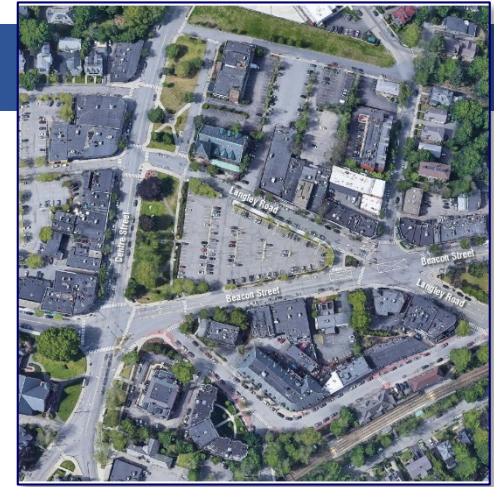
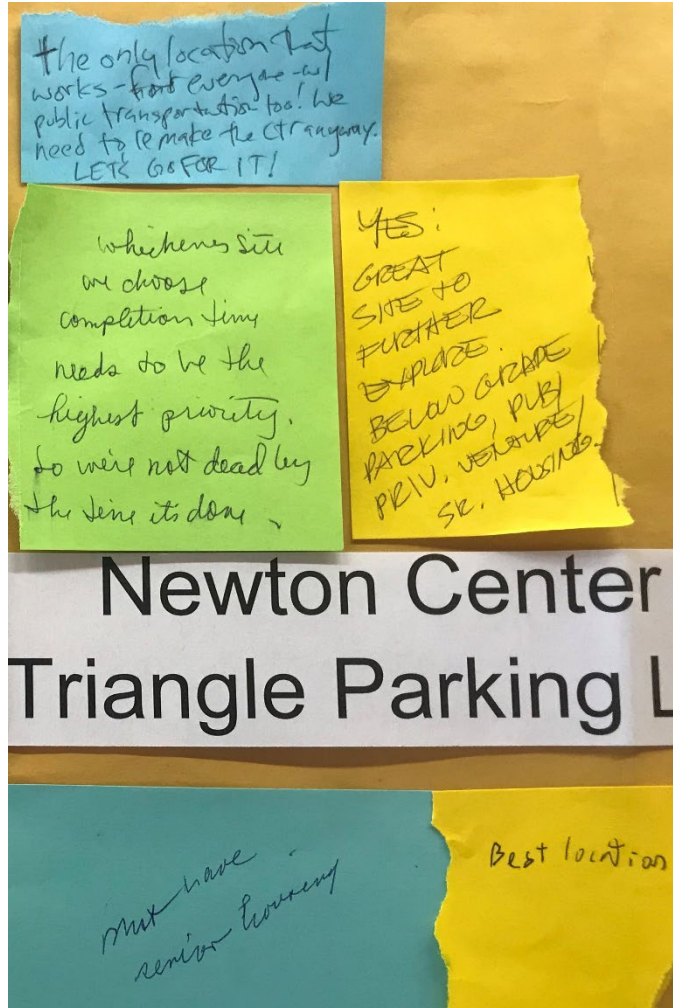


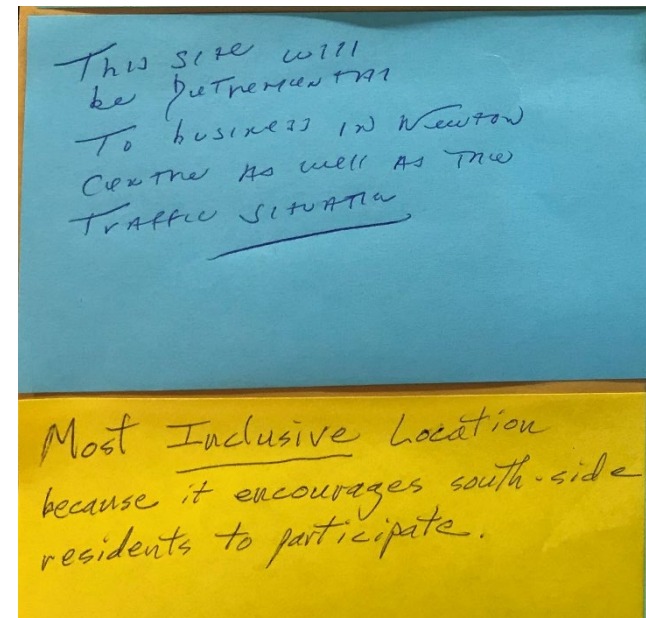
# Newton Center Triangle Parking Lot

# NewCAL Newton Center for Active Living

01/16/20 Community Feedback



Centre – Beacon - Langley



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~~So~~ Based on current traffic in Newton Center it is scary to think of what adding a senior center with additional traffic. I live in N.C. + I avoid going through it at most times of day because of the traffic.

offer valet parking

My 1st, 2nd 3rd  
Choice

Build a parking garage in one of the lots off Pelham. Charge for parking.

Could be a dynamic building

Make the ~~part~~ street parking spaces in front of Citizen's Bank Free + permitted for Seniors

The Newton Center site would probably be the most centrally located and most accessible to people from all sections of the city.

## Newton Center Triangle Parking

Any chance of including the green area of Centre St. Not viable space otherwise

How ironic that you're thinking of taking away a very senior friendly parking lot to put in a senior center!



CITY OF NEWTON

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE TOO DISRUPTIVE TO BUSINESSES AND TO TRAFFIC WHICH IS ALREADY A BIG PROBLEM

Central-ness of location is most fair to residents across city.

Big plus having T access, shops + restaurants in proximity

TOO CONGESTED  
RUINING AN OPEN AREA  
SMALL BUSINESS WILL SUFFER

This project site will take too long to complete  
Why??  
It will create chaos in Newton

Newton Center Tennis Courts  
Could extend the activity in Newton Center

Great location  
Underground parking will be expensive, but great.  
Great place for a green roof!!

## Newton Center Triangle Parking

Why not add retail + housing to bear some costs?

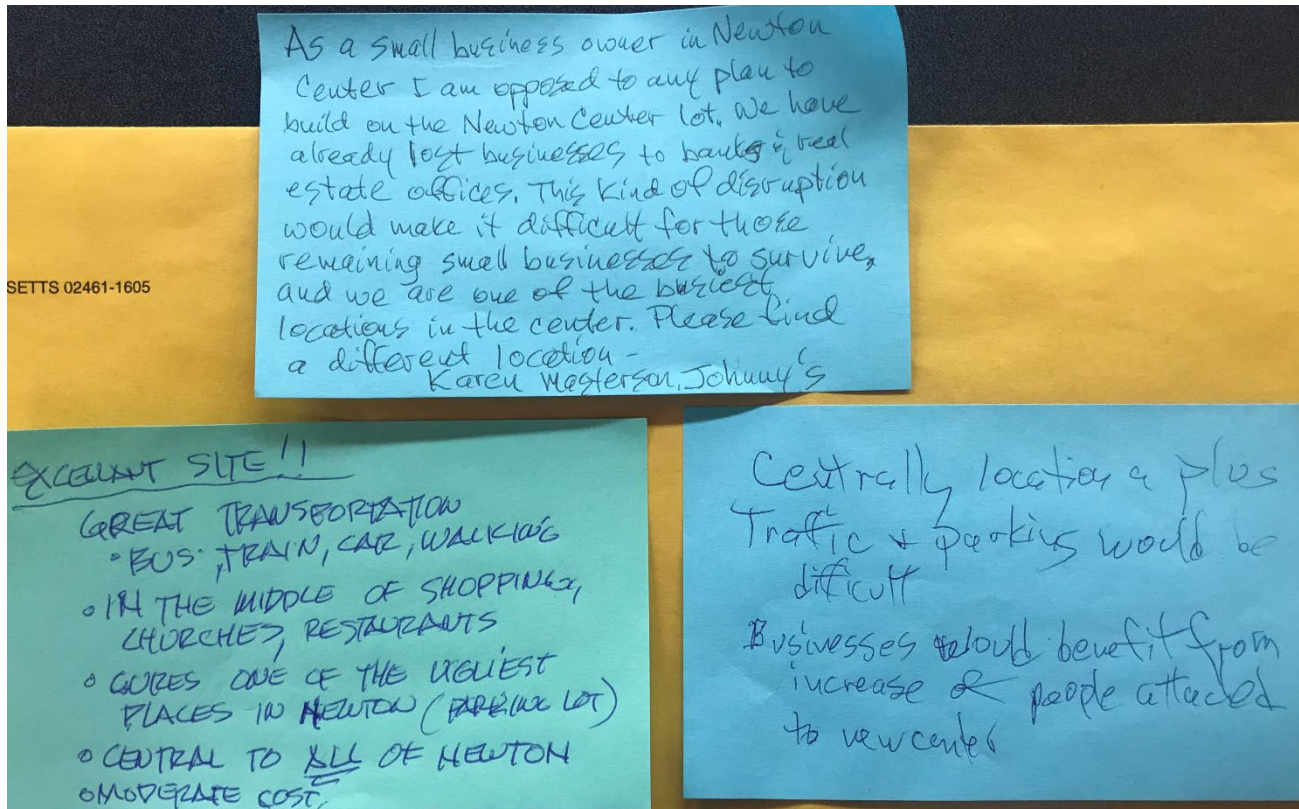
Underground/garage parking a challenge.



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PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**

close langley,  
expand other  
parking lots

My top choice - (but for  
length of time it would take)

Seniors do  
not want to  
park  
underground

great public  
transit  
great amenity

I'm a senior  
and I hate  
driving to  
parking in  
Newton Center  
BUT  
See Marjorie  
Belleville's  
VISION ++

Close  
Langley

3 Thoughts

1. Sell 1294 Centre  
which competes  
w/ Senior Center.
2. Build Senior Center  
w/ underground parking.
3. Build Affordable  
Housing on top -  
right at the (T)

Pleasant St lot  
is site for  
Phase 3 Solar  
carports.  
Rethink that is  
we want options  
to make parking  
deck there.  
To deck lot + put  
solar on top.

**Newton Center  
Triangle Parking Lot**

I like Maylee's  
plan

Will create more chaos for  
the immediate neighborhood  
than any of the other options  
during construction (years?)

