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Neighborhood Meeting
RE: Proposal for 18 Johnson Avenue and 32 Gilson Road
Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Coddington Hall, 34 Coddington Street

Dear Neighbor:

Chronic blight is an issue I work regularly on with Inspectional Services. As the boundaries of Ward One recently changed and the area of Hancock Street north of Dimmock Street is currently in my district, I was shocked to see the conditions of 18 Johnson Avenue when asked to do a site visit with the new owners, David and Peter Murphy and their Attorney Bill Keener. The parcels they are interested in developing currently have a four family house that has been abandoned for several years. This building, located behind Hancock Street between Whitney Road and Greenleaf Street is one of the worst blights I have ever seen and is a detriment to the neighborhood in its current conditions. The Murphy's have also acquired the abutting two family home at 32 Gilson Road. They intend to demolish both properties and construct a residential apartment building with 21-24 rental units which will be all two bedroom with approximately 1,200 square feet per unit. There will be parking underneath as well as some outside parking on the Gilson Road parcel.

I will be hosting a Neighborhood Meeting on Monday, August 24th at 7:00 pm at Coddington Hall located at 34 Coddington Street to review and discuss this proposal for 18 Johnson Avenue. The neighborhood meeting is the first step in the process.

This project will require the approval of the City's Planning Board; meeting date to be determined. Immediate abutters will receive notification from the Applicant prior to the Planning Board meeting. Anyone can attend the Planning Board meeting to express support or opposition to this proposed project. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can send a letter to the Planning Director, Dennis Harrington at 34 Coddington Street, Quincy, MA 02169 or by email dharrington@quincyma.gov. Project documents will be on file and available for public viewing in the Planning Department, 34 Coddington Street, 3rd Floor Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

One of my most important roles as your Ward Councilor is to keep you informed of matters that may affect you. I welcome you to contact me if you have a question or need additional information. I email a newsletter to residents to keep them informed as well as actively utilize social media. Please contact me to sign up for my e-newsletter and/or send a "friend request" to enhance our communication opportunities.

Sincerely,

Margaret E. Laforest
Ward One Councilor

cc: Area Residents

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