**BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 4, 2019

**EC Present:** Bethany Patten, Grant Simpson, Tim Kacich, Trish Gillis, Joe Kuranda, Aoife Austin, Jo Campbell, Roque Dion, Danny Moll, Diane Rooney, Sarah Herlihy, Gay Bok, Neil French, Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis, Nancy Morrisroe, Judy Komarow

**Other:** Rep Aaron Michlewiz, Faisa Sharif, Sgt Stephen Moy, Steve Dunwell Brian Boisvert, Paul Buta, Daniel Krulewitch, Tom Parsi, Bernice Boyd, Nan Rubin, others

**Start:** The meeting commenced at 7:05 PM

**Communit Rel.:** Rep. Aaron Michlewitz came to offer early session updates, including his new appointment as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He re-iterated that the district is still a priority, along with building consensus among constituents throughout the state. He provided an opportunity for the community to reach out with any issues via email or social media

Provided updates on:

1. Short-term rentals: bill passed on 12/21/19; MA is the first state to regulate AirBnB; will be taxed at – 5.75% - equivalent to hotel tax ($50m revenue expected to be generated); applies to multiple unit hosts – additional revenue generