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BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

**BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

August 6, 2018

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

**Other:** Faisa Sharif (ONS), Steve Dunwell, Brian Boisvert, Francine Pilgrim, Sue Buta, Diane, Kendra Mar, Anne Kilgus, Joe Cornish (Director of Design Review, Boston Landmarks Commission), Kathleen McDermott

**Start:** The meeting commenced at 7:04 PM

**Historic Comm.:** Joe Cornish: Reported on the work the commission is doing to update the historic guidelines for Bay Village. Joe is an architectural designer; hired to review guidelines – work as partners with the neighbors; this is the first district to be reviewed. Joe will email the guideline drafts to Bethany to ensure the residents receive the guidelines electronically – when final, it will be posted on their website; Joe will attend the next Executive Meeting on October 1, 2018 to discuss thoughts on the guideline draft (Joe also distributed the current guidelines) Visit their office if you would like to launch a large project – it would be helpful to review with them early in the process. Grant Simpson question: Clarification about window replacement; Sue Buta question: Storm windows -- Joe to Sue – call us up to review and make suggestions

**General:** Nominating Committee: Bethany Patten, Jamie Brewer, Nancy Morrisroe, Jo Campbell, Roque Dion – meeting to prepare. There are open positions to give people an opportunity to be active. Preparing for the Annual Meeting on October 30th (Tuesday this year due to Halloween).

**City Services:** Cross-Neighborhood Meeting with Councilor Flynn: Bethany Patten updated neighbors on Councilor Flynn’s cross-neighborhood meeting – Bay Village, South End and South Boston. Topics discussed: Opioid issue, Development in tow lot near Frontage Road & Traffic – speed limits; traffic by Whole Foods. Nancy Morrisroe pointed out that ADCO does similar work and would like to be pulled in next time, Bethany believes that a member of ADCO attended.

Hempfest: Bethany reported that the event was not reduced to one day ... please report if neighbors see anything (damage to parks, for example).

**Licensing:** W Hotel: Bethany Patten reported on the W Hotel’s application to offer bottle service; and asked if we want to support it? Seven tables in a hotel in the

neighborhood, not recommended by BPD. Sarah Herlihy question: we should support our City partners – Boston Police Department

**Motion:** Clyde Bergstresser proposed a motion to oppose in support of the Boston Police Department recommendation, Jo Campbell seconds the motion - all in favor, no opposed, one abstain

Lodging house at 119 Berkeley Street: Bethany updated neighbors on the proposed increase from 25 to 38 lodgers (conditional use – with a common area/service, like kitchen, bathroom). Applicant cites that families cannot lodge because the license doesn't allow for more people. Would like to allow more families. Sarah Herlihy suggests we ask proprietor to invoke time limits, reasonable restriction and he would prefer not and mentions that Lodging houses is an issue that could be more common because of AirBNB restrictions.

**Motion:** Sarah Herlihy proposed a motion to oppose increase to accommodations, Nancy Morrisroe seconds the motion - all in favor, no opposed, two abstain

69 Church Street: Bethany updates that the developers will be presenting plans at the September Lic & Plan meeting

**Social:**

Block Party: Bethany reports on the block party, Thursday, September 20. Mentions that Molly will not be able to plan any more because she has officially moved out of the neighborhood. And calls for volunteers. Jamie Brewer updates that 36 tickets sold. Nancy mentions that Mayor Walsh will attend as well as other elected officials; Raffle table for Hamilton tickets from the local school

**Safety:**

Rash of Vandalism: Bethany Patten updates neighbors on recent rash of vandalism of cars in Bay Village discussed in a well-attended Safety meeting. Sargent Moy has been helpful and responsive. Attending the Annual Meeting to discuss 911 versus 311 calls/procedures. Ten neighbors had issues mentioned on NextDoor, but only six reported to police

Graffiti: Steve Moore, from City Council Ed Flynn's office, is addressing the graffiti on Melrose and Arlington. Graffiti Busters handles – Faisa will look into it.

**Adjournment:**

The EC voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourns @ 7:35 pm.