

## Affordable apartments could replace Mattapan Square repair garage

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The Archdiocese of Boston's housing arm and a local developer have filed plans to replace an auto garage at 1590 Blue Hill Ave., near Babson Street in Mattapan Square, with a six-story, 105-unit apartment building, with all the units rented at what the city considers affordable.

The proposal, by the Planning Office of Urban Affairs and JGE Development would replace the McKeen family's long-standing garage, which dates to the 1920s.

The building would have 37 one-bedroom apartments, 57 two-bedroom units and 11 three bedroom-units. A surface lot would have 31 parking spaces.

*Architecturally, the building fits in with the Blue Hill Avenue frontage and streetscape which is characterized by a variety of styles of building masses and materials reflecting the history and use*

of Mattapan Square, serving as a gateway to Boston from the Town of Milton. Material selections - including metal composite panels, and metal and natural looking material accents - are used to provide visual depth and durability while maintaining the level of refinement needed for today's lifestyle and expectations to bring life to an underutilized site.

### 1590 Blue Hill Ave. filings and meeting/comment schedule.



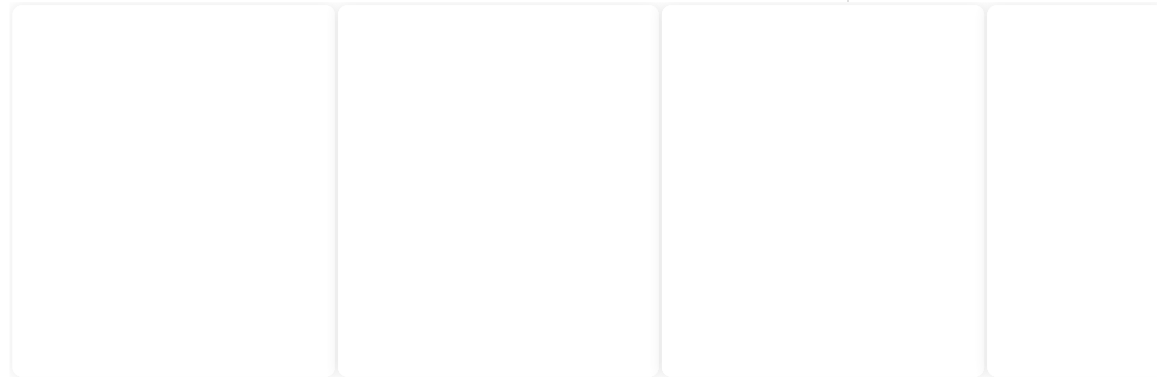
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