



BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

**BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

June 5, 2017

**EC Present:** Sarah Herlihy, Grant Simpson, Clyde Bergstresser, Ben Beck, Trish Gillis, Allie Fitzgerald, Bethany Patten, Alex Balukonis, Jasper Vicenti, Jo Campbell, Danny Moll, Judy Komarow, Kendra Mar, Tom Parsi, Paul Buta, Jamie Brewer.

**Political:** Tito Jackson, current City Councilor and candidate for Mayor, presented his priorities to those in attendance. These priorities include an increase in affordable housing, a focus on educating students for the future, supporting small business and making Boston more democratic by reducing the power of the Mayor.

Ed Flynn, candidate for City Council (to replace Bill Linehan), presented his priorities to those in attendance. These priorities included quality of life issues (clean streets, public safety, community policing), additional policing and direct constituent contact and support.

**Planning/Licensing:**

*212 Stuart:*

The mitigation subcommittee (Allie, Ian, Grant, Clyde, Gaye, Kenzie, Nancy, Bethany, Sarah) presented and update on the mitigation offered by the developer for this project.

The developer has obligations to the city (lights, traffic, setbacks, plaza improvements) that are the “cost” of a development of this size in the city. In addition, the developer is expected to provide mitigation to the community. The subcommittee has attempted to “monetize” a “wish list” of improvements that the mitigation for this project could fund, including street cleaning (Project Place), historical wayfinding, park improvements (water, electric), Big Belly trash cans, police cameras, bike racks, etc.

The subcommittee ‘monetized’ a reasonable mitigation package at \$250,000. The developer proposed to fund this and close to \$300,000 to endow the park on Church Street, Isabella Street, the park between Melrose and Fayette and Statler Park. Not all of this money would be given to the BVNA, but the BVNA would be required to approve the manner in which the money is spent.

The developer was seeking support for a change in the affordable housing plan for this project in conjunction with the mitigation discussion. The requested change would provide for 2/3 of the IDP affordable housing requirement on-site, with 1/3 off-site (either built by the developer or by a check sent to the city). The BVNA has expressed a strong preference that the units be in the downtown “core.”

A motion was made and seconded to support the continued work of the

subcommittee, including agreement to changes in the developer's affordable housing plan. A vote on the motion passed.

**City Services:**

*Clean-up:* The clean-up was a huge success. Neighborhood looks great.

*Isabella:* The EC discussed changing 4 parking spaces on Arlington between Cortes and Isabella to resident parking, and reversing the direction of Isabella Street. The discussion included asking the developer of the church properties to pay for the needed traffic study to reverse the street direction. The city has committed in the next few capital cycles to fix the crosswalk. Repainting, traffic enforcement and a "your speed is" sign are in the works.

A motion was made and seconded to work towards changing the direction of Isabella Street, subject to support from Isabella Street residents.

**Safety:** There have been 21 911 calls at the Caritas properties on Cortes Street, including a number of assaults with knives, hammers. The police are concerned.

Police did a reverse sting, using Back Page ad to catch individuals soliciting prostitutes, and got them from the former Church of all Nations. Sail Boston coming up in June and Pride weekend coming up, which will both be busy events for the police.

**Social:** The fundraiser was a huge success.

**Adjournment:** The EC voted to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:10 pm.