**BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 5, 2016

December Attendees -- 27

**Committee Members:**

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| **President** | Sarah Herlihy | **Y** | **Licensing** | Clyde Bergstresser | **Y** |
| **Vice-President** | Grant Simpson | **Y** | **Licensing** | Gaye Bok | **Y** |
| **Sr. Vice-President** | Nancy Morrisroe | **Y** | **Planning** | Ben Beck | **Y** |
| **Treasurer** | Tim Kacich | **Y** | **Planning** | Kenzie Bok |  |
| **Recorder** | Trish Gillis | **Y** | **City Services** | Allie Fitzgerald | **Y** |
| **Recorder** | Bethany Patten |  | **City Services** | Alex Balukonis | **Y** |
| **Parks/Public Spaces** | Kathy Hull |  | **City Services** | Ian Johnson |  |
| **Parks/Public Spaces** | Aoife Austin | **Y** | **Social / Fundraising** | Jasper Vicenti | **Y** |
| **Community Relations** | Jo Campbell |  | **Social / Fundraising** | Molly Williams | **Y** |
| **Community Relations** | Rocque Dion | **Y** | **At-Large** | James McCormick | **Y** |
| **Safety** | Danny Moll |  | **At-Large** | Marcelo Almeida |  |
| **Safety** | Kendra Mar |  | **At-Large** | Judy Komarow | **Y** |
| **Safety** | Tom Parsi | **Y** | **Archives** | Lora Shea |  |
| **Membership** | Paul Buta | **Y** | **City Rep** | Sam Chambers | **Y** |
| **Chief Technology / Membership** | Michael Winston |  |  |  |  |

**Other:**

Steve Dunwell, Nan Rubin, Molly Williams, Bill Nigreen, Nan Rubin, Bruce Friedman

**Guests:**

William “Buddy” Christopher (Commissioner, ISD); Chris Bergeron (Boston Guardian); Ron Smith (108-110 Developer); James McLaughlin (108-110 Attorney); John Downey (ISD Inspector)

Proposed Agenda:

1. Minutes.  Adoption of November 2016 minutes.

2.    ISD Visit.  Commissioner William "Buddy" Christopher will visit to discuss ISD, certain neighborhood properties (14 Winchester) and other issues related to permitting in the City.

3. Planning.  Summary of EverSource proposal for Charles Street South

4.  Social/Fundraising.  Update on holiday party, clean-up.

5. Safety.  Update on meeting

6. City Services.  Update on clean-up.

7.  No Updates Expected. Treasurer, Recorder, Community Relations, Membership, Licensing, Archives, Parks and Public Spaces

1. **Approval of November 2016 Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the November meeting minutes. Motion passed with one abstention

1. **Guest: Buddy Christopher from Inspectional Services Department**

Sarah introduced the Commissioner and noted the BVNA’s appreciation for ISD’s assistance with 11A Melrose

The BVNA raised the issue of the construction that appears to have happened without permits and under the “radar” of ISD at 14 Winchester and concerns regarding Air BNBs.

Buddy: Important for residents to tell ISD what is going on. Residents please contact us. Tries to respond in 24 hours. 311 is a great addition to the city. What we enforce is more about protection – many issues end up in housing court. Represent the neighbors – judges ensure fair process. Trying to deal with zoning issues – completed a more inclusive rezoning in South Boston. Working with restaurants to make changes. “Impact zoning” – what is the impact on the neighborhood.

The more Buddy knows – the more he can assign resources.

AirBNB is complicated (legally). Working to get things to a good place.

Using data to apply the resources of the city to get the maximum yield. 109,000 unique addresses in the Rental Registry. This move-in period was the best we’ve had – tremendous success. Data is available on the website.

Bruce Friedman: Neighbor to 14 Winchester – has communicated with ISD regarding unpermitted work. There are no permits pulled (Sarah checked). Bruce to get Buddy name(s) of people he has talked to at ISD. Sarah to resend the information to Buddy. Buddy has assigned someone to the case and will follow-up with Sarah.

Nancy asks how reports are prioritized through 311.

Inspector presented a stop-work order to the painters at 14 Winchester a month ago. Owner did not follow-up. He returned to a mistaken report (was permitted work at 16 Winchester). 14 Winchester owner will attend the safety meeting in late December. Buddy noted that the right-of-entry is an issue.

If there are disturbances with AirBNB guests – call 911 and leave name. Without a “victim,” the police cannot do anything.

108-110 Arlington developer: John McLaughlin, attorney, representing investors in the property (with General Contractor, Ron); John can answer questions in real-time; mistakes have been made and would like to focus on future; Ron: 6 months (April/May). Plan is for a boutique hotel – they have an interested prospect for a 19-room hotel. Plan B is to convert to condo; Need to make a decision soon. Question about parking – valet parking on Arlington (surrender two spots on Piedmont to gain two in Arlington as an even exchange). What about condo conversion and parking? They would need to create parking in the building – likely 4 spaces. The location, at the entrance of the only Arlington entry to the neighborhood, would need to be considered. Question about scaffolding removal: Ron said when the window installation/replacement is completed. Discussion about noise, including jack-hammering.

1. **Planning**

Ben Beck updated the EC regarding the EverSource space on Charles Street – would like to remove generators and upgrade, including the fence. Expand and add four generators – discussed study of the sound levels from the new equipment; expect it to be a big opportunity for the area; Ben to confirm next steps.

1. **Social/Fundraising**
   * Clean-up was great! Thank you to the Revere Hotel.
   * Great turnout at holiday party!
2. **Safety: Sarah**

Sarah update – extensive conversation about AirBNB. Police would like us to have a neighborhood watch – to discuss next meeting

Questions regarding the Revere Hotel dumpster– Sarah to ask the GM to confirm the permit

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourns: 8:10PM