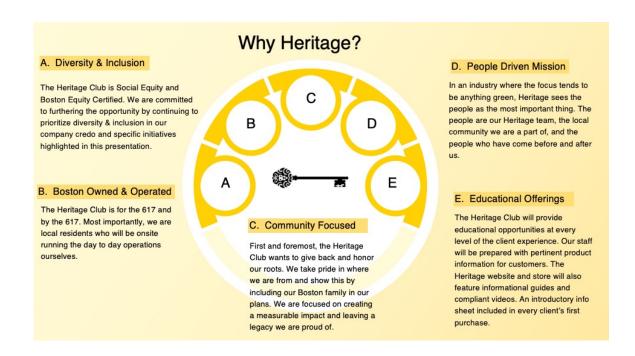




Presentation to the Boston Cannabis Board



The Heritage Club seeks to work collaboratively with the Charlestown community to open a Cannabis Establishment engaged in the delivery of cannabis and cannabis products at 116R Cambridge Street. The Heritage Club is committed to operating its business in a manner that *does well by doing good.* 

# The Heritage Founder



- 9 + years of Business experience
- 8+ years Customer Service experience
- 5+ years Management experience
- 2+ years Retail Sales experience

## Adenike John "Nike"

FOUNDER & OWNER Dorchester, MA

#### Background

- · Born & raised in Boston
- Current Boston resident
- Daughter of a first-generation immigrant and descendent of enslaved people
- Northeastern University
   D'Amore McKim School of Business
   B.A. '15 Finance & Minor in
   Psychology

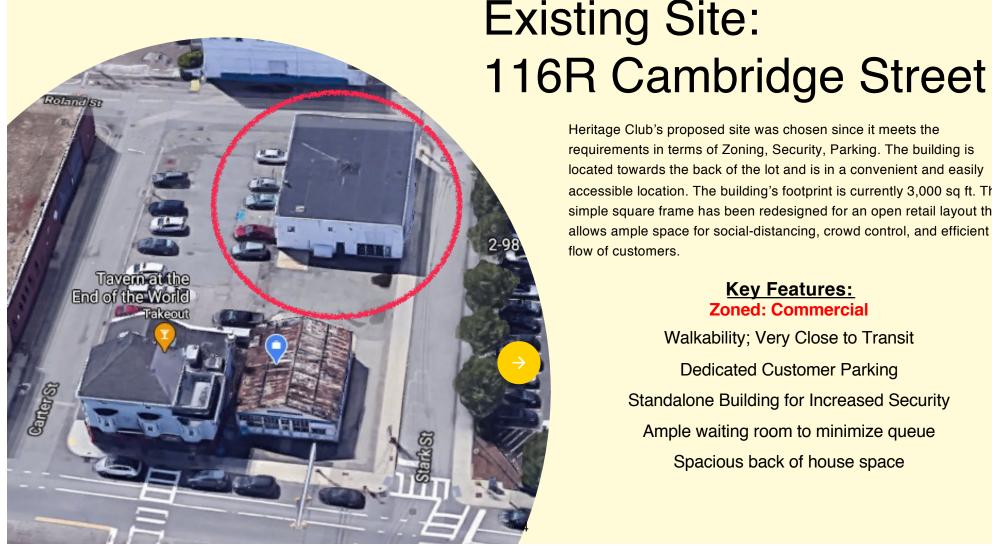


#### **Business Experience**

- Vibe Residential Real Estate Broker -Founder/Owner
- BNI Legacy Charlestown Founding President
- Apple Specialist- 2012-2013

#### Cannabis - Related

- Social Equity Applicant
- CCC's Social Equity Program- '20 -1st Cohort
- Lantern's Delivery Accelerator- '20
- Massachusetts Cannabis Association for Delivery (MCAD) Founding Member; Events Coordinator



Heritage Club's proposed site was chosen since it meets the requirements in terms of Zoning, Security, Parking. The building is located towards the back of the lot and is in a convenient and easily accessible location. The building's footprint is currently 3,000 sq ft. This simple square frame has been redesigned for an open retail layout that allows ample space for social-distancing, crowd control, and efficient flow of customers.

