



BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2018

EC Present: Bethany Patten, Grant Simpson, Sarah Herlihy, Trish Gillis, Roque Dion, Tom Parsi, Jamie Brewer, Clyde Bergstresser, Gay Bok, Ben Beck, Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis, Nancy Morrisroe, Molly Williams, Judy Kamarow

Other: Faisa Sharif (ONS), Steve Moore (Councilor Flynn's Office), Steve Dunwell, Rob Murray, Bernice Boyd, Brian Boisvert, Sen Boncore, Luigi Natale (Sen Boncore's Office), James Chan (Rep Capuano), Rep Mike Capuano, Barbara Capuano (Wife of Rep), Anne Kilgus

Start: The meeting commenced at 7:03 PM

Community Rel.: Rep Mike Capuano: Sen Boncore introduces Mike Capuano. Rep Capuano spends about 30 minutes discussing his platform and answering constituent concerns. Platform included:

- Running because of what is going on in Washington. Debates occurring he never thought would happen – separating families, less money for housing; he grew up in Somerville – understands life isn't fair, but driven that people should not be held back by where they are from ... they are worth fighting for.
- People need help making ends meet – doesn't make me better than me; people should be judged on what they can offer today – Capuano will fight back; proud to represent the people that cannot represent themselves; Example: Water table going down in Bay Village – MC got an earmark to test wells, recharging of rain water run-offs (including Arlington T rehab and the new Liberty Mutual building) – addressed problem;
- Introduced his wife, Barbara Capuano – she works in the neighborhood.
- Sarah Herlihy addressed the neighborhood's concern that Rep Capuano has not been available for Bay Village, particularly when the MBTA proposed a Silver Line extension and tunnel nearby. Other neighbors chimed in on their disappointment of his lack of willingness to meet.

General: Minutes: Catch up on adoption of minutes, including November, 2017, December, 2017, February, 2018, March, 2019, April, 2018, May, 2018 and July, 2018

Motion: Bethany proposed a motion to adopt November, 2017, December, 2017, February, 2018, March, 2019, April, 2018, May, 2018 and July, 2018 minutes. Sarah Herlihy approved motion, seconded by Clyde Bergstresser; all approved, no abstain, no decline.

Planning:

Liquid Art House: Sarah Herlihy updated neighbors on status of Liquid Art House negotiations. The vote at the special neighborhood meeting and the outstanding request for valet. Sarah will be following up with Nahita management to complete the agreement.

108 Arlington Street: Sarah Herlihy (also an abutter) updated neighbors on the onsite abutter meeting on Thursday, August 2. Need the developer to get on a schedule – potential fines/penalties for missing the schedule; discussing issues with the roof; next meeting is August 20th. Faisa Sharif is involved – they want to convert to five condos; abutters have asked for a demonstration of the garage mechanics for noise check; suggestion to have BTM look at cars exiting garage as cars turn left onto Piedmont to get in the neighborhood; residents will likely be able to get parking permits; not yet scheduled with ZBA

69 Church Street (Erbaluce Meeting): Bethany informed neighbors that this development project will be coming up in the historic commission (second Tuesday of each month at City Hall)

City Services:

Bay Village Parking Stickers: During clean-up day it came to the BVNAs attention that a resident at 100 Arlington had a Bay Village parking sticker but residents at the high rise are not allowed to have the neighborhood parking sticker. Asked that the city look into enforcement of permits. Overall there is concern about former residents continuing to park in the neighborhood and limiting available spaces for current residents who rightfully have a parking permit. Steve Moore mentioned that there are some neighborhoods who are considering a fee for a parking sticker (at different rates per neighborhood).

Compost Pilot: Bethany attended a hearing at city hall in mid-June to discuss a city-wide inquiry into compost collection. City is considering Bay Village for a pilot. Too early to tell what the program will look like. Neighbors raised issues of rats. Let Bethany know if you are interested in being more involved.

Big Belly Trash Receptacle on Isabella St: At long last, a new big belly has arrived on the corner of Arlington and Isabella! Congrats to the City Services team and thank you to all who have helped over the past 6+ months to get the big belly back.

Social:

Block Party: Molly Williams updates neighbors on the plans for the block party – on Thursday, September 20. She is trying to coordinate with the No Parking signage – street closed at 4PM; minimum tickets to cover cost is 140; Molly is moving – looking for volunteers; looking for lights – check with Eric Cortes – and a ladder; suggestion to post the needs in NextDoor; Grant suggested asking Revere Hotel for chairs and tables. Gaye suggested dropping price of the Block Party ticket to encourage people to attend

Motion: Sarah Herlihy proposed a motion for the BVNA president to have the discretion to approve ticket price, seconded by Allie Fitzgerald; all approved, no abstain, no decline

Motion: Sarah Herlihy proposed a motion to all the budget for the Block Party to be approved by the president without further vote, seconded by Allie Fitzgerald; all approved, no abstain, no decline

Membership: Jamie Brewer reported that the transition to the new credit card system has kept the membership a little low.

Safety: Tom Parsi reported that Caritas has changed management, and that they are less engaged in the safety meetings. Gaye Bok offered to help re-engage.

Historic Comm.: Commission members reported that they are review the guidelines to bring them up to date and aligned with other neighborhoods. Guidelines/by-laws and will be presented to neighborhood soon.

Adjournment: The EC voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourns @ 8:00pm.