**BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 9, 2017

January Attendees:

**Committee Members:**

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

**Other:**

Steve Dunwell, Nan Rubin, Gene and Fay Hale, Mark Slater, Marcia Wetherbee, Dana Apruzzese, Laura Grover, Don Albanese, Matt Darula, Sally Withington, George and Prilla Brackett, Ernie Jacob, Paul Miller, Mark Slater

**Guests:** Beth Treffeisen (Boston Sun)

**Proposed Agenda**:

1. Minutes.  Adoption of December 2016 minutes
2. Planning.  (a) Report on EC approval of minor changes to rear doors at Revere Hotel; (b) Discussion of BVNA process and schedule for 212 Stuart proposal
3. Community Relations.  Supt. O'Rourke retirement
4. Winthrop Square development
5. No Updates Expected.  Treasurer, Recorder, Membership, Licensing, Archives, Parks and Public Spaces, City Services, Social/Fundraising
6. **Approval of December 2016 Minutes**

A motion was made to accept the December 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes and the minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote of the EC.

1. **Planning**
2. Revere Hotel Rear Doors. The BVNA President reported that the Revere Hotel unexpectedly was told that they needed a letter from the BVNA with respect to proposed minor changes to the rear doors of the hotel (where Broadway and Piedmont meet). As the changes were minor and represented an improvement to the existing condition, and the Revere Hotel was informed of the need for neighborhood input at the last minute, the Executive Committee voted by email not to oppose the changes. A letter to this effect was been sent to the appropriate city agency.
3. Discussion of BVNA process and schedule for 212 Stuart proposal.

*Background.* Lots at 212 Stuart, 222 Stuart, 17 and 19 Shawmut. Transom Real Estate is looking to develop a 199’ apartment building (luxury) with ground floor retail. Several prior projects have been proposed for these lots, have been approved, but have not been successful.

*City Process*. The developer is currently proceeding under the Article Large Project Review process with the BPDA (former BRA). A flow chart of this process is available on-line. This is NOT the BVNA process. The Bay Village Architectural District Commission (“BVAC”) (often referred to as Historic) will also need to approve as part of the City process. An Impact Advisory Group has also been appointed as part of the City process. Residents are welcome to attend as much of the City process as they would like, subject to the City’s restrictions. Some residents commented about the City’s process:

* BVAC – meeting tomorrow, Steve Dunwell is a BVAC member
* Scoping meeting – City agencies review the impact they will feel and provide developer feedback. Attended by Lora She and Eric Cordes
* Boston Civic Design Commission – meeting Kathy Hull posted.
* Cooperation agreement – City will enter into one with developer if project moves forward. Rules require that it be sent to IAG in time for review before it is finalized. BVNA typically has input here, but also enters into a separate agreement.

*BVNA Process.* BVNA’s role is to hold forum (often multiple for project this size) for developer to present, residents to ask for additional information and to comment. An initial community-wide discussion with developer is set for next Planning Committee Meeting (January 23rd). Will have developer presentation, Q&A from residents, comments from residents. What do we want to developer to be prepared to respond to (Sarah will request developer to be prepared to address):

* Light pollution – proposed in BCDC that they would light the building; for people facing north, what would they see (need a proper rendering)
* Steve Dunwell: Requesting more renderings from more areas in the neighborhood.
* Marcia: Nice building, but not appropriate for our neighborhood. Requesting a general meeting for discussion. Sarah suggesting Planning Meeting – interested members can join. The Planning Meeting cannot be a “general meeting.”
* Lora: Request about abutters. Are there legal abutters – due to public way?
* Kathy: Article 63.9 (BV portion of the zoning code) – where in the process is it considered? Mentions new design in the historic district. It will go to the Board of Appeals (ZBA) – where they address variances to their own code.
* Marcia: What about shadows? Parks Commissioner has opportunity to offer opinion.
* Paul: Height issue? Light pollution – working with Revere already re: their light pollution? Reflective light survey? What size units? Larger units to encourage family? Tree wells in the street? Back of the building not connected to BV – perhaps a more welcoming lower level … a gateway
* Laura: Affordable housing? Requirement – will do whatever the City wants them to do
* Ernie: BCDC meeting – they had a scale model – can they bring it to the January 23rd meeting?
* Lora: Please request the materials, too (the sample scale façade pieces)

Send additional questions to the planning@bayvillage.net or president@bayvillage.net.

1. **Community Relations**

Supt. Bernard “Bernie” O'Rourke retirement – party at Ned Devine’s – long-time police superintendent, friend of Bay Village. EC voted to approve a $100 budget for an appropriate gift or donation in his honor.

1. **Winthrop Square Garage Development**

* City is asking State to pass a one-time exception to the shadow law. This would increase net-shadow on the Common. ADCO voted to make a resolution against the exception of the shadow law.
* Kathy Hull attended the meeting – shadow affects the Common in spring and fall. Significantly taller building than permitted. Neighbors to oppose.
* A motion was made to oppose the exception. With one abstention, the EC voted to oppose the exception.

1. **Questions Regarding the Revere Hotel Dumpster**

Sarah to ask the GM about the status.

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