



BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

- EC Present:** Sarah Herlihy, Grant Simpson, Nancy Morrisroe, Clyde Bergstresser, Gaye Bok, Ben Beck, Trish Gillis, Bethany Patten, Kathy Hull, Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis, Ian Johnson, Aoife Austin, Jo Campbell, Jasper Vicenti, Danny Moll, Kendra Mar, Tom Parsi, James McCormick, Judy Komarow, Jamie Brewer
- Other:** Sue Buta, Bernice Broyde, Faisa Sharif (ONS), Beth Treffeisen (Boston Sun)
- Start:** The meeting commenced at 7:02 PM
- Minutes:** The minutes of the April, May, June, July and August 2017 EC meetings were approved.
- Annual Meeting:** The Annual meeting will be October 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm. The Revere Hotel has agreed to host the meeting again. The Nominating Committee continues to work on the slate of candidates, but the proposed new President is Bethany Patten with Grant Simpson as the Vice-President “on deck” to be the next President.
- Planning:** Sarah reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the 212-222 Stuart Street project at a recent meeting. The next step in the approval process is the Bay Village Architectural Commission (“Historic”).
- Sarah reported that the developer of this project has approached the BVNA to gauge the community’s interest in having the developer support the completion of Bay Village’s designation as a federal historic district. The developer has hired William Young as a consultant on this issue, which could benefit some residents, but that may add a layer of complexity to development.
- After a discussion, the sense of the meeting was that the EC needed a more formal presentation from the developer about the process, the potential benefits and possible downsides. Ben Beck would follow-up on this issue with the developer.
- Safety:** Sarah shared with the EC that the proposal first considered by the EC for security cameras (a private provider) may not be the best long-term solution. Cameras owned and networked to the Boston Police appear to be a better solution, but are more expensive. The 212-222 developer has expressed an interest in funding some of these cameras from the promised mitigation earlier than mitigation would normally be provided. The EC will continue to discuss this with the developer.

Tom Parsi provided a summary of the August safety meeting. The owners of several SRO properties on Cortes, Caritas Communities, attended the meeting at the request of the police and the BVNA.

A significant percentage of police calls to Bay Village are originating from activity at the Caritas properties. Based on prior meetings with Caritas, the BVNA was expecting a significant private security commitment from Caritas. This has been reignited based on financial constraints. In addition, a security camera on the property was damaged by a guest. Several tenants are being evicted.

Caritas plans to continue to attend the meetings. Tom Parsi reminded people that better resident attendance at the safety meetings will allow the BVNA to truly hold Caritas accountable.

Overall, crime is up 2% over last year - including a gunshot fatality on Tremont. 90% of reports were on Caritas issues in recent months.

City Services: City Services is working on additional signatures for the petition to reverse the direction of Isabella Street.

Social/Fundraising: The block party is September 21st. Volunteers are welcome and needed.

Mooncusser has invited BVNA members to a reception this Wednesday.

Adjournment: The EC voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.