



BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2017

EC Present: Bethany Patten, Grant Simpson, Sarah Herlihy, Trish Gillis, Julie Reynolds, Aoife Austin, Jo Campbell, Rocque, Dion, Danny Moll, Tom Parsi, Jamie Brewer, Ben Beck, Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis, Nancy Morrisroe, Jasper Vicenti, Molly Williams.

Other: Faisa Sharif (ONS), Beth Treffeisen (Boston Sun), Steve Dunnewell, Leslie Coleburn, Kate Kelley, Don Albanese

Start: The meeting commenced at 7:03 PM

Minutes: The minutes of the September and October 2017 EC meetings were approved with the addition of Jamie Brewer to the attendance. All in favor, except for Nancy Morrisroe, as she was unable to access the meeting minutes from the website.

Planning: Bethany reported that the developer for the 212-222 Stuart Street project is seeking the support of the BVNA in their application to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to renew the license to operate the lot, known as “Billy’s Lot”.

The BVNA proposed certain requirements for operation including: removal of all damaged or broken planters and all dead plantings, including in the right of way between the lot and 230 Stuart; maintenance of seasonal plantings in well-maintained pots or planters; erect a non-movable barrier on the Shawmut Avenue side of the parcel sufficient to prevent vehicle exit onto Shawmut Street (expected to be large planters fixed to the ground); clearing the lot of trash and debris no less frequently than three times a week; monitoring the lot for litter and remove regularly; removal of the old sign dunnage from the side of the building; removal of all graffiti on both the 212 and 222 Stuart Street parcels and ongoing monitoring for graffiti and regular removal/filing with the City of Boston a certificate authorizing the City to remove graffiti when reported; Routinely weeding and removing trash from the vacant lot at 222 Stuart and ensure that the fencing is properly secured; Complying with the restrictions on the number of cars that can be parked in the lot (20); No car may be parked such that it blocks the sidewalk and Removal of ice from adjacent sidewalks on Stuart as required by the City.

Vote: Sarah Herlihy proposed a motion to not oppose a two-year license to operate a 20-car parking lot at 212-222 Stuart Street, aka “Billy’s Lot” in accordance with conditions set forth in terms of the maintenance of the lot, Grant Simpson Seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.

- City Services:** Fall Clean Up - The annual fall clean-up will occur on November 18th, 2017. City Services will flyer the neighborhood to announce the week prior.
- Isabella Street reversal - Faisa reported submitting the petition for the traffic study, The BPD will need to set a meeting to allow for comments. She is working to get it scheduled before early January.
- Big Belly Trash Receptacle on Isabella St – Neighbors reported that the Big Belly on Isabella street was removed due to excess dumping and its proximity to the bus stop. Fasia will look into having the receptacle returned or an alternative solution so neighbors are not having to harbor the garbage.
- Safety:** Caritas - Tom reported a recent visit with Caritas Management to address the concern over increased police activity. They have added some cameras and have plans to add additional cameras, and have also continued to process evictions. Due to security guards, the loitering has diminished. Overall, a positive interaction and good progress.
- Security Cameras - Sarah reported that the funds for security cameras are still on hold as we weigh the option of using a private provider vs cameras owned and networked to the Boston Police (which appears 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, however, with the pending litigation, this project remains on hold.
- Social/Fund:** The holiday party will be on December 3rd. Location TBD.
- There is an opening on the committee as Jasper’s family is moving.
- Parks:** Wreaths to decorate the lampposts have been ordered in addition to new red bows, and volunteers will be needed to hang on December 2nd.
- Sarah is planning to finalize the Friends Merger sometime in November, as her capacity allows.
- Parks committee have ordered bulbs for planting and will advise neighbors on where to plant during the wreath hanging and clean up.
- Other:** Voting in the City Council and Mayoral races will be from 7am – 8pm at the Ben Franklin Technology Institute.
- Adjournment:** The EC voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.