

Letter to CIB : Dated 10/6/21

Dear All,

We trust you are all well and having a great week.

During our last couple of meetings, the two focuses for this CIB were clarified, which had group consensus:

1. Shops at Riverwood (and Other) - Community Engagement Process and
2. Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) - Core + Ancillary Components (West Street/River Street, HP area).

***NOTE: The CBA is intended to express consistent expectations of required benefits the WSRs community presents to potential developers and business owners.**

We recognize that the CBA is a new proposal that involves all sub-neighborhoods within said area and requires full agreement and collaboration with all applicable stakeholders. Development of the community engagement process (item 1) is meant to address optimum communication with our neighbors in regards to the CBA.

Further to our last CIB meeting, we wanted to inform you that we have commenced with initial research into how best to develop a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) as a strategy to hold businesses accountable in the "West Street/River Street" area of Hyde Park, MA.

While a complete report will not be available until later this year, our initial research was able to identify the need to start educating our community about the CBA and establish a process to ensure the most voices can be heard.

This can begin NOW!

We were able to obtain a very [informative video](#) made by an organization in Somerville that also worked to achieve a CBA during the Union Square Project.

We would like you to watch so we can start getting your input on how best we can achieve a CBA for Hyde Park. After watching the video, please fill out our [survey](#) and have your voice heard.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

On behalf of the CIB,

Marlon Solomon