**BVNA Annual Meeting Minutes**

October 30, 2018

**Start:** The meeting commenced at 7:17 PM

**Welcome:** Bethany Patten givens welcoming remarks, thanking executive committee members for their hard work and outlining some key issues the city faces in the coming year that will effect Bay Village residents including: urban development, changing nature of mobility, changing landscape of short-term rentals, growing opioid epidemic and the effects of climate change. She also emphasized the importance of community engagement in the process.

**Guest Speakers: (1) Rep Aaron Michlewitz –** The representative elaborated on the city’s effort to regulate short-term rentals through a bill he introduced and is close to completion; he re-iterated the need for constituents to be vocal and active – participate in coffee and conversation events; and reminded neighbors to vote – early voting available.

**(2) Senator Joe Boncore** – Thanked the neighborhood for their engagement in the process and as active members of the community; he encouraged neighbors to “Use my office as a resource”; And reminded people of the importance of voting

**(3) City Councilor at-large, Annissa Essabi-George** – The councilor gave an overview of the work and issues arising on the committees she serves on. She is the chair of Education Committee (a former high school teacher). 4,000 kids that attend the BPS – concentration at 7 schools. This year they had to manage the transportation issues at the beginning of the school year; Madison Park High School and the search for a new Superintendent. She serves on the Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health, and Recover Mental Health and Addiction. They have a $5.4M Federal Grant for youth experiencing homelessness and provide support for people dealing with crisis. Finally, she is looking for opportunities to be supportive of the artists in the City, and as the owner of a local, woman-owend business, opportunities to support that population.

**Committee**

**Reports: Treasurer: Tim Kacich**

Two accounts – BVNA and “Friends” account

* + - * Started year off with $49K - $45K
      * Expenses $16.5K
      * Expenses consistent. Insurance investment is steady. Website is $2,200 – includes credit card charges
      * Income has gone down – Block Party, Fundraiser and Membership

**Public Safety: Danny Moll**

Crime in Bay Village is down year over year; focused on problem property (on Cortes – in a better place with management) and graffiti (91% of graffiti that is reported has been removed) – focus next year: the petty theft and vandalism. Opportunity: With video cameras – police want us to use cameras tied to their systems, expensive investment. Bethany Patten added the BPD has been very responsive.

**Social/Membership: Jamie Brewer**

Challenging year for membership – issue with the credit card system, so everyone had to manually renew. Have not made up the loss (37 new members this year though) – encourage new neighbors to join

Bringing Membership Committee to Social Committee, starting this year – leaders are receptive to ideas so please share

**Planning: Ben Beck**

* Isabella Street: Marist building (13), 11, 20 and 25 – the entire street will be transformed
* 108-110 Arlington Street: Hopefully that will be completed in 2019
* 212 Stuart: lawsuit pending, approved by Bay Village

**Upcoming in 2019:**

* Motor Mart project
* 67-69 Church Street
* Isabella St. church
* (##) Tremont Street project
* Bay Village Historic District Commission are redrafting their regulations

**Licensing: Bethany Patten reporting**

Quiet with licensing in 2018 – BVNA opposed bottle service at W and lodging house on Berkeley in 2018; working with Nahita, new restaurant replacing Liquid Art House (signage, entertainment, valet and outdoor seating)

**Parks & Public Spaces: Joe Kuranda**

Thank you to all for a busy year for parks

“Friends” merger – funding approval for planting on Isabella park and “Tom’s park” – moving forward with planting

* Replicate the bulb planting efforts
* Refresh park at Church and Melrose
* Plan for the dog park
* Green spaces going so far in the neighborhood

**Traffic/City Services: Nancy Morrisroe**

Rats, Trash, Lights, Sidewalks, Streets

* Rats: early in the year, effort to collect information – if you have issues, use 311. Please stay on top of burrows
* Arlington St: hard to get an update – but Faisa got it done. Budgeted in 2019 – in the spring. Curb extension, lighting, raised crosswalk. Going through approvals – Nancy is pursuing updates for the interim.
* 40 Church Street: parking issues (looks like a driveway, but it is not) – if you get a ticket, contact City Services
* Clean-up for Fall on November 10: best date available – starts at 8:00am

**ADCO: Nancy Morrisroe**

Representative Aaron Michlewitz gave update on short-term rental – efforts from ADCO was critical for City bill. Proud of the ADCO research – City Council was incredible. Next issue: potentially transportation

**Other**

**Announcements:** Marcia Weatherbee passed away on October 15th. Gathering on Sunday at 3PM – please join.

**Election of**

**2019 Slate: Proposed slate included:**

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| **President** | Bethany Patten | **Licensing & Planning** | Sarah Herlihy |
| **Vice-President** | Grant Simpson | **Licensing & Planning** | Neil French |
| **Treasurer** | Tim Kacich | **Licensing & Planning** | Ben Beck |
| **Recorder** | Trish Gillis | **Licensing & Planning** | Gaye Bok |
| **Recorder** | OPEN | **City Services** | Allie Fitzgerald |
| **Parks/Public Spaces** | Joe Kuranda | **City Services** | Alex Balukonis |
| **Parks/Public Spaces** | Aoife Austin | **City Services** | Nancy Morrisroe |
| **Community Rel.** | Jo Campbell | **ADCO** | Nancy Morrisroe |
| **Community Rel.** | Rocque Dion | **At-Large** | James McCormick |
| **Safety** | Danny Moll | **At-Large** | Judy Komarow |
| **Safety** | Open | **Archives** | Julia Grabianowski |
| **Social/Membership** | Jamie Brewer |  |  |
| **Social/Membership** | Nancy Cahn |  |  |
| **Social/Membership** | Diane Rooney |  |  |

Motion: Brian Boisvert made the motion to adopt the new slate, Alexander Fitzgerald seconded the motion – All approve, no decline. No abstain

**All vote to accept board.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm