

BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2017

**November Attendees --
Committee Members:**

President	Bethany Patten	Y	Licensing	Clyde Bergstresser	N
Vice-President	Grant Simpson	Y	Licensing	Gaye Bok	N
Sr. Vice-President	Sarah Herlihy	Y	Planning	Ben Beck	Y
Treasurer	Tim Kacich	N	Planning	OPEN (<i>Nat Heald</i>)	N
Recorder	Trish Gillis	Y	City Services	Allie Fitzgerald	Y
Recorder	Julie Reynolds	Y	City Services	Alex Balukonis	Y
Parks/Public Spaces	Aoife Austin	Y	City Services	Nancy Morrisroe	Y
Parks/Public Spaces	Joseph Kuranda	N	Social / Fundraising	Open (<i>Jasper Vicenti</i>)	Y
Community Relations	Jo Campbell	Y	Social / Fundraising	Lauren Moscato	N
Community Relations	Rocque Dion	Y	Social / Fundraising	Molly Williams	Y
Safety	Danny Moll	Y	At-Large	James McCormick	N
Safety	Tom Parsi	Y	At-Large	Judy Komarow	N
Membership	Ian Johnson	N	Archives	Open	NA
Membership	Jamie Brewer	Y	City Rep	Faisa Sharif	Y
Chief Technology / Membership	Michael Winston	N			

Guests: Steve Dunnewell, Leslie Coleburn, Kate Kelley, Don Albanese
City/State Reps: TK
Press: Beth Treffeise, *Boston Sun*

Standing Agenda

1. Minutes. Adoption of September & October minutes by EC members
2. Planning/Licensing. Update on Billy's Lot
3. City Services. (a) Fall Clean Up; (b) Isabella Street Reversal; (c) Big Belly on Isabella Street
4. Safety. (a) Update on tour of Caritas Facility; (b) Update on Security Cameras
5. Social/Fundraising. (a) Holiday party; (b) Caroling
6. Parks. (a) Holiday wreathes; (b) Friends merger

Meeting Commences: 7:03PM by Bethany Patten

1. Minutes. **Motion** to approve September and October minutes with the addition of Jamie Brewer to the attendance. All in favor, except for Nancy Morrisroe as she was unable to access the meeting minutes from the website.
2. Planning/Licensing. **Billy's lot**. The Developer for 212 Stuart is seeking a renewal of the license for the lot. The BVNA needs to provide its requests for the management of

the lot until construction begins. (At this point in time, there is no additional information about when the process will move forward as it is held up due to a lawsuit from abutters – Owners of 100 Arlington – Westin Associates – claiming the licensing board didn't follow their own rules)

Proposal is to:

- remove all damaged or broken planters and all dead plantings, including in the right of way between the lot and 230 Stuart;
- maintain seasonal plantings in well-maintained pots or planters;
- erect a non-movable barrier on the Shawmut Avenue side of the parcel sufficient to prevent vehicle exit onto Shawmut Street (expected to be large planters fixed to the ground)
- clear the lot of trash and debris no less frequently than three times a week
- monitor lot for litter and remove regularly
- remove the old sign dunnage from the side of the building
- remove all graffiti on both the 212 and 222 Stuart Street parcels
- monitor for graffiti and remove regularly
- file with the City of Boston a certificate authorizing the City to remove graffiti when reported.
- Routinely weed and remove trash from the vacant lot at 222 Stuart and ensure that the fencing is properly secured
- Comply with the restrictions on the number of cars that can be parked in the lot (20)
- No car may be parked such that it blocks the sidewalk.
- Remove ice from adjacent sidewalks on Stuart as required by the City.

Still need to confirm the hours of operation.

Motion to not oppose a two-year license to operate a 20-car parking lot in accordance with conditions set forth in terms of the maintenance of the lot by Sarah Herlihy, Grant Simpson. All in favor, none opposed

Action for licensing and planning committee to document the proposed terms and circulate.

3. City Services.

Fall Clean Up will occur on November 18th. All supplies are ordered. Estimated that approx. 65 volunteers will be present. BTD will post no parking signs and will ticket/tow vehicles that have not moved. The city services team will flyer the streets.

Action for Ian to transfer the email account for city services to Ian so he can send out posts to all members.

Isabella Street Reversal Fasia provided an update on the project. We've sent in the final petition and the traffic study is in. The BPD will need to set a meeting to allow for comments. She is working to get it scheduled before early January.

Big Belly City has removed the trash can on Isabella street and due to the proximity to the bus stop, trash has become an issue. Fasia will look into

having the receptacle returned or an alternative solution so neighbors are not having to harbor the garbage.

4. Safety.

Caritas Two weeks ago, Tom visited Caritas and met with management, toured the facility. He reported that there has been good upkeep of the facilities. They have added some cameras and have plans to add additional cameras, and have also continued to process evictions. Due to security guards, the loitering has diminished. Overall, a positive interaction and good progress.

Security Cameras in the neighborhood – The funds previously collected for security cameras are still on hold as the BVNA has determined the security cameras to use will be the police cameras, which require additional funds. There was hope that the developer at 212 Stuart would provide funds, but with the lawsuit keeping the project on hold, the cameras are also on hold for the time being.

5. Social/Fundraising.

Holiday Party planning has begun. The Committee is searching for somewhere with the most value that has walking distance to the neighborhood and they also want to have more activities for children this year. Still need to determine if we will take a collection for a charity during the event, as we have in the past. Target date is Dec 3rd for caroling, tree lighting, holiday party.

6. Parks.

Wreaths to decorate the neighborhood have been ordered, in addition to new red bows. Looking for volunteers on December 2nd.

Friends Merger Sarah is planning to finalize the merger in the next couple of weeks as her capacity allows.

Blub planting on Nov. 18th. Parks committee will communicate where additional plantings are needed – Aoife will provide a map of where the flowers need to go.

7. Other items.

Opening on the social committee as Jasper and family will be moving to London

Voting 7am-8pm – November 7th Ben Franklin Technology Institute.

Meeting adjourns: 7:28 PM. Motion to adjourn the meeting, all approve.