

BVNA Annual Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2015

Meeting commences: 7:06PM

Motion to accept the August meeting minutes by Judy, all in favor - approve

Welcome from Nancy

Thanks everyone for all their hard work.

Personal level, "I enjoyed it tremendously." This job gave me a chance to know our local and state representatives.

Thank you to Ayanna Pressley and Michelle Wu. They are responsive to our needs and accessible. James Chan, Bill Linnehan - big thank you.

Bob McCarthy, Head of Security from Revere Hotel: Welcome to the Revere Hotel. "Our goal is to keep our neighbors happy. I take it very seriously." Hotel would like to extend new offers. 15% off breakfast. 20% discount off lowest rate for the hotel. There's a discount code. Call Bob with any concerns.

(Thank you for emergency snow parking).

Guest Speakers

Senator Anthony Petrucci

Thank you to Nancy for the work she does on behalf of the association.

Update: In first year of two year session – leadership change in the Senate, Treasurer, Attorney General and our Governor. Transition has worked together – will continue to work together. Example of working together – stress on transit system last winter.

Representative Aaron Michlewitz

Accessibility important to Representative Michlewitz. Coffee hours available to hear from the residents.

Treasurer: Tim Kacich

Acquired 5013c – membership dues are tax deductible

Fundraiser review

Membership was down –

Net income of \$1,800 – insurance most expensive.

Expecting greater income \$15,000 in 2015.

Eliminated phone for BVNA

\$40K in assets

Membership: Paul Buta

Last year, we needed to update our technology: utilizing Wild Apricot – all tools in one place. Online renewal of membership and additional services. Michael Winston and Diane contributed.

133 dues paying members.

Starting to think about membership – Rocque Dion to be our official neighborhood "greeter."

Question: Why is membership valuable? Great events and unseen quality of life work. Developing a portfolio of benefits (site has members only section) to add more value to membership.

Public Safety: Kendra Mar

Captain Kenneth Fong Δ-1

Reminder – call 911

We present crime statistics in a monthly meeting – last Tuesday of the month.

Nationally – crime high, in Boston down 10%, District A-1 down 18%; BV down 22%

Crimes in 2014 down 57% from 2013.

Good things going on this neighborhood. Bay Village has the lowest part 1 crime of the 11 neighborhoods

Watch: homelessness, drug use – be aware of your surroundings as you walk around. Leave lights on, music. Don't leave anything in your car. Captain Fong is accessible.

Planning – Ben Beck and Sarah Herlihy

What is reviewed by the Planning Committee:

1. New construction – height restrictions, width – things that go in front of the zoning board.
2. Larger issues – like urban renewal, changes in zoning (more advocacy), development issues that affect us, even if it is not in Bay Village

We have a lot of deferred maintenance in our neighborhood – a lot all at once.

- Piedmont – on track to be finished before winter. Sold.
- Church Street (across from Piedmont project) – uncertain what it will be used for
- 34 Church Street – almost finished
- 34 Melrose Street – sold
- 40 Melrose Street – for sale

On deck

- Revere Hotel was sold in 2015 – developing relationship
- 62 Melrose Street – pending plans with new owner
- Billy's Lot – Board of Appeals, still open – pressure to improve
- Parking lots - Arlington Street and church in transition on Isabella Street

Ben – thank you to Sarah.

Outside Planning Committees: Nancy Morrisroe

ADCO

Bay Village is a founding member, Nancy is secretary – trash was the first issue; second, banning use of space savers. South End launched pilot program regarding space savers – ADCO supported. Now working on urban renewal with the BRA. South Cove Renewal – up every 10 years. Supposed to expire last April – extended to this April. ADCO believes there is no need. City Council has to vote on the 10-year extension. ADCO would work with Mayor on Imagine 2030. Nancy has met with all the councilors.

Park Plaza Civic Advisory Council

Brian Boisvert and Nancy are on this Council – they do not want the urban renewal zone.

John Hancock AIG – 380 Stuart Street

John and Nancy are on this one – most members have issue with the height. John is asking for height to be in line with Stuart Street. Study in 2009 – rezoned for height limitation. Includes the lots on Arlington and Berkeley lot by Club Café. John Hancock wanted to build a bridge. Looking to add a restaurant on the top, cafes on the bottom – curve design to control the wind.

Licensing: Sarah Herlihy

Filling in for Clyde Bergstresser – they go to us before going to the City. 2015 examples:

- Strip by Strega
- Viga Restaurant

- Via Matta to Dorette

Jacques came before us to change their zoning – it was accepted, with terms accepted by Jacques for security and door exits

Social: Allie and Alex

Changed the traditions a little ... Block Party: similar plan in 2016

Fundraiser: \$5K – looking at a new location for 2016 and February/March timeframe

Focus to bring the community together ... drive membership. Would like to encourage smaller events – looking for assistance with promotion. socialdir@bayvillage.net.

Holiday Party – first weekend in December

Beautification: Mark

Thanked many volunteers that have helped watering the parks, specifically Isabella. Found a source for water and electric for Melrose/Church park.

Committee is now Parks and Public Spaces – hope to have additional volunteers and, ultimately, “Block Captains.”

Friends of the Park: Bill Nigreen

Elliot Norton Park: Great update – finished this week; Annual Meeting – later in November (to be scheduled)

Items on Agenda (may be in the round building in the park): Thank you to volunteers, elections, proposed budget, what to do about the wreaths in 2015 (membership dues is \$25 – all will go to paying for the wreaths)

Researching merging with BVNA

Traffic/City Services: Grant Simpson and Aofie Austin

November 21st – fall clean-up: donuts and coffee

Please use 311 app

Other business from the floor

George – fast driving on Fayette. Requesting speed bumps or speed limit. Plows a problem for speed bumps – although does not appear to be an issue on Cambridge streets.

Kathy Hull: church possibly closing. Negotiations with the Marist Fathers and the Archdiocese to keep it a church. Consider visiting before it closes.

Presentation of appreciation for Nancy and her term as president.

Election of BVNA Officers for 2015-2016

Report from Nominating Committee: Brian Boisvert presents the Nominating Committee Slate 2015-2016

Make a motion to accept – first, Allie Fitzgerald and second, Paul Buta.

All vote to accept board. Motion to adjourn