This could  
be a center  
piece in  
NYC

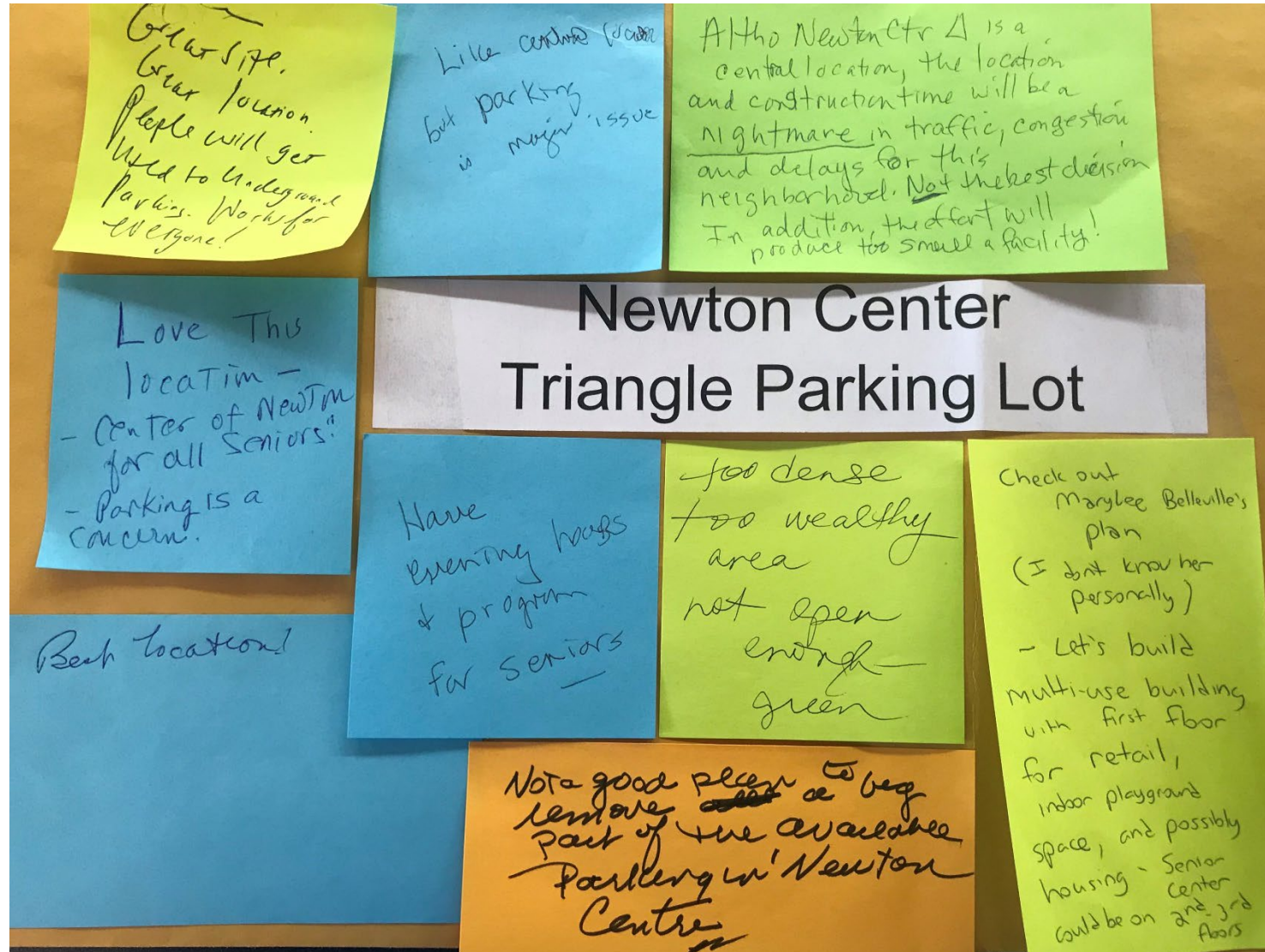
like it -  
Centre -  
Use off site  
parking lots!



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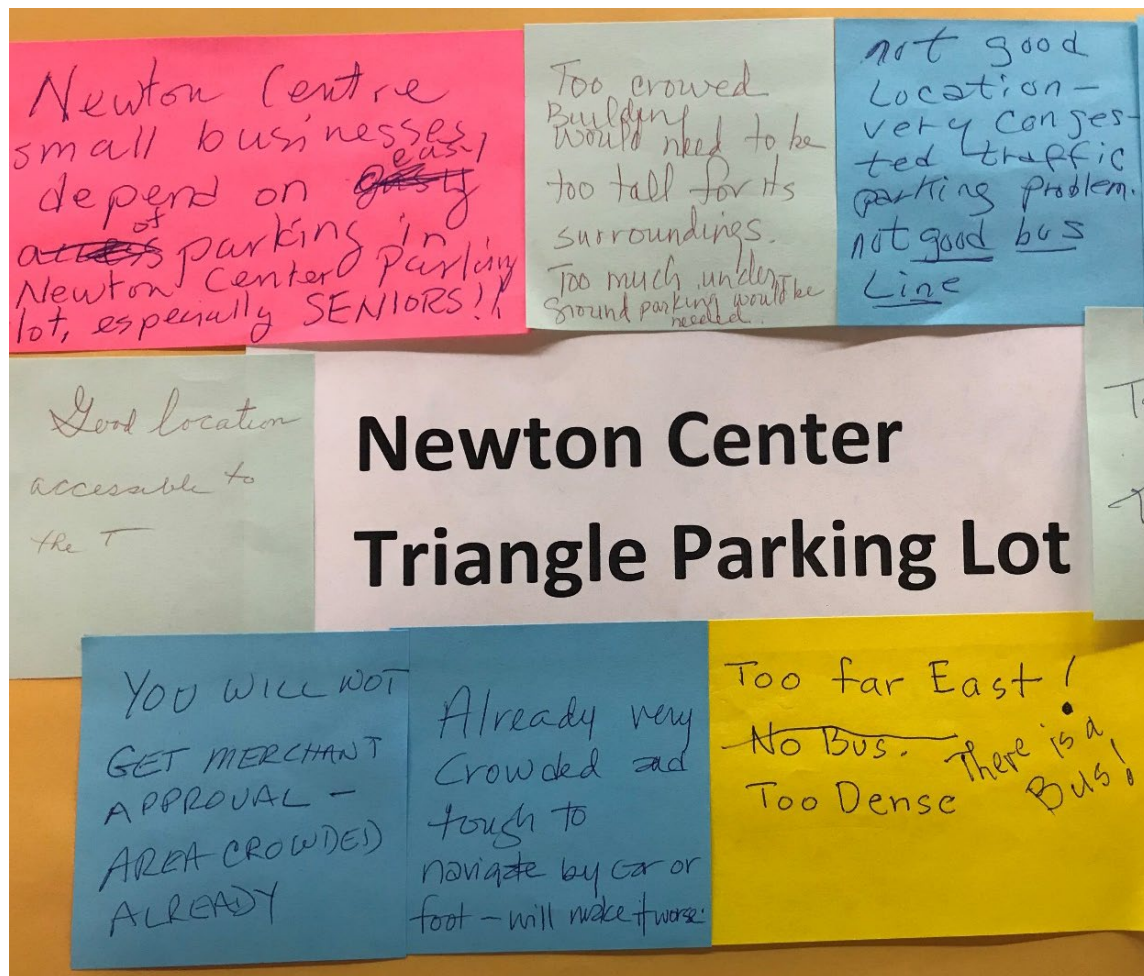
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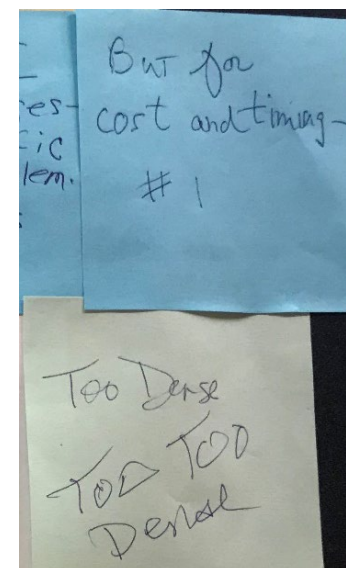
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## Existing Senior Center

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT  
52 ELLIOT STREET

GOOD TRANSPORTATION  
TO

WHY NOT UNDERGROUND  
PARKING?

Have heard from  
many seniors that  
a 14k sq ft.  
gym is not  
needed.  
Possibly  
re-evaluate?

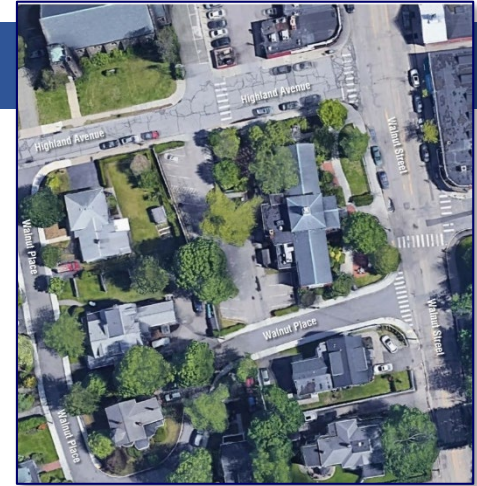
Would there be a  
commitment to not  
disrupting current  
usage + programming  
during construction?  
It would be important  
to have a good temporary  
space.

I love the location  
parking might  
be a problem

Longer hours  
Nights + weekends

Too small

It is harder for  
businesses will close  
if it is in N.C.  
It is better for them to  
have the people there.



345 Walnut Street

Existing Senior  
Center

## Existing Senior Center

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have the building  
+ location  
+ price  
Need parking though

SPORTS  
VIEWING + BETTING

OK- but what  
will be done while  
construction is  
on going

On pillars similar  
to new Austin St.  
Development

Second best  
after newton  
center

## Existing Senior Center

shorter time for  
construction a big  
positive. And cheaper.  
having more control  
where would programming  
take place during  
construction?

FOR SENIOR !!!  
Use the place that costs  
less to build, less time  
to finish if you can  
provide basic compre-  
hensive needs for  
senior.

app to  
acquire a dy  
properties

Would 47  
Walnut Place  
owners be willing  
to sell?

interior programming  
challenge

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02 ELLI  
NEWTON

ONE TRIP TO CTR CAN  
COMBINE W/ FOOD  
SHOPPING, CVS, BANKS  
AND RESTAURANTS - A CON-  
SIDERABLE SAVINGS FOR THOSE  
DEPENDENT ON RIDE  
SERVICES. VERY IMPORTANT

Keep/renovate/  
upgrade to be a  
CENTRAL space  
for Senior Programs  
HQ - Distribute  
activities +  
programs across  
all villages (community  
centers, schools, other  
public buildings)  
(Hospital/clinic/  
urgent care model)

This is a great choice. ~~Have it open nights + weekends!~~  
It's a great location w/ public  
transportation, shops & restaurants  
it needs to be renovated anyway  
w/ pillars we can create parking  
& let's investigate surrounding unused  
properties like the church!

## Existing Senior Center

Consider  
closing highland  
Ave

LONGER  
HOURS  
NIGHTS  
WEEKENDS

With no owner  
floor & garage  
but NO \$ ALLOWED  
for this time  
Too many variables.

Can't change bldg because historical?  
Close to transp + shops - great!



## Existing Senior Center

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Great location  
Not great parking  
Sounds very attractive

What will happen to current activities during construction?

Will there be some other place for senior activities while the current S.C. is being demolished & rebuilt  
Tina Lippa

This place is an embarrassment and an affront to senior Newton tax payers. It should have been fixed 45 yrs ago  
I'm going to join Newton Senior Ctr

### Existing Senior Center

Can we acquire some of adjacent property to create better Senior Center?


If Newton Senior Center selected I think there would need to be underground parking  
JL

I like the cost and 45 yrs. when would Sr. Center operate during construction?

Cost location works in all ways quicker too

Best option for cost + timing.  
At least as good location as other options

Nice location parking pretty very central

 CITY OF NEWTON  
PUBLIC BUILDING  
52 ELLIOT STREET  
NEWTON, MA 02459

Existing  
PRO: Central location  
CON: Need to add additional land - church across the street

This has a lot of +s  
lots of space  
underground parking would make it workable  
building in back of current Sr Center would make it available while bldg going on

### Existing Senior Center

- 40 parking spots below grade for \$2.4M plus 3 stories behind + keep the courtyard

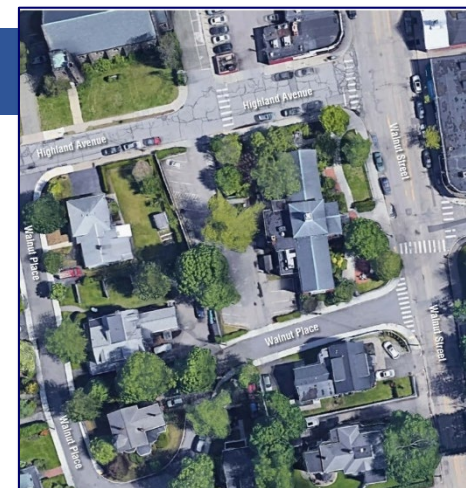
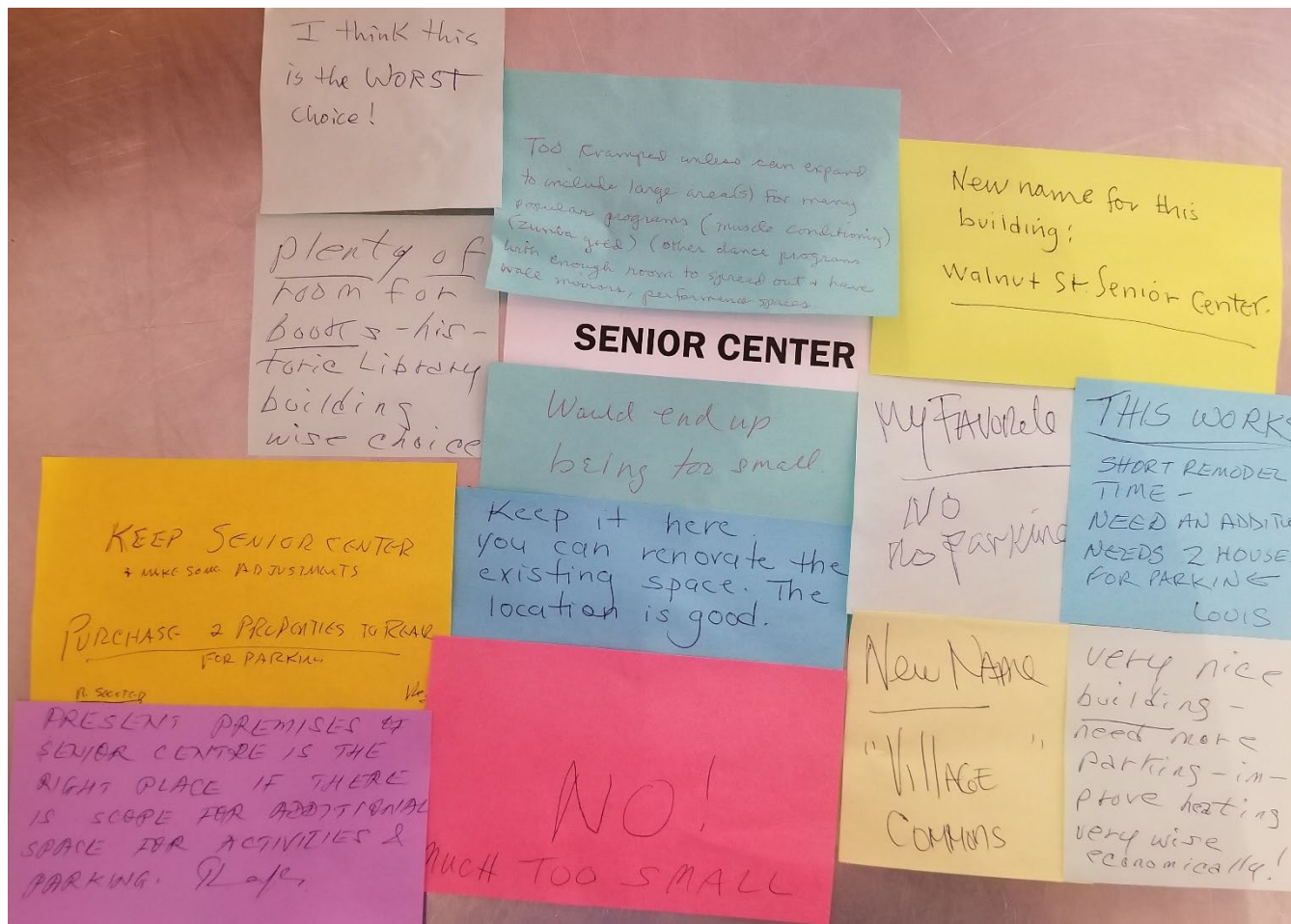
Can the BLDG be BUILT over the PRESENT PARKING LOT (on pillars) + EXTEND over the PRESENT HISTORIC SENIOR CENTER BLDG?

Viable only if you can take adjacent properties (? eminent domain)

## Existing Senior Center

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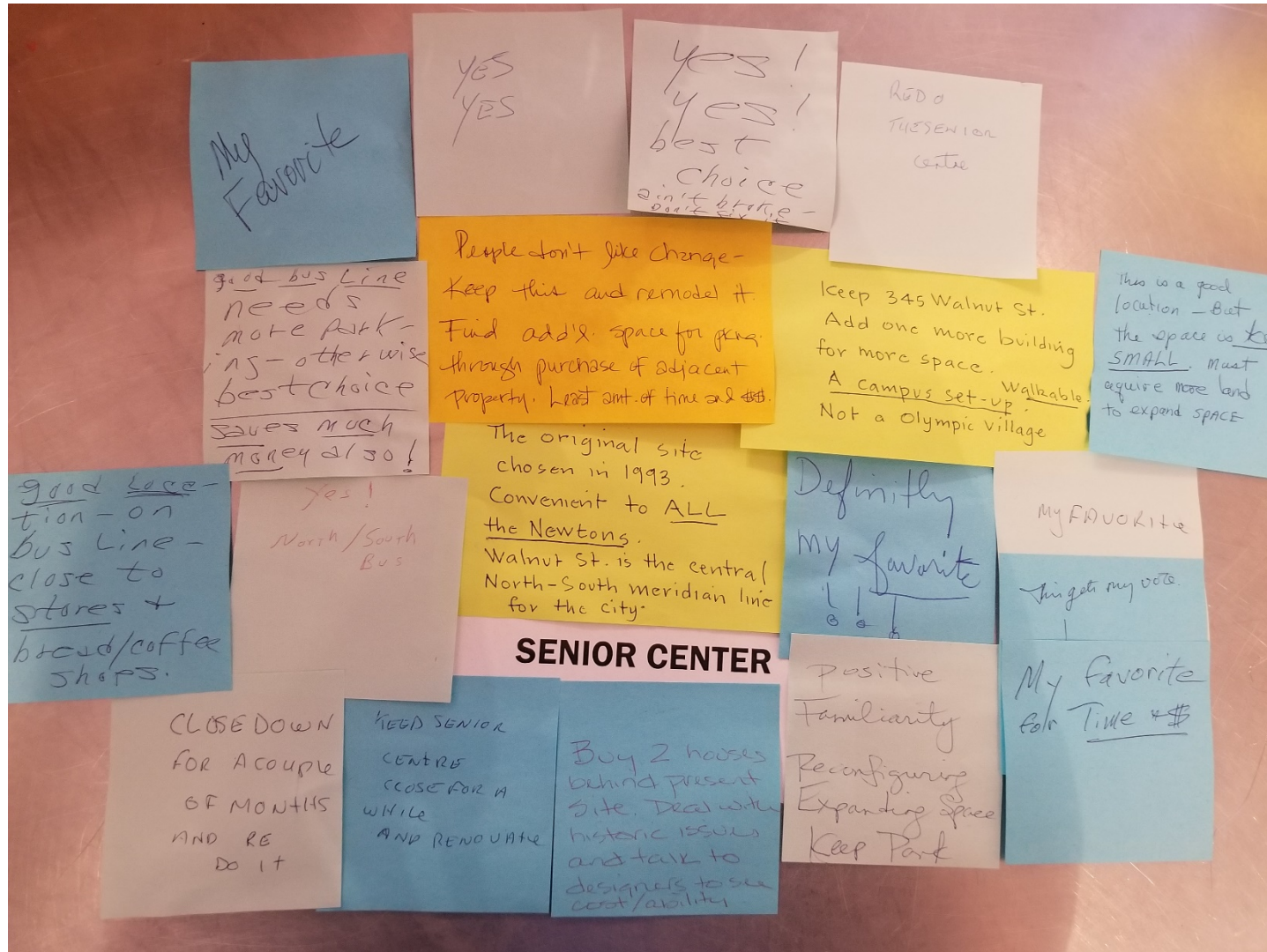
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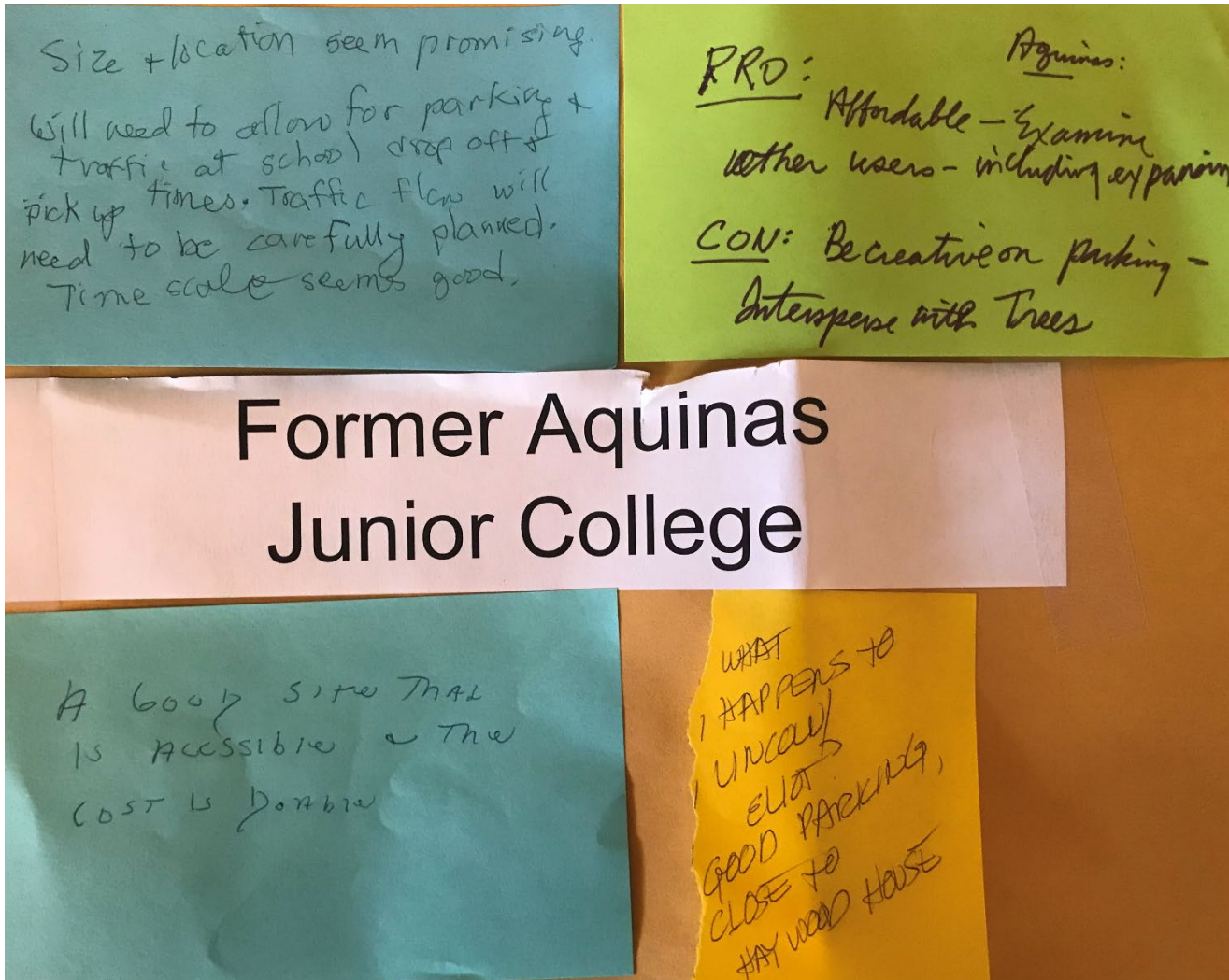
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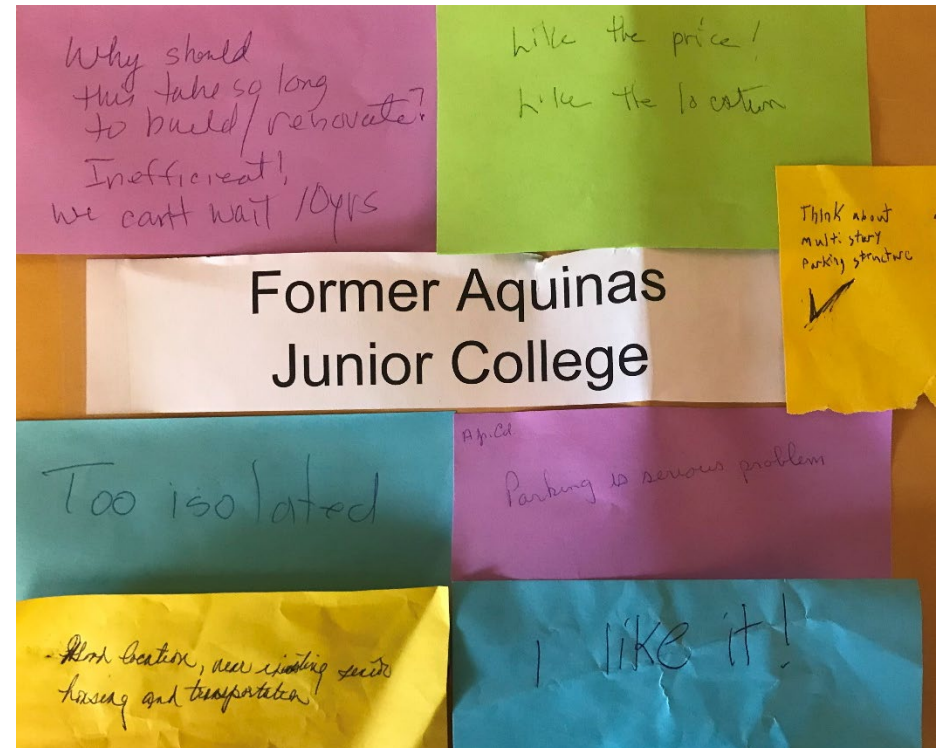
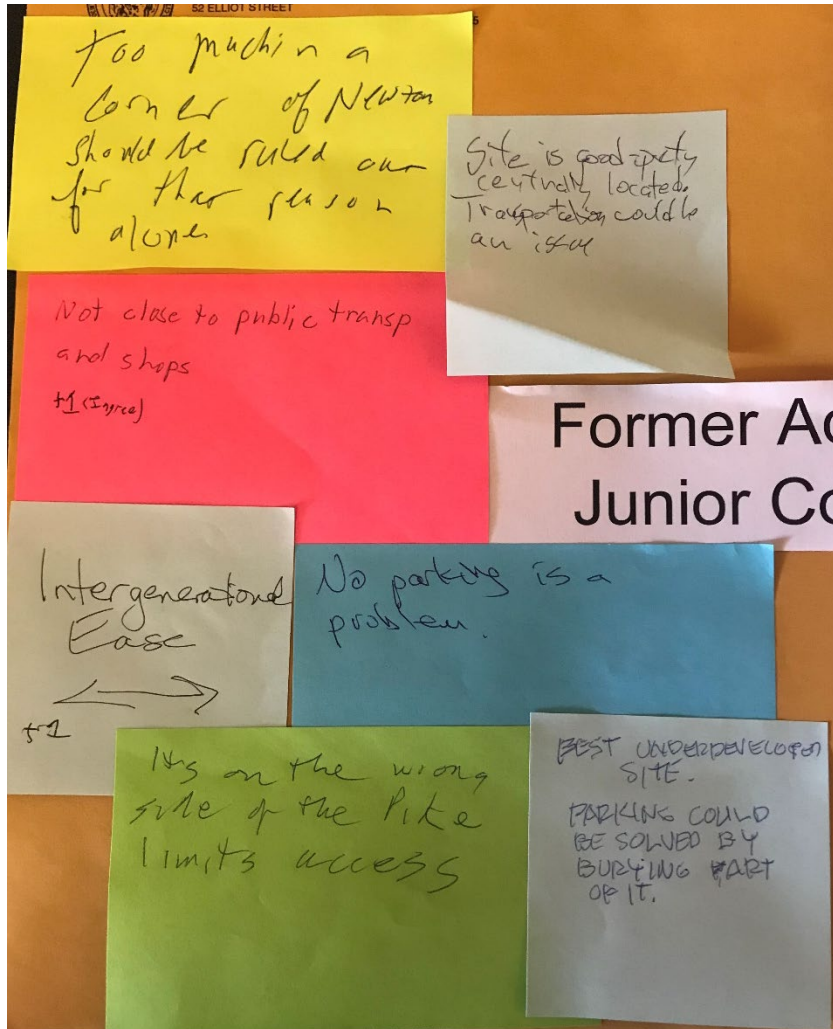
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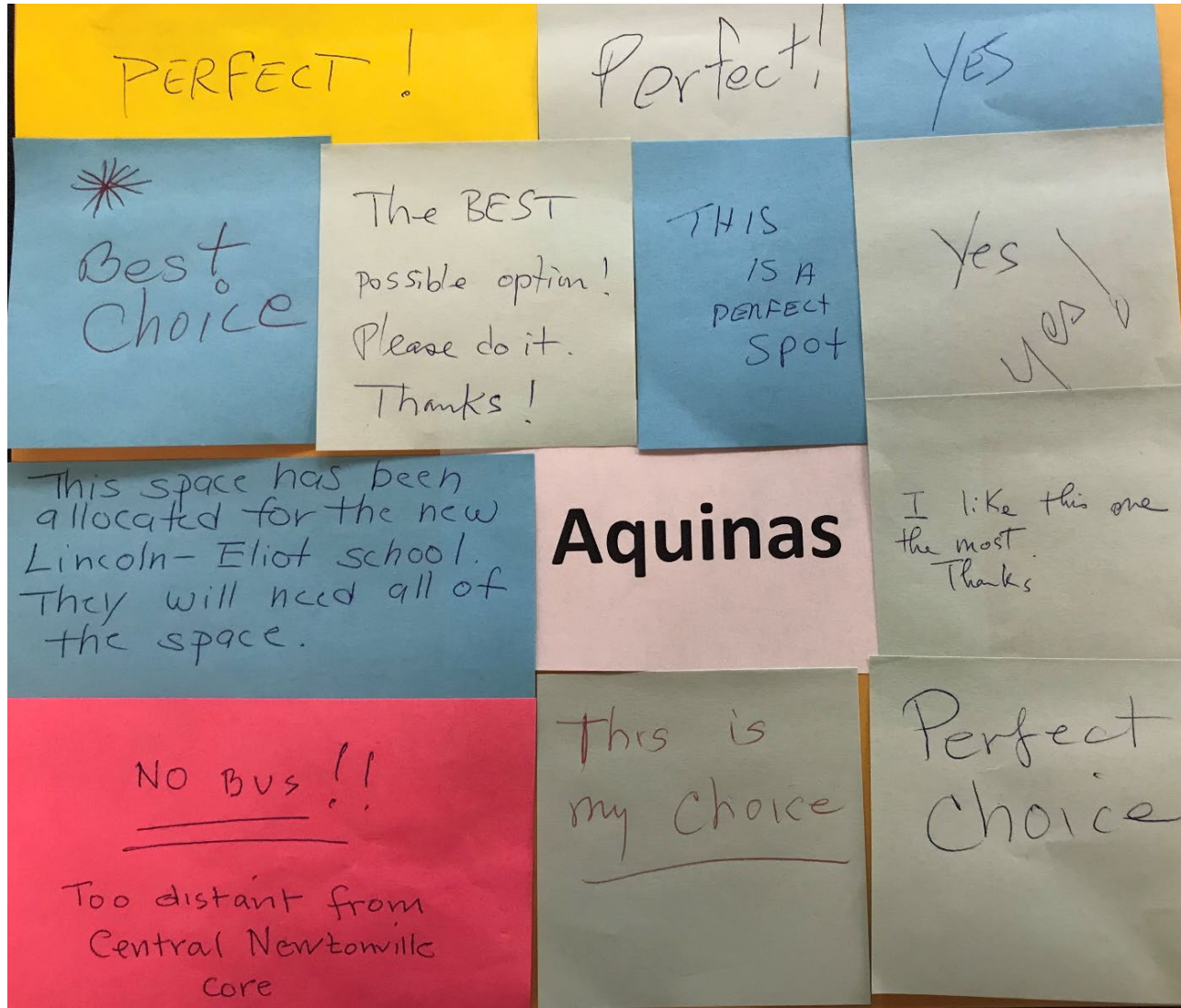
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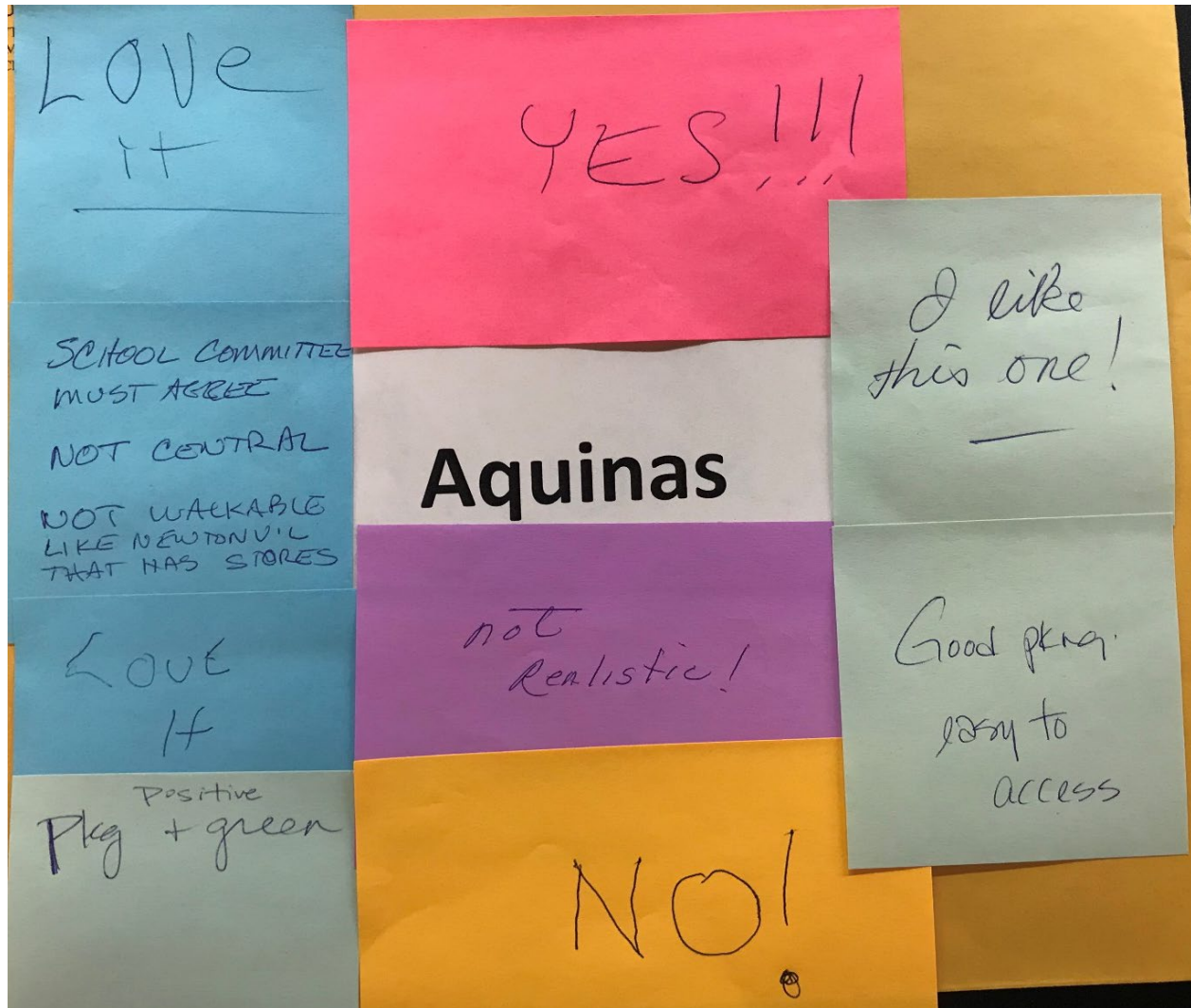
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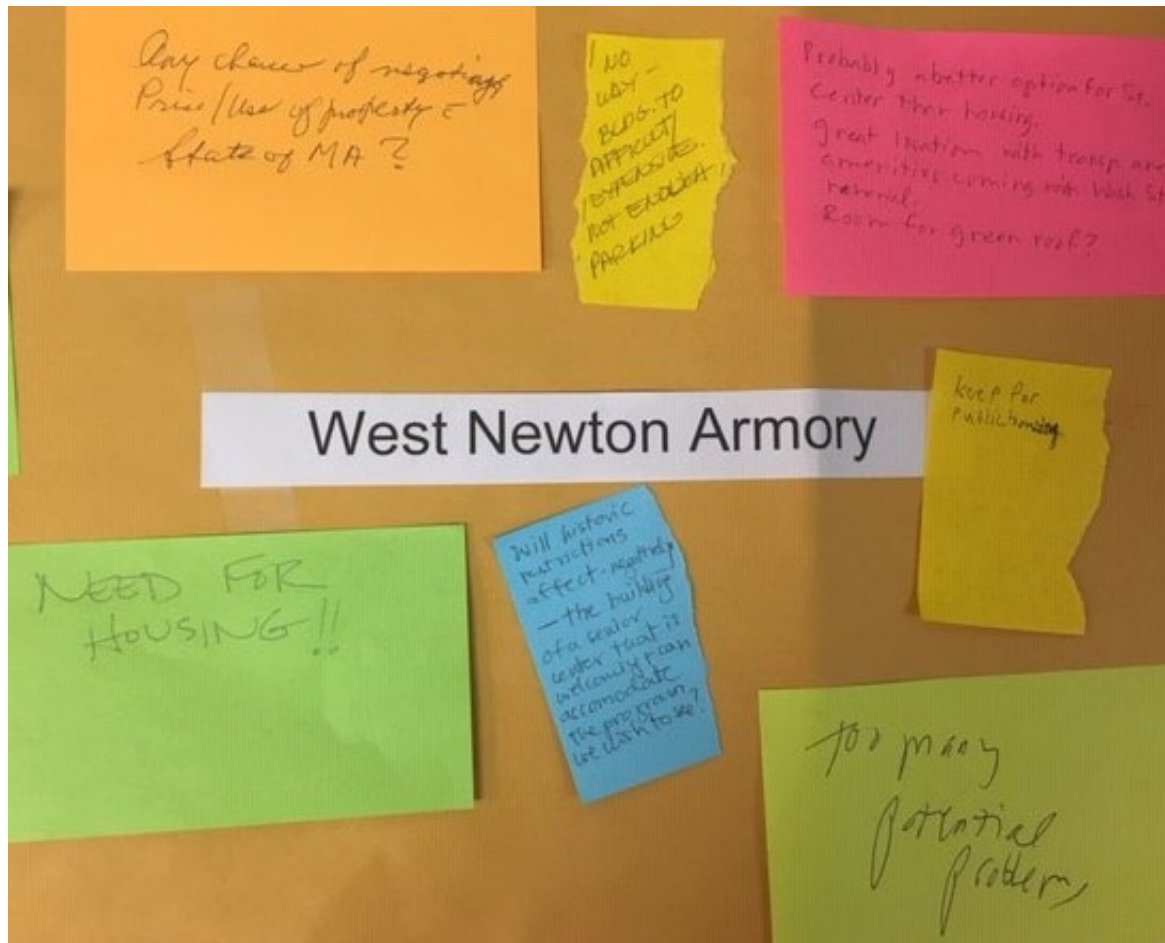
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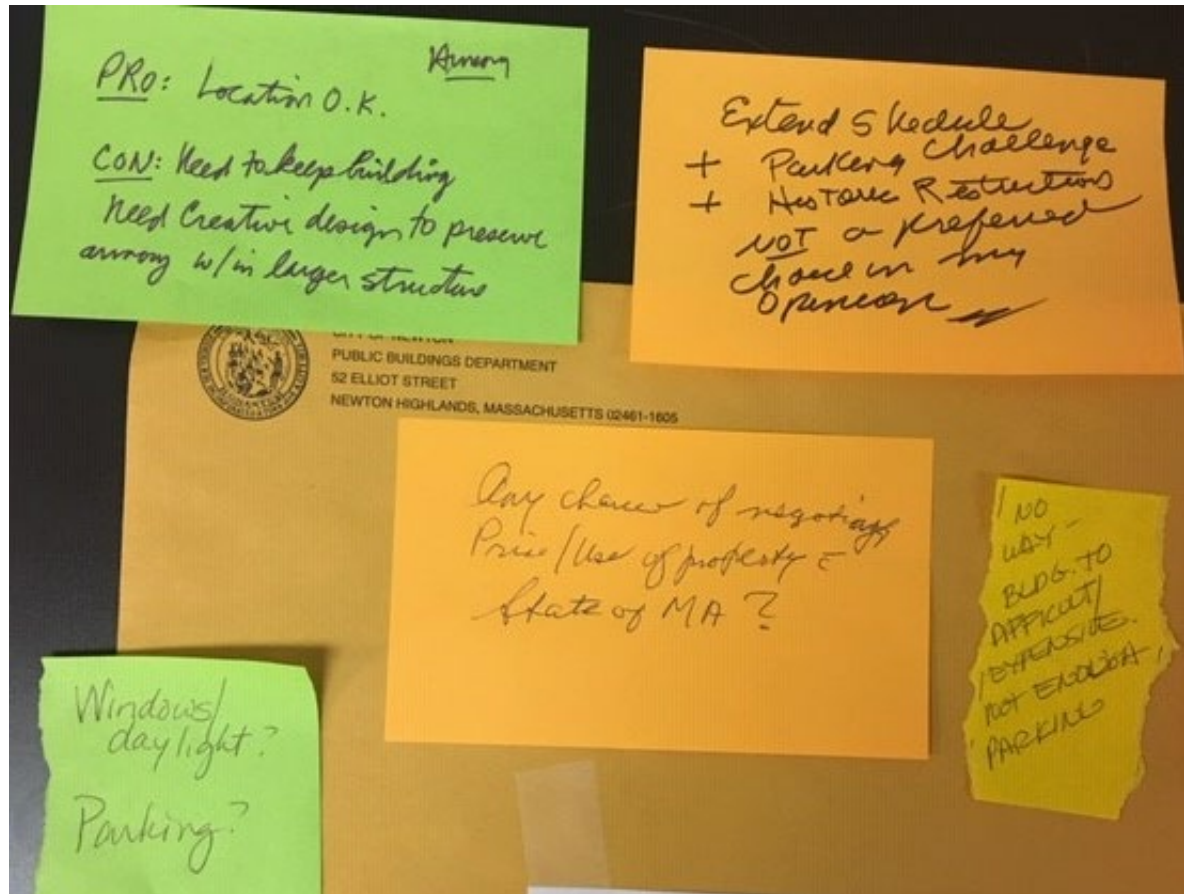


