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The Patriot Ledger By Sean Philip Cotter

QUINCY – The Houghs Neck community meeting ended with most people in agreement on at least a couple of points: They like having Louis cafe in the neighborhood, and they really don't want any less parking.

So they want to find a way to make that work – which may involve the city stepping in to buy the restaurant's parking lot, city officials say.

John Galligan, whose family owns the century-old cafe at 1269 Sea St., said that the restaurant is struggling, and will have to close down if the status quo continues. To remedy that, he's trying to sell the restaurant's 24-space lot across the street from it.

"Keeping the doors open of Louis is my goal," he told the 100-or-so in attendance at the meeting Thursday night in the basement of Houghs Neck Congregational Church. And, he said, that's not possible unless he sells the lot to get some money and shed some land he pays taxes on.

Currently, he is not allowed to sell the lot to someone who doesn't also own the restaurant, so he and his attorney Christopher Harrington will ask Quincy's zoning board of appeals to change that during the board's Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the old city hall building at 7:15 p.m.

Laforest said after the meeting she intends to meet with Harrington and speak to the zoning board in an effort to get this matter postponed so the city can consider buying the lot.

Several people at the meeting were critical of the idea of the city buying the lot because they viewed it as a bailout of a faltering business.

Laforest and Chris Walker, a Koch spokesman who attended the meeting, made similar points on Thursday as the city made two years ago for using taxpayer dollars.......

"Where do you stop?" said Anne Mahoney, a Quincy school board member....

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