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The Beacon Hill Civic Association is considering potential bike lane locations on Charles Street

## BHCA Has Visions Of Bike Lanes & A Park

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The Beacon Hill Civic Association is brainstorming how bike lanes could best fit in the neighborhood, as well as possible upgrades to Charles Street.

At a planning meeting Tuesday, members of the organization presented ideas for bike lane locations and showed images of how to create a “pocket park” on Mount Vernon Street.

Ania Camargo, president of the civic association, said she wants the group to have a strong voice on how bike lanes could be implemented on Beacon Hill if and when City Hall decides to install them.

During the presentation by resident John

Corey, images showed a 5-foot-wide bike lane on Charles Street that would eliminate one lane of traffic, and a 4-foot-wide buffer that would separate bikes from cars.

Suzie Tapson, who heads the Research and Planning Committee for the civic association, said the group would need to establish how to store bikes on Charles Street. Chris Pedersen, co-owner of the UPS Store at 139 Charles Street, said he is considering creating a bike storage space for about 50 bikes at an empty lot he co-owns at One Putnam Avenue.

However, one business owner, who wished to remain anonymous, said the idea of bike lanes on Charles Street gives her “heart palpitations” because delivery

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trucks on the shopping thoroughfare already block so much parking.

The BHCA also presented an idea to create a public gathering place on Charles Street. In the images shown, the pavement on Mount Vernon Street would be

replaced by paving stones between Charles and River Streets, which would be especially effective for events like the Block Party, creating a more inviting space than regular street pavement and making it feel more like a park.

While no definite plans for either the bike lane or street changes exist, the civic association plans to establish a committee to develop ideas for Charles Street improvements in the near future.