



BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2018

EC Present: Bethany Patten, Sarah Herlihy, Tim Kacich, Trish Gillis, Julie Reynolds, Aoife Austin, Danny Moll, Jamie Brewer, Gaye Bok, Ben Beck, Nancy Morrisroe, Molly Williams, Judy Kamarow

Other: Faisa Sharif (ONS), Elizabeth Torres (Boston's 311 office) Beth Treffeisen (Boston Sun), Tom (of "Tom's Park"), Steve Dunwell, Kendra Mar, Nan Rubin, Brian Boisvert, Steve (Michelle Wu's Office), Joe Larkin (Millennium Partners), Henry Cohen (Millennium Partners).

Start: The meeting commenced at 7:05 PM

Planning: 115 Winthrop Square: Joe Larkin and Henry Cohen of Millennium Partners gave a project status update of the 115 Winthrop Square development which is in the Draft Project Impact Review (DPIR) stage of the article 80 development process. Developers reported no change of use since last presentation, except increase of residential; height reduced to 644ft; developers focused on environmental impact: will be LEED Platinum, and on their way to Passive House principles in the office component; Great Hall will be civic-minded – public spaces, will have a cultural component to it, connect areas of downtown; they have been asked to explore new ideas around the park at Winthrop Square (investigating returning the Robert Burns statue to the Fens; robust affordable housing – in Chinatown – partnership with Tufts for parking, Corcoran Jennison for more street space for the hotel), 171 affordable housing with Asian Community Development Corporation. If their proposal is accepted, this is how Millennium Partners will meet their affordable housing commitments; Danny Moll asks about timing – they are hoping it moves forward this summer; Any questions – their contact information is available; Gaye Bok asked about the affordable housing – and proceeding in the building, but still to be determined.

City Services: 311 – Faisa invited Elizabeth Torres of the 311 offices to give an overview of services and provide neighbors with an opportunity to ask questions. She reminded neighbors that 311 is available as an app, phone call, website (for more narrative/description of the issue) and on twitter; it is for any issue that is not crime related within city limits. She advised neighbors complete their profile for faster follow-up and follow through. Nancy Morrisroe asked about claims being closed prematurely (eg. Trash collection), Elizabeth suggested we communicate often with those issues for constant improvement – it helps build a record of issues and all records are saved; Molly Williams & Steve Dunwell offered positive feedback on her experience with the 311 staff.

Big Belly Trash Receptacle on Isabella St – Nancy updated neighbors on the status, the city is now saying they will not replace the Big. Instead, an option to replace with a city barrel was offered, Nancy confirmed she would follow up with the city on that suggestion.

Safety: Danny Moll reported on a quiet month in Bay Village. Cortes St is quieter; one hit and run affecting cars parked on Church at Winchester St.

Caritas Issues: Only seven (7) calls this month from Cortes St, a marked improvement.

Graffiti Removal - Danny has identified 7 spots and 4 have been taken care of already. He continues to collect information on other locations. If anyone has graffiti on their property, please let Danny know immediately.

Social: Molly Williams reminded neighbors of the Fundraiser on May 6th at Davio's. She is looking for creative raffle prizes, we had about 40 submissions in 2017, and is looking for the same this year. She asked for permission to approve the spending of \$1,500.

Vote: Sarah Herlihy made a motion to approve the spending of \$1,500 for food and beverage and use space at Davio's for the purpose of the fundraiser, Nancy Morrisroe seconded the motion. All were in favor, no abstentions.

Parks: Sarah Herlihy reported on the status of the Friends of Bay Village Parks merger with the BVNA. Tom and Dominic reported on their application for the [Browne Fund](#) – a grant offered by the city to improve parks. They asked for a vote by the BVNA to support the application. Neighbors asked questions about what is involved in the grant, Tom and Aoife explained it would provide improvements to “Tom's Park” between Melrose and Isabella on Charles St. Some specifics would include recirculated water and electricity. Tom reported great feedback from the city on the proposed grant.

Vote: Danny Moll Made a motion for the BVNA to support the application with the stipulation that it would be amended to reflect that it was being submitted by the BVNA, and not the Friends (which no longer exists), or individuals and that Aoife Austin would be the executive committee liaison. Molly Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor, No abstentions.

Adjournment: The EC voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourns.