other units on the entire other side of the prison, which has a north and a south side. The frustration I heard from inmates was, ‘Why are we being punished for something we’re not involved at all with?’”

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“After the incident at Souza where three correction officers were severely injured, people went through a process of redetermining status for basically everybody in the facility,” Baker, who visited the injured officers after the inci- dent, said. “They did that because they wanted to make sure that inmates and officers would be safe once they open it up again.”

Baker did not answer directly when asked if he believed an outside investigation was warranted, replying that there is a process in place for pursuing an investigation and that he has “a lot of faith in the department and the actions it’s taken to ensure that inmates and correctional officers at Souza are safe.”

The union has argued since the assault that the 2018 criminal justice reform law, which limited the use of solitary confinement among a range of other changes, precipitated the attack and the rise in violence.

In a Monday statement, the union said its officers “conduct themselves in a professional manner day in and day out in some of the most dangerous environments imaginable,” and de- ferred other comment to the DOC. Activists pushed back on claims about the criminal justice reform law and about the conditions at Souza-Baranowski, replying Monday that while conditions may be dangerous, officers con- tribute to it by inflicting violence on inmates.

“We are incredibly grateful for the response that there has been a perversive attempt to attribute these attacks or these conditions to the achieve- ments that we made through the criminal law reform last year,” said Rahsaan Hall, racial justice program director at the American Civil Liberties Union of Mas- sachusetts.

Connolly said the DOC commissioner and the union “speak for something” and expressed a desire to improve conditions when speaking with the contingent of lawmakers. However, Connolly said he believes the response has not gone far enough to protect inmates.

Like many advocates who spoke at the press conference, Connolly criticized the union for linking criminal justice reforms to an increase in violence.

“I find it incredibly disturbing and discour- aging that the correction officers’ union appears to be actively advocating against the moderate criminal justice reforms we enacted into law,” Connolly told the News Service. “I think it raises real concerns about what the intentions are when they seem to be so determined to speak out against some of the modest reforms we tried to introduce.”
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