#### **Key Features:**

**Zoned: Commercial** 

Walkability; Very Close to Transit

**Dedicated Customer Parking** 

Standalone Building for Increased Security

Ample waiting room to minimize queue

Spacious back of house space

## **Key Security Features**





24-hour Surveillance System



Increased Lighting



**Limited Access Areas** 



Local Law Enforcement & Grounds Patrol



Secure Storage Vaults for Product & Cash



CCC Compliant
Operating Procedures

## Local Transit & Parking Map Proposed Location MBTA T & Bus Stops Public Parking Blue Bike Station

## **Public Transportation**



#### **Very Accessible by Public Transportation**

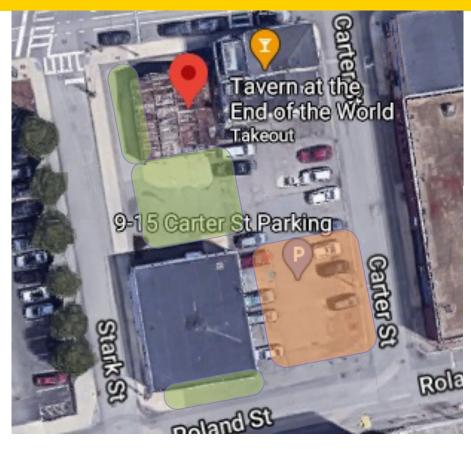
- MBTA Orange Line Sullivan Square: 0.2 miles, 5-minute walk
- MBTA Bus (Over 10+ Lines nearby)
  - Closest bus stop #86/91: 500 feet, 2-minute walk

#### **Other Affordable Transportation Options**

- Ride-share Drop-off Point to be located on Roland
- BC/BS Blue Bike stations nearby at Broadway, Sullivan Station, and corner of Washington & New Washington in Somerville
- Employee Transportation Program subsidized T-pass /Bike Share Membership

## Parking Features







#### **Parking**

- **11 dedicated spaces**, (green area) including, and 12 overflow spaces:
- 1 (ADA dedicated space)
- 2 Spaces for Delivery Vehicles
- 2 Spaces for Curbside Pick-up (during pandemic)

Also several paid lots and garages less than 0.25 mile away

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#### **During Peak Hours**

**12 additional dedicated spaces** (orange area) for **23 total** available onsite during our peak hours

#### **Employees**

No onsite parking. Violators will be given one time warning, then terminated.

Subsidies for alternate transportation options



#### Positive Impact Plan

Where we are from is where we give back!

- <u>Lost Village Community Trust</u> We pledge to donate 3% of our annual net profits to the Lost Village. A board made up of Lost Village residents and Heritage leaders will be created and meet quarterly to determine the allocation of funds.
  - The group will be made up of 4 to 7 members, including 1 seat for a Heritage executive. The goal is that at least half of the committee be made up of Lost Village residents. David Lucier, a Lost Village resident and Quality and Safety Chair of Mass General Hospital has expressed interest.
  - This goal is actionable and measurable as it will procure funds depending on the revenues of The Heritage Club and seek to expend those funds in the following fiscal year.
- <u>The Boston Heritage Fund</u> We will launch a home buying assistance program to help affected communities begin to build wealth. By leveraging our previous real estate experience, we will host financial planning and home buying seminars. The Heritage Club pledges to cover the closing costs for 10 qualifying residents per year, up to a total of \$150,000/year.
  - Other companies have proposed similar initiatives, including Rooted In, LLC; Verdant Reparative, Inc.; and Cypress Tree Management Fenway, Inc.
- Purchase 30% of Products from other Economic Empowerment/Social Equity Vendors as available
- Purchase 30% from Women Owned or Led Vendors as available



### **Employment**



Adaptive offers an entire spectrum of HR services, freeing us to focus on our core business activities.

Certified HR Experts to guide and support us & keep our business compliant



#### DI & Local Hire Goals

Total hire – 20-30 people

51% Charlestown Residents

20% other Boston Residents

20% from ADIs

51% Women

51% People of Color

20% with a CORI (or have parents or spouses with past drug convictions)

See previous slide for hiring & accountability plans



#### Wage & Benefits

- Living Wage Currently \$16.70/hr
- First to sign a UFCW union agreement
- · CCC, OSHA, Safety, other Trainings
- Benefit package for FT Paid Time Off, other

#### Health Insurance

- Blue Bike Membership (\$100/yr) or MBTA Pass subsidy
- Parking subsidy for existing lots and Stanhope garage, if they live more than 2 miles from public transit stop. (receipts and proof of residence required quarterly)



#### **Special Programs**

- Onsite covered bike rack
- FinFit Budget Planning support
- · Zay Zoom offers early wage access
- Telehealth options
- Dental and Vision insurance options
- Trainings

Management Courses
Leadership Development
Skills Development
Pandemic Awareness
Difficult Customer
Customer Service Training



## Employment/ Diversity & Inclusion

#### Hiring Plan

#### <u>Recruit</u>

- Set hiring goals Host biannual career fairs in ADIs
- Advertise in local & community newspapers
- MassHire, Operation Exit Plan
- Connect with local groups that serve the communities we aim to include on our team
- Outreach to LGBTQ+, Veterans

#### Training & Promotion Plan

#### Train

- Create a culture of respect for both colleagues and customers
- Implicit bias training, within
   60 days and annually
- Customer service training

#### Retain

- Educational opportunities
- Promote from within

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#### Accountability Plan

#### Measurements

- Events attendance
- Postings number, where
- Engagement/followups
- Diverse hire numbers
- Education & Promotion tracking
- Quarterly review & progress assessment
- Semi-annual improvement plan if indicated
- Annual report

## Thank you for your attendance, support & time.

### Questions?



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