**BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**April 4, 2016

Attendees: Sarah Herlihy, Kendra Mar, Brian Boisvert, Rocque Dion, Jo Campbell, Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis, Aoife Austin, Jim McCormick, Clyde Bergstresser, Marcelo Almeida, Benjie Moll, Danny Moll, Grant Simpson, Jamie Brewer, Laura Grover, Chad Grover, Paul Buta, Tim Kacich, Michael Winston, Nancy Morrisroe, Tom Perkins, Judy Komarow

City: Sam Chambers, Mayor’s Liaison

Special guest – Representative Jay Livingstone

BVNA Recorder is not present. Sarah makes a motion to allow Brian Boisvert, who is not a member of the executive committee, to take minutes. Jo seconds. Approved unanimously.

**Social Committee Updates – Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis**Fundraiser update. Alex has reached out to Smith & Wollensky, but that is looking unlikely. Investigating BCA or some other fundraiser different than our typical – a play, etc.

Dates/timeframe – probably won’t be ready for any time in May, summer not good (many people leave), maybe aim for September if we can differentiate from the block party.

**City Services Committee Updates – Aoife Austin, Grant Simpson**Spring clean-up. Saturday April 30. Getting “no parking” information out broadly and early. Messages on Nextdoor and BVNA mailing list, flyering cars, city signs up in advance. Getting aggressive about non-compliant cars – having police contact owners but ticket if no response.

**Parks and Public Spaces Committee Updates – Kathy Hull, Jim McCormick**Update on tree meeting, spring planting. Kathy and Jim met with Chris Cook, commissioner of Boston Parks & Recreation. We have many options as a neighborhood.

Our current dead trees will be removed this spring and replaced with new trees. We can request new trees in general if you have a spot. We can also remove a dead tree and close the pit if needed. You can contact the Parks and Public Spaces committee with requests and they will use the 311 app to get them to the city.

In late summer, we can have a cobblestone removal to stop choking roots, etc. In August we can have a landscape architect come around to offer general advice. Tree pruning will be in the fall. Also possible addition of trees on Stuart Street along front of South Cove.

Jo: What is going on with the Friends?

Sarah: Now that 40 Trinity is no longer taking up time, will contact Bill Nigreen to get a meeting scheduled in regards to the merger with Friends.

**Safety Committee – Kendra Mar, Judy Komarow**Update, including cameras. Monthly meeting had 9-10 people. Quiet month. 11A Melrose – fight (location is an ongoing issue). There’s an Eversource scam locally – be aware before letting people in your home.

Jamie + Marcelo: Cameras. Have done some research with company recommended by Revere hotel. Explained a lot about the cameras, did a walk-around of neighborhood.

Minuteman security was recommended. 4 high resolution cameras recommended (quote ~$4000) w/CPU + installation + cables. Need electricity and wi-fi signal. System can tap into existing camera system – law school, hotel, etc.

Jo: Recommend reinvigorating neighborhood watch vs. this expense.

Sarah: Our issues are unlikely going to be impacted by watch. More 2-4am smash+grab. We could do targeted fundraising to accomplish this.

Clyde: This is a safety and comfort issue. Many of our homes are worth millions and damage has run into the thousands per event. This is a minor cost.

Sam: We have some instances of these private cameras being tied into the police system.

Aoife: Can’t people just get small personal cameras at home? (Answer: aren’t weather-resistant, resolution isn’t the same, etc.)

Clyde: $4000 is amazing for what’s being described.

Michael: Is this cloud-based? (Answer: Yes, and on server)

Clyde makes a motion: to start process to raise $4000 via fundraising efforts to fund cameras for neighborhood. Paul seconds. Approved unanimously.

Clyde: Can we add a suggested voluntary donation for security to BVNA sign-up?

Paul: We could even send out an individual email on this issue.

**Membership Committee Update – Paul Buta, Michael Winston**35 new additions to BVNA during first quarter. Approx 20 new, 15 late signups. Recent events (crime uptick, 40 trinity) have created the increase.

**Jay Livingstone speaks about upcoming State Senate primary**Sarah: BVNA will send out email encouraging everyone to vote on April 12. Bay Village typically has a strong turnout.

Planning Committee Update
Sarah: Committee chairs are at another (conflicting) meeting, but can give a brief update

333 Tremont current state: For sale by owner. We’re keeping an eye on progress and they will need to come to us for any changes.

Arlington Antique location – current changes are as of right, but would need to come to us for anything beyond that.

Nancy: provided summary of city council urban renewal vote. BRA wanted 10 years, got 6.

Sarah provided wrap-up of the 40 Trinity issue. Sub-committee had met with developer to come to compromise. Plan was presented that BVNA could likely get behind. City decided to go in another direction and BV component was cancelled.

Allie makes a motion to approve last month’s minutes. Paul second. Unanimously approved.

Allie makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aoife second. Unanimously approved.