

BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2015

May Attendees: Nancy Morrisroe, Mark Bocash, Michael Winston, Diane Rooney, Gaye Bok, Roque Dion, Jo Campbell, Kendra Mar, Barbara Gaffney, Jordan Deasy, Trish Gillis, Judy Komarow, Grant Simpson, Nan Rubin, Paul Buta, Ron Stinson, Aoife Austin, Tim Kacich, Ben Beck, Brian Boisvert, Sarah Herlihy, Francine Pilgrim, John Shope

Nancy let everyone know that Jerry Dyer passed away on Saturday.

A representative from Cusi, Marcia Simmons, brought food to the meeting. New location at 39 Boylston Street - opened in February. They provide various promotions throughout the week, including free iced coffee on Fridays, after 6PM free iced drinks. Happy to do whatever they can for the neighborhood.

7:10PM – Nancy Morrisroe opens the May meeting; Brian Boisvert and Ben Beck – April meeting minutes passed.

Licensing Update

Carolyn Conway - attorney for Jacques: Jacques would like to reclassify their license to General-on-premise (GP), which does not require food. Looking back decades to when they opened – they did not have an operating kitchen. Would like to serve food from other locations – Common Victualler (CV) license. Would like to continue as-is; bring food from an outside source. Before Licensing Board. They recently received a written citation for not having a kitchen.

Sarah: any changes to other terms?

CC: no changes, complying – limousines moved

Judy: does not agree with the limousines being moved

John: what other places have this kind of license?

CC: don't know of – we can request a report by zip code for that information

Ben: Eliminating venting?

CC: No – nothing changing. Don't get asked for food very often.

Brian: What kind of food? How does that work?

Gaye: Understand reason for CV license for food with alcohol

CC: better food served “just not ours”

Hearing – vote on Thursday. Letter should be in for Thursday.

Discussion followed by a motion

John: Not taking a stand; Letter that should include current neighbor issues – we have concerns within the neighborhood. Jo seconded.

Vote: 13 for, 1 against, 3 abstain – motion passes. Sarah to post for review to the EC.

Safety – Judy and Kendra

Quiet. Car break-ins, soft tops slashed. One domestic violence incident at 11A Melrose Street. 52 moving violations, 56 tags, a few cars towed for safe keeping due to broken windows

Homeless issue – call 911. People living in the dog park. John: history – Menino allowed trailers parking on BRA lot for Blue Man Group. BMG landscaped to hide the trailers. Landscape now grown. What solutions are available? Maybe trim lower branches to see better?

Membership - Paul

Ken has created a site that allows people to manage their membership. Transferring the content from old site to new site in time for June expirations. People will be automatically notified about their membership.

Planning - Sarah

Billy's lot abutters meeting update – Jordan approached by Billy's attorney, Kevin Joyce, to hold an abutters meeting. Ben attended the meeting. Discussed issues, including cable, signage (lack of Boston blue P sign) parking on sidewalk. Billy said it is the management of the lot. Building in bad shape. Kevin said he'd create a site management plan.

Sarah: promises have been broken. Hearing tomorrow. No enforcement mechanism on the site management plan. We can oppose or make the site management plan more accountable. Support from Linehan, Pressley and Mayor's office. Billy's son will take it over after Billy.

Jo: 30-40 years history with issues in that lot. Be firm – say no. We've had enough.

Sarah will follow up with time for hearing tomorrow.

City Services - Aoife

Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, May 2 was successful. 50+ people signed in. Cars were ticketed on Isabella. Coordinate differently with the City next time: time, awareness. City was great – including Boston Shines. Free parking from Revere Hotel was great – very positive event.

Nancy: Bus idling occurring again. Call BTM to stop it.

Other Business Updates

Updates from Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services - Jordan

Coordinates Boston Shines throughout the City.

Update from recent ADCO Meeting – Nancy

Voted formally on space saver ban. Meet with Mayor next month.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jo, seconded by Paul Buta

All adjourned.