



BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2017

EC Present: Sarah Herlihy, Grant Simpson, Nancy Morrisroe, Trish Gillis, Bethany Patten, Jo Campbell, Danny Moll, Rocque Dion, Tom Parsi, Clyde Bergstresser, Gaye Bok, Kenzie Bok, Ben Beck, Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis.

Other: Faisa Sharif from ONS was present, as well as press and non-EC residents.

Start: The meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.

Resignation: Kenzie Bok announced her resignation from the EC as she is taking a job with the City. The President thanked Kenzie for all of her hard work and wished her well, and wished her well in her new job.

Licensing:

Liquid Art:

The ownership and management of Liquid Art House, Ruta Laukien, Johnny Sheehan and John Murray, presented plans for an investor to take over the majority interest in LAH. All owners need be listed on the liquor license, requiring LAH to seek approval for a modification to the license to add the investor.

Other than the addition of an owner to the license, the new investor plans to shut down to make changes to the restaurant and “rebrand” it. The changes are designed to make the restaurant a cozier and more approachable feel.

The LAH team confirmed that fine dining will still be the focus of the business and that the bar:dining seat ratio will not change. The capacity will not change and Ruta will stay on as manager.

A discussion was had with respect to prior problems with the restaurant, including entertainment and “special occasion” events that were impactful on the neighborhood. In addition, the valet license was a disaster.

It was acknowledged that LAH’s interaction with the neighborhood had improved recently, and LAH promised to be more proactive about informing the neighborhood about changes, including by using NextDoor.

A motion was made and seconded not to oppose the addition of the proposed investor to the LAH liquor license, subject to the restaurant maintaining the existing bar to dining seat ratio. A vote on the motion passed without opposition.

212 Stuart: The Board of Appeals (zoning) on this project is set for August 15th. If approved by the BOA, the project will be presented for approval by the historic district commission.

Safety:

Jacques: Jacques came to last meeting to talk about “Common street walkers”, and getting a restraining order. It doesn’t look like they will be able to do much. Sarah said that the density is what gets the DA office involved. Jo expressed concern over how the DA’s office and the Police seem to be ignoring the very repetitive situation of one person. Issue is that the restraining order they are looking for is non-familial, (Mass was one of the last states to adopt), it requires 3 incidents to actually threaten, where you are of imminent fear. The person in question is on a public way being annoying, but not criminal.

Caritas: Caritas people to come to the crime meeting.

Cameras: This is a more difficult issue than previously identified. We are exploring working with the police vendor.

City Services: We have over 100 signatures for the Isabella Street direction reversal. Allie Fitzgerald noted that the city was most interested in signatures on Isabella, and that the large building at the end (on Columbus/Berkeley) was considered Isabella. Faisa offered to follow-up on what specifically was needed.

Social: The block party is September 21st. The permitting process, thankfully, appears to have become more streamlined.

Adjournment: The EC voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.