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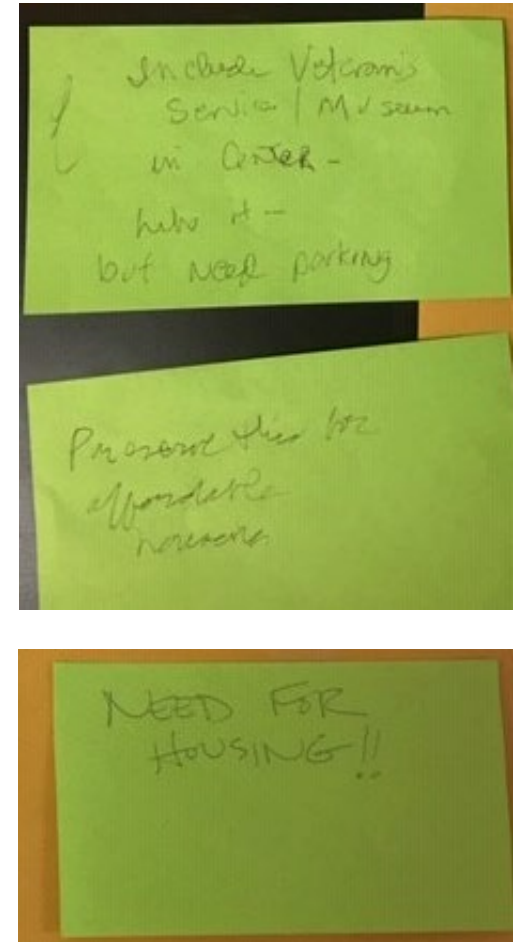
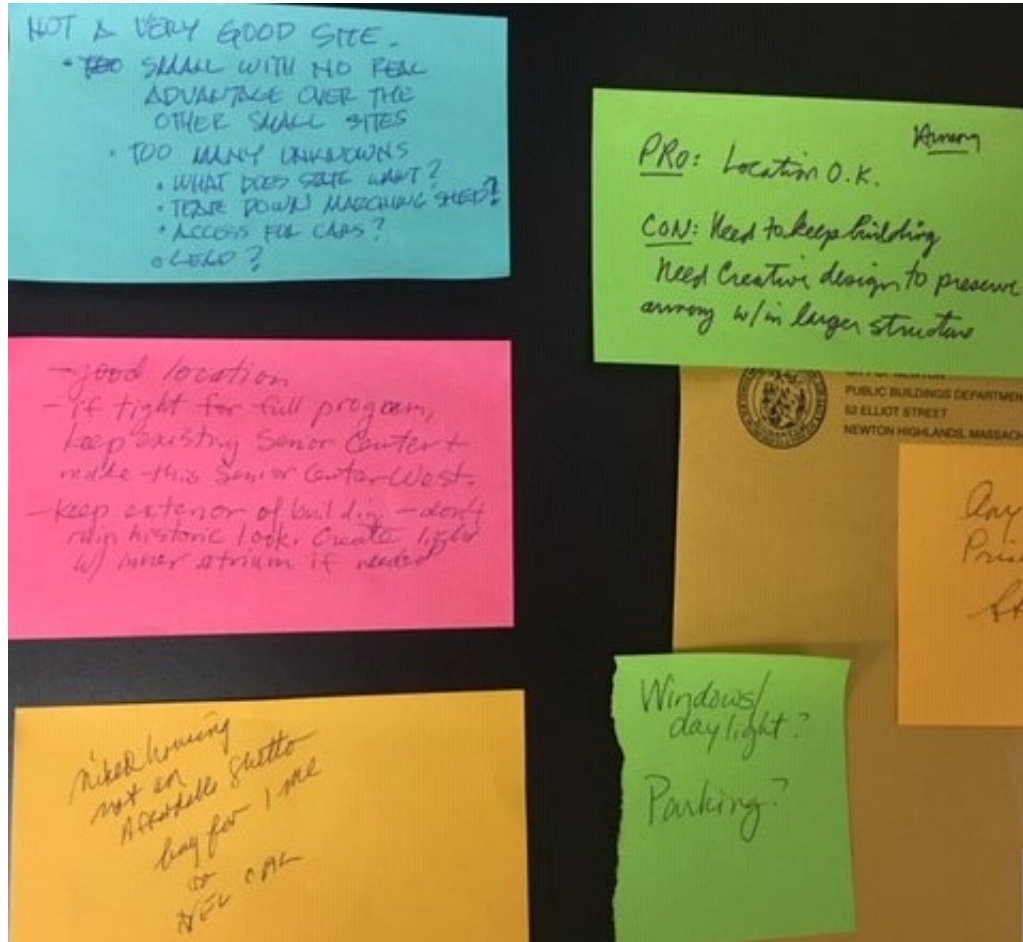
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If the West Newton Armory building could speak it would say "I am filled with architectural potential and possibility. I am constructed of simple and straightforward design. I am solid and dependable. I was built to last. I have military strength. My features consist of just the right amount of detail to be inviting to the eye. As a unique building, I come with unique and outstanding opportunities. I hope very much that the City of Newton will utilize my interesting and dynamic spaces to their great advantage and fullest potential."

The Armory building has the potential to become a meaningful focal point for the City Of Newton. As a former structure belonging to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts this building should belong to the citizenry. As a resident of the City of Newton, I have been a witness, firsthand, to the destruction of neighborhood and of community. A lot has been taken within the frame of just one lifetime. Enough residential and commercial buildings to equal a village. The Armory could become a showpiece for Newton to take pride in, rather than becoming yet another standard and generic space in the City of Newton.

Planners should take pause when considering the built environment. It is our collective inheritance. Many spaces that could be thoughtfully repurposed to become valuable assets are often ignored. It is most often worth accepting the creative challenge.

What the Armory building offers Newton is:

A unique and solid structure that is located in a centralized location having direct access to public transportation.

The building has its own parking facilities and is located in close proximity to shops and other nearby amenities.

It has ample space in which to place your thoughtful and creative ideas.

The State would require for the City to retain ownership of this building if it is to be used for Municipal purposes.

For all of these reasons, the Armory seems to meet the criteria to operate as a vital and essential Senior Community Center.

While seniors should have a space of which to call their own, this building lends itself well for groups of all ages to participate with, to visit with and to interact with our senior population in a variety of creative ways and possibilities.

In addition there may also be the possibility of incorporating residential units as a part of this Senior Community Center proposal.

Existing spaces in the building could be used in a variety of ways. As a former volunteer for the Newton Senior Center, I understand the different needs of such a facility. A senior center needs space for exercising, space for art, studio space, living room space, quiet spaces to be still, places to eat, to view movies and most of all a centralized gift shop as a gathering point in which to engage one another.

### The full basement:

It could be used for senior purposes, but could also be used for City functions and events as well such as entertainment, parties, Mayoral functions, New Year's Eve. The Watertown Senior Center holds an exceptional fund raiser flea market in their gymnasium. The basement may also be rented if it is permitted, for community functions.

### The drill shed:

It could be utilized as a gymnasium.

### The assembly hall:

Theatre space, performing arts, or for movie viewing, meetings

### The mess hall:

Cafeteria and or cafe' or restaurant.

### The firing range:

Gallery space, art space

### Small classroom spaces:

Area could be joined for larger space

### Modest office suites with fireplaces:

These could be also joined for larger spaces- living room or studios



# West Newton Armory

# NewCAL Newton Center for Active Living

## Additional Community Feedback

22 Jan 2020

Dear Jayne,

Thank you for all the work you have done to plan for the new Senior Center, both at meetings and especially for the display comparing potential sites.

The option which appeals most to me is the West Newton Armory, for these reasons:

The property is already for sale and not in use, so no existing programs or users would be affected. Also, I think moving from current senior center could be done in stages, and not have to be done all at once.

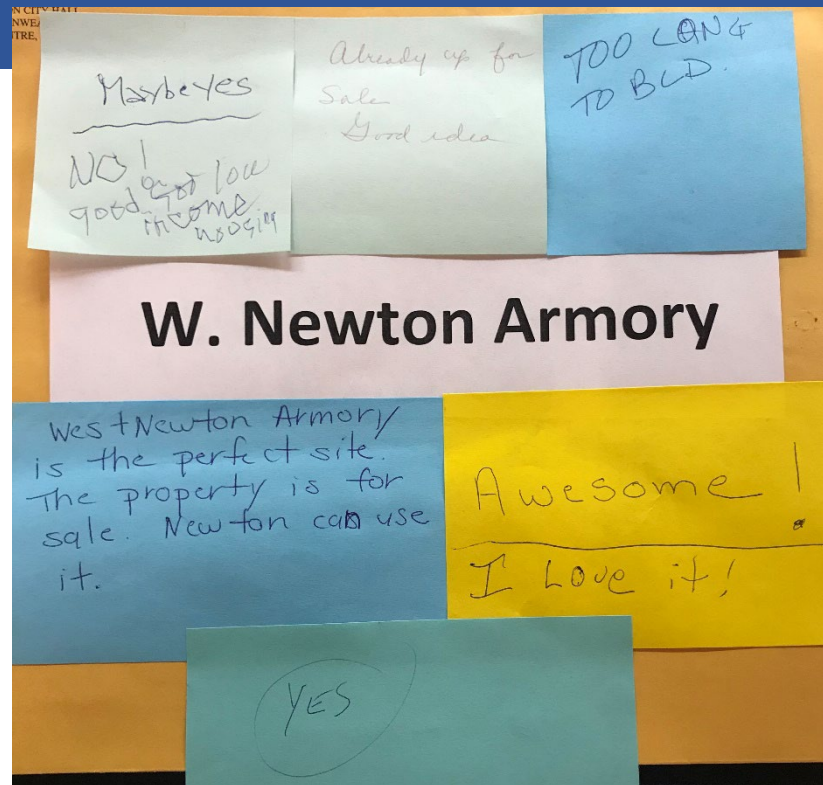
I much prefer renovating existing buildings to demolition and new construction, even though this site is not the cheapest option. A new Senior Center at the renovated Armory would be a positive development on that part of Washington Street, which I think would benefit the whole surrounding area.

The Armory location is not far from business areas of West Newton (Trader Joe's, Shoe Barn, Sullivan Tire, W. Newton Cinema, etc.) and also relatively close to Newtonville businesses like Star Market, and the new construction on the corner of Walnut and Washington Streets.

Unfortunately, there is no bus service on Washington Street; I have to admit, that is a drawback of the Armory site. I'd like to think that public transportation in that area might improve if the new Senior Center were there, but that's just a hope.

Thanks for keeping us informed about these plans.

Sincerely,



### Cedar lined Map Room:

Archives or museum space

### The two-story administrative wing:

Office space for Senior Center or other City purpose

The Armory could contribute significantly to the overall quality of life if the City is willing to take on its challenges and investigate its possibilities

We can build the vibrancy that the City so often refers to. We can give the seniors something that they can be contributing members of.



## Education Center

## NewCAL Newton Center for Active Living

## 01/16/20 Community Feedback

In 1993, Newton folks decided the best location for any Senior Center would be at 345 Walnut St, Newtonville. WALNUT STREET is still the vital heart, the central meridian line (aka "The Golden Mile") for a SC campus - IN NEWTONVILLE. David W.

The "Golden Mile" consists of The Education Center, the Senior Center, NNHS, City Hall, and the main library - all on or adjacent to Walnut St. Newtonville.

The Core Senior Center should remain right where it is ; possibly to expand its present campus (to share?) with part (or whole) of another ancillary building ; for year-round, all-resident community use - including seniors

The Ed Center (or 1/2 of it) is an excellent candidate for such a move. David Wenstrom

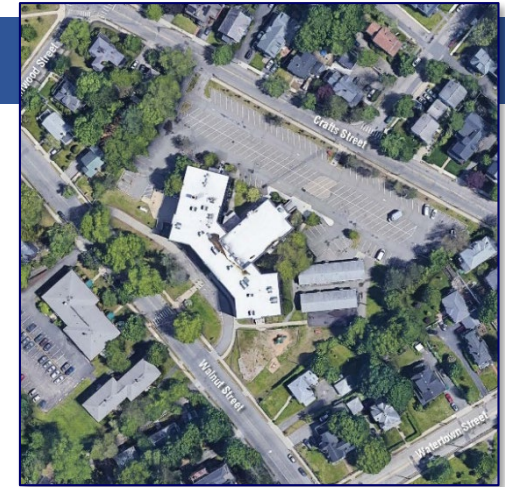
There are two routes to site  
#59  
#556

Too expensive

Education Center

too much involves  
Sr. Center Centre  
much better.

Put the Ed. Center down in the old Newton Corner Children's Library.  
"Downsize" Good  
Glorified office space BAD



100 Walnut Street

I'm a 71-year Newton resident.

The <sup>core</sup> Senior Center should remain right where it is ; <sup>possibly</sup> to expand its <sup>present</sup> campus into another ancillary building ; for year-round, all-resident community use - including seniors.

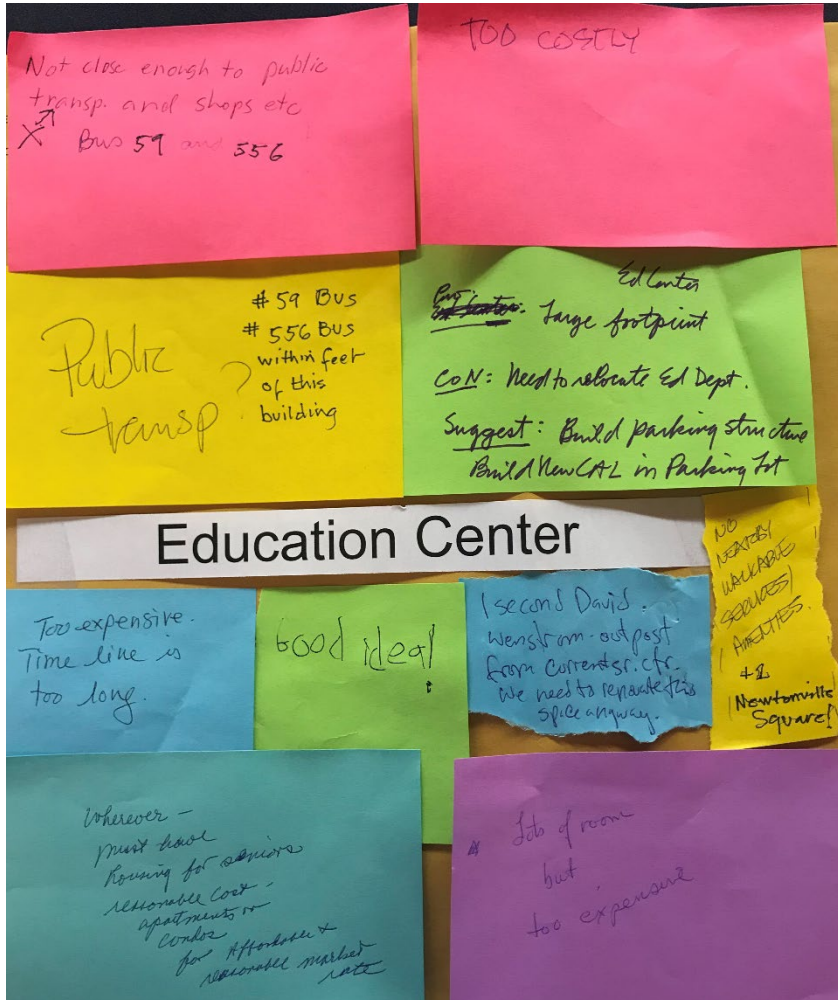
This building right here would be an excellent candidate for such a move. ~Thank You.

Initial pitches: Build new (Albemarle, N.C.A.)  
- Renovate existing large space (FA Day)  
- stay put but expand to another building for a walkable campus.

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now consisting of

- The Education Center.
- The Senior Center.
- Newton North High School.
- City Hall.
- The Main Library.

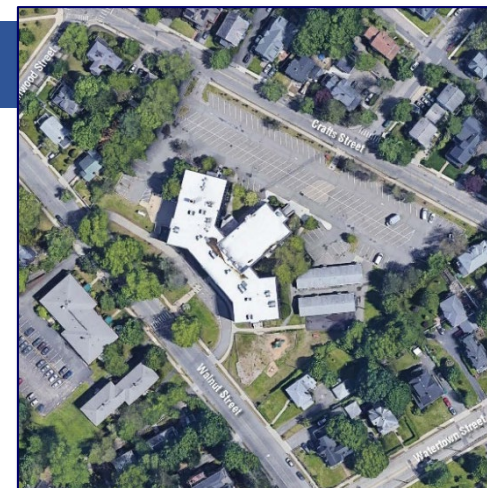
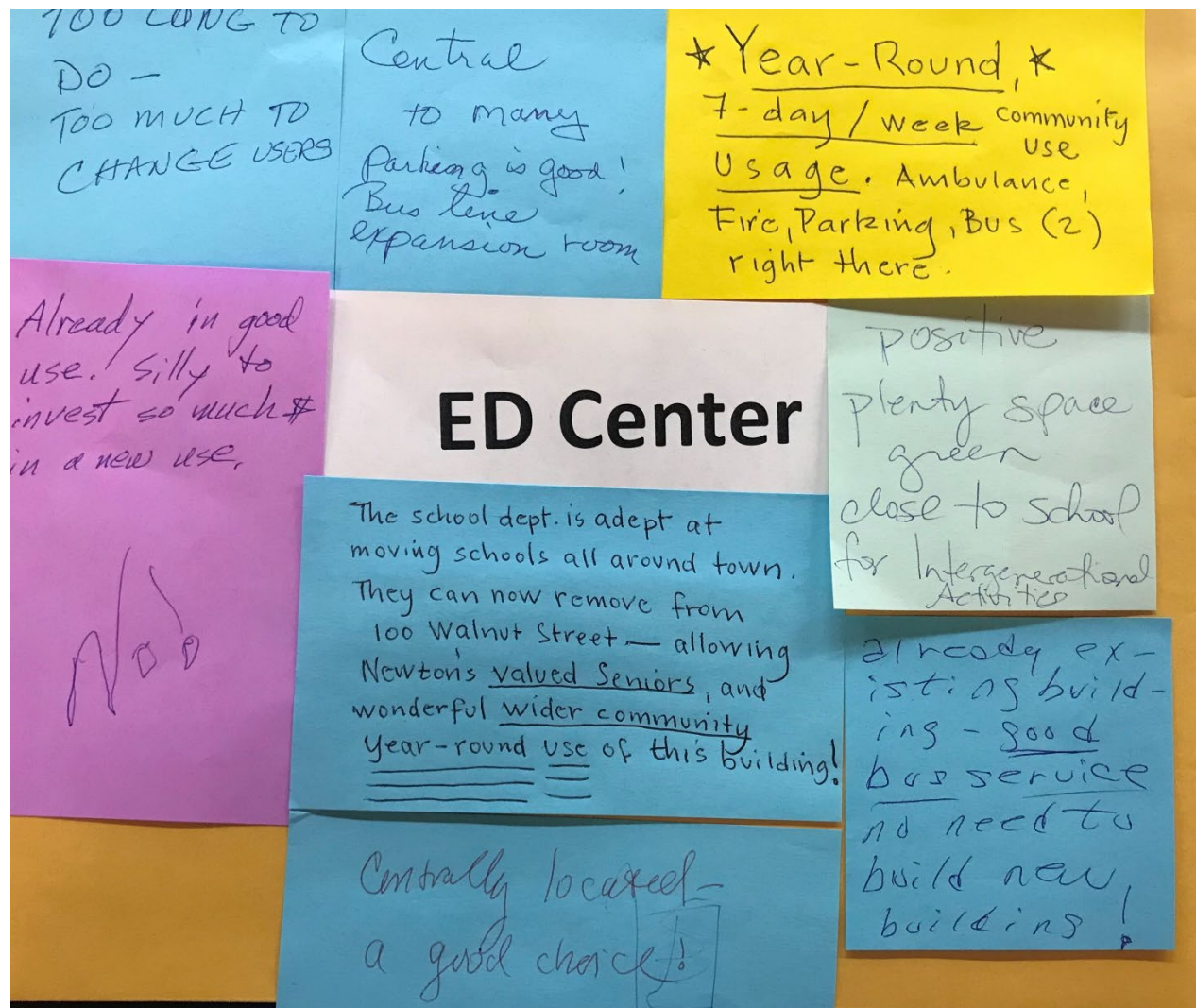
All these <sup>located</sup> on - or adjacent to - Walnut St.



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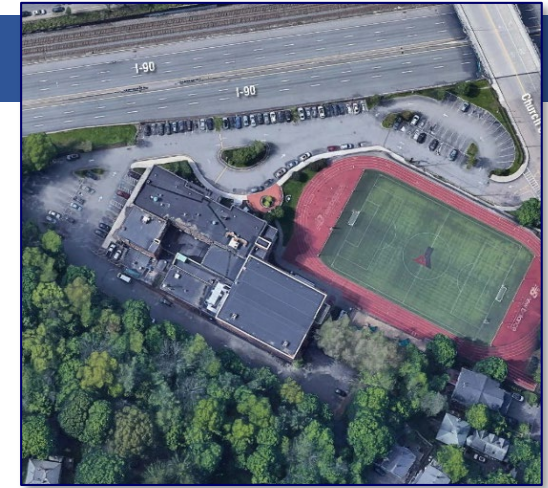
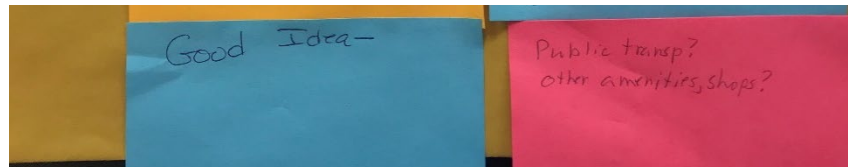
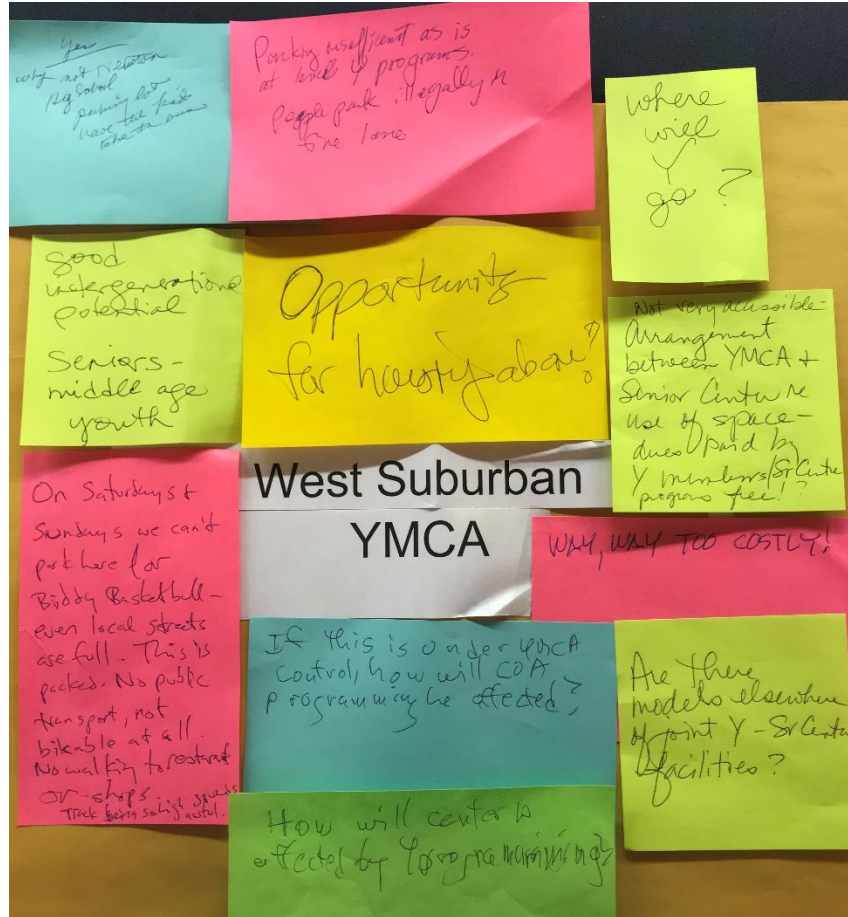


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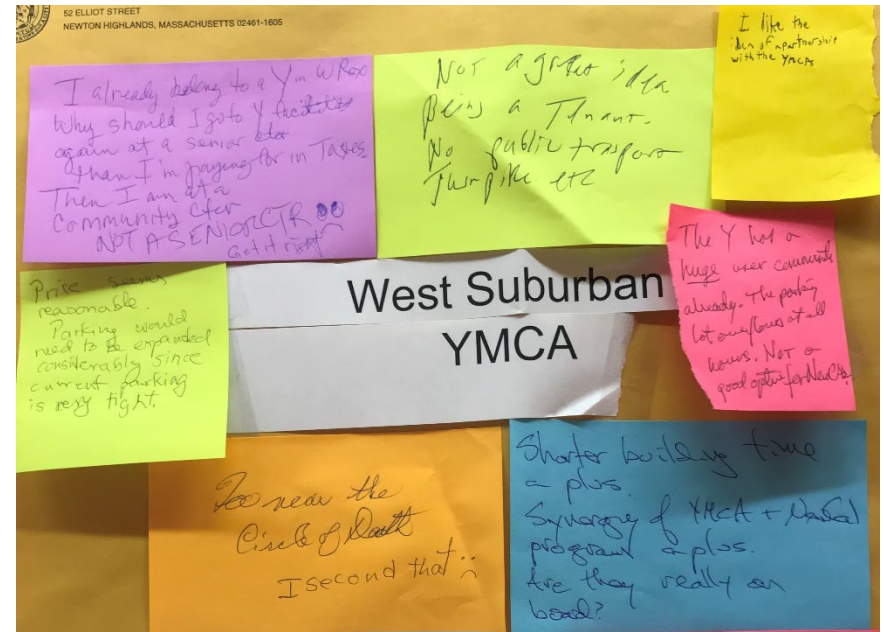
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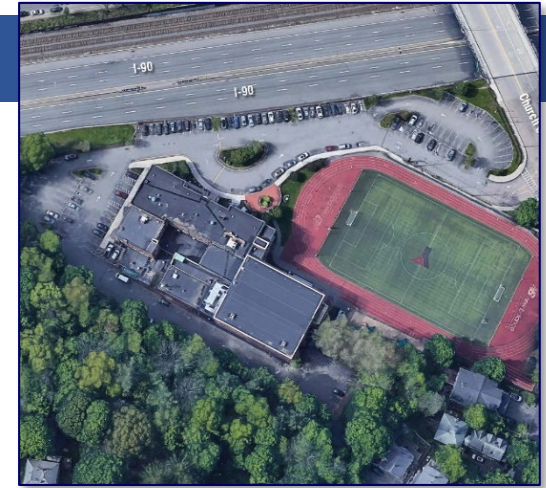
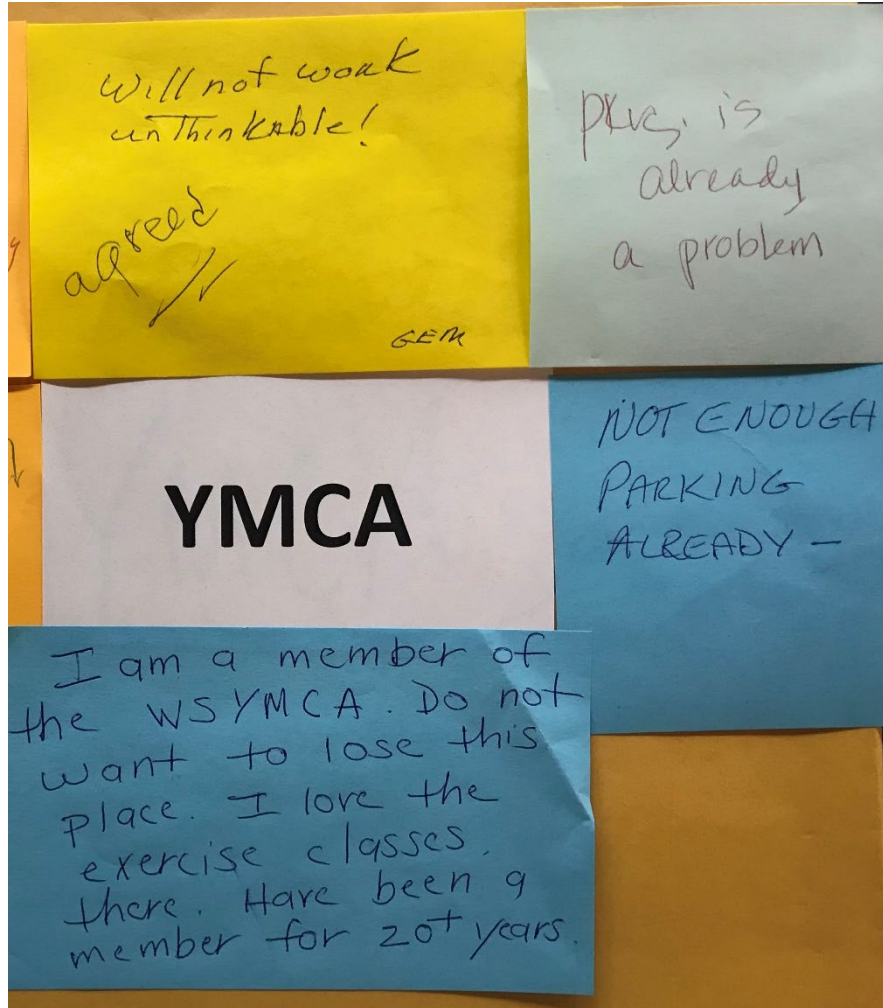


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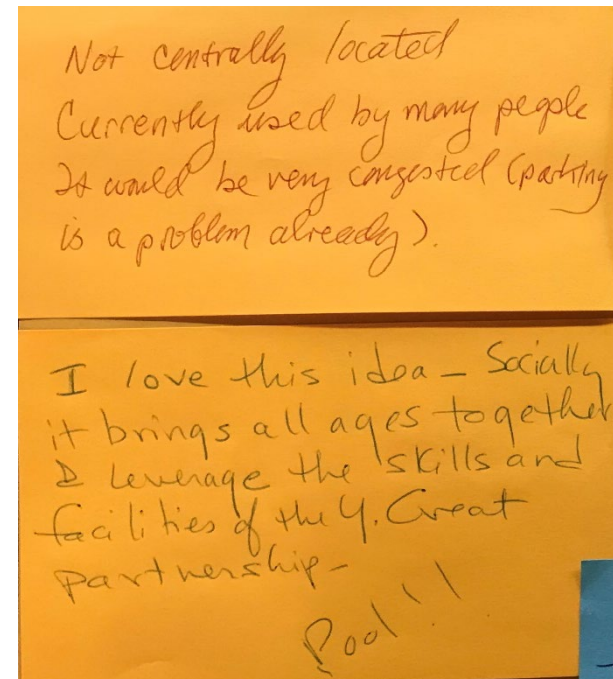




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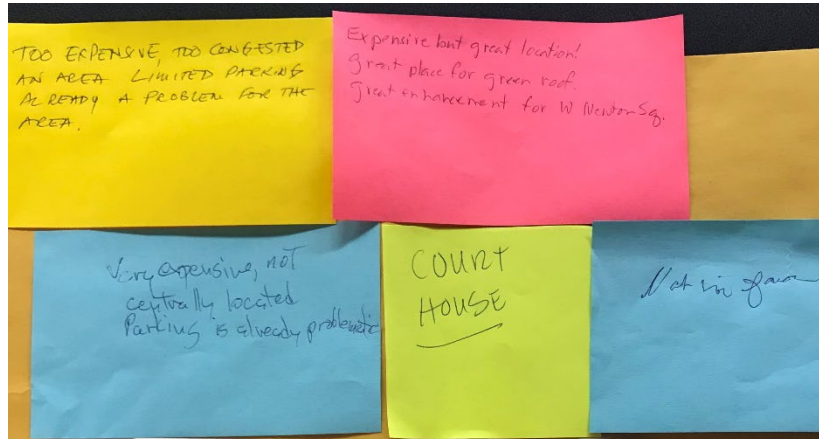
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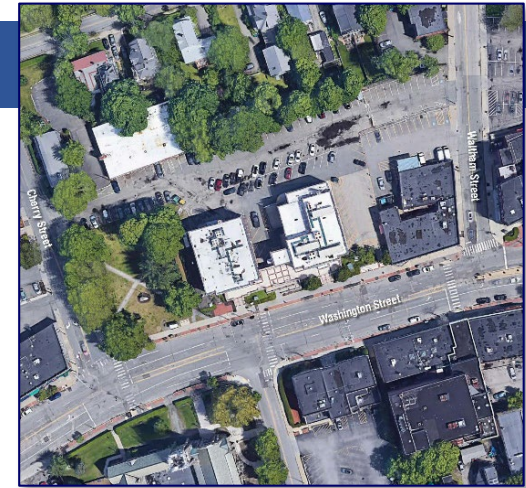
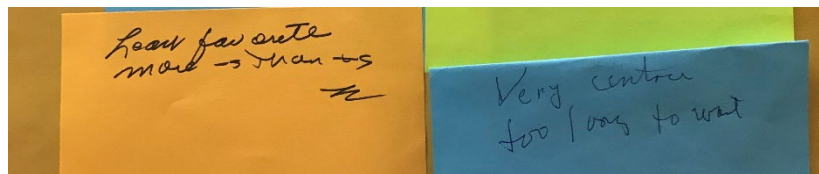
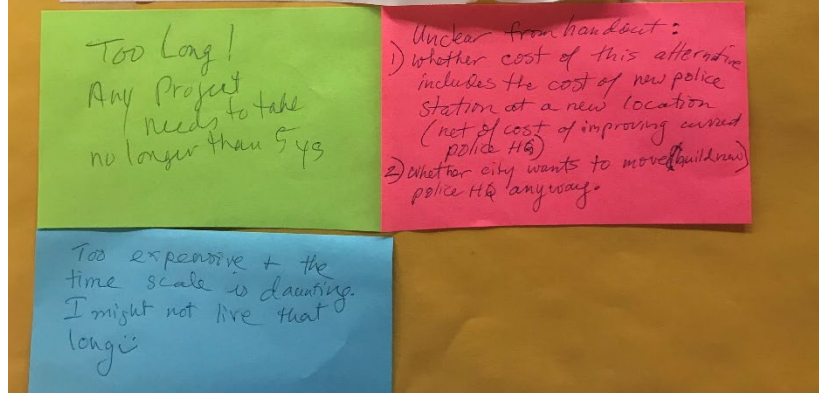
# Police Headquarters

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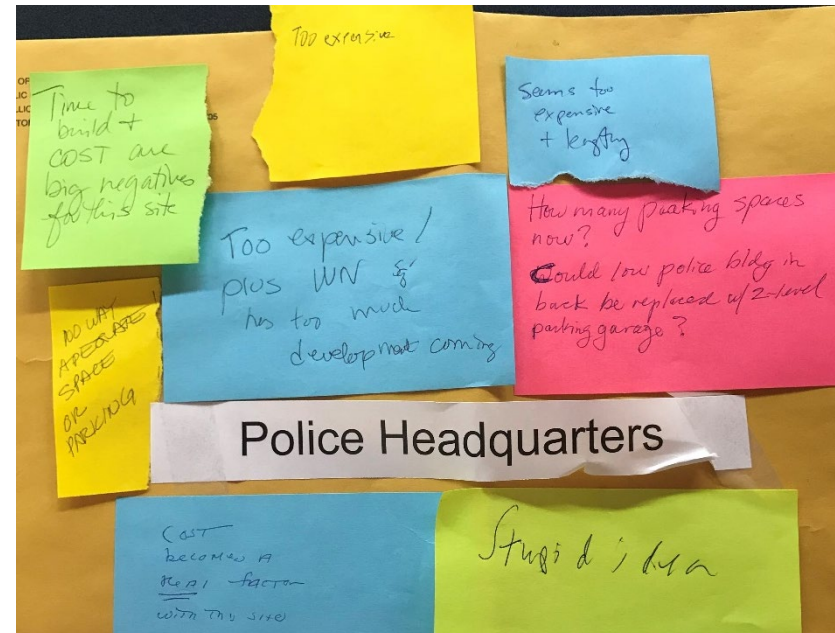
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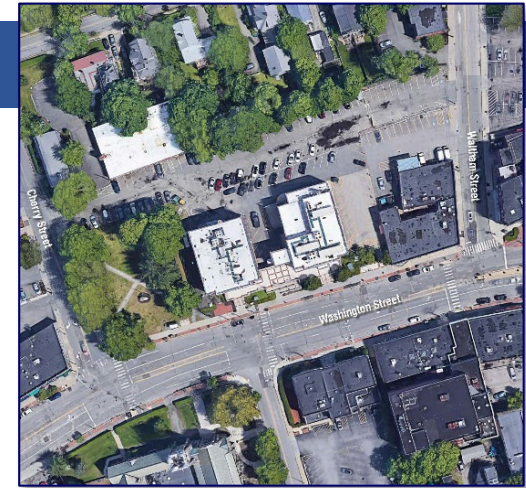
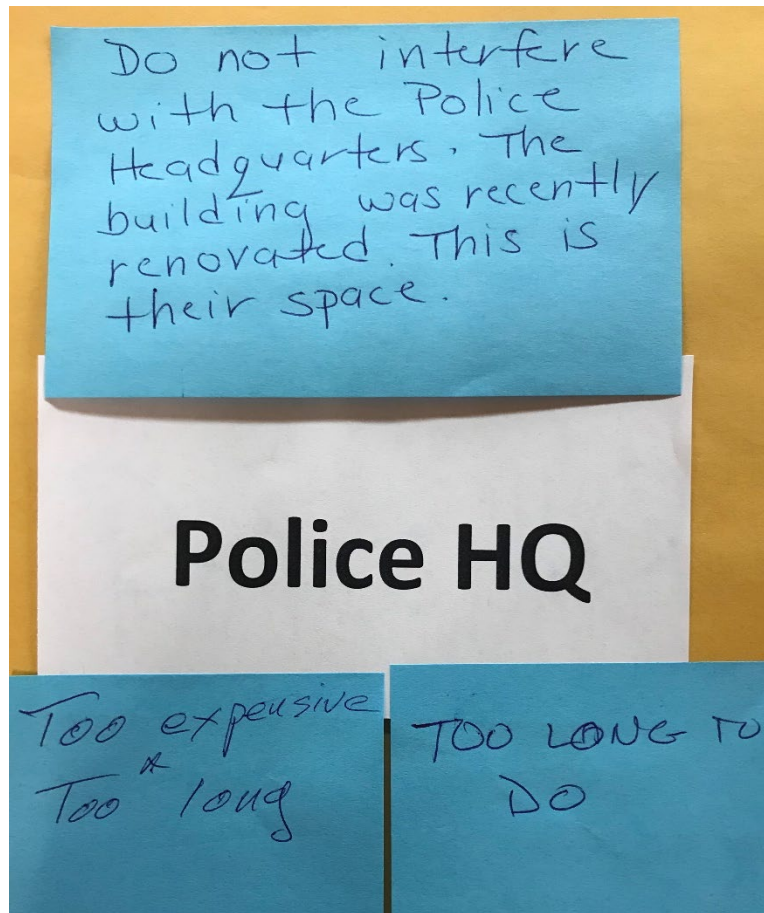




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