



BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2017

EC Present: Sarah Herlihy, Grant Simpson, Nancy Morrisroe, Clyde Bergstresser, Gaye Bok, Trish Gillis, Bethany Patten, Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis, Ian Jonson, Jo Campbell, Aoife Austin, Jasper Vicenti, Danny Moll, Kendra Mar, Tom Parsi, Jamie Brewer

Other: Beth Treiffeisen (Boston Sun), Mike Kelley (City Council Candidate)

Safety: Alex and Allie reported on a recent incident in which they reported 4 individuals openly using drugs on Charles Street South Street. The police responded, were able to locate 2 of the individuals. These individuals were found to be in possession of tools commonly used in break-ins; one was arrested on a warrant.

Everyone was reminded to call 911 for any potentially criminal activity. The police want you to call so that they can track incidents. Safety will request that the City more closely monitor visitor spots, which appear to be attracting criminal activity.

There was an extensive discussion at the last safety meeting about the Caritas properties. Another SRO owner on the street expressed concern about the property and, in particular, that there appears to be no screening of the tenants. The program is “housing first” and the tenants appear to be unprepared for independent housing. There is no requirement that they participate in services in exchange for the housing, which is generally paid for entirely by the City. Safety will follow-up with the Caritas senior management to express the neighborhoods ongoing concerns regarding the impact of this housing. While police reports from this address are down, they still account for a significant amount of the police resources used in Bay Village.

Treasurer: We “lost” about \$800 on the fundraiser. The fundraiser is **not** intended to make money –sometimes we make money sometimes we lose money.

Overall, we are up financially on the year with increased memberships and donations.

Nominating: The Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate for the 2017-2018 EC, which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Planning: *212-222 Stuart Street* Planning reported that the owners of 230 Stuart Street (Weston Associates) have filed a lawsuit appealing the Zoning Board of Appeals Decision approving the proposed development at this site. The impact of this on the proposed development is unclear. The developer is still committed to building

what the neighborhood supported, and providing the mitigation promised. It is unclear when the project will go before the historic commission.

Motormart The BPDA has informed the BVNA that the new owners of the Motormart garage on Stuart Street have plans to build up on this site. They have been told to speak with the BVNA as part of their process.

108-110 Arlington and Others A question was raised about other projects that seem “delayed” in the neighborhood, including 108-110 Arlington, 13 Knox Street, 141 Arlington Street. The committee noted that the BVNA has little ability to get relief when projects languish. It was noted that there was significant frustration with the 108-110 Arlington project and the failure of the owner to make progress or communicate truthfully with the BVNA.

Candidates: The EC heard from Mike Kelley, who is running for City Council to represent District 2, which includes Bay Village. The candidate provided a summary of his background and what he would focus on as a City Councilor. The candidate then answered questions.

Adjournment: The EC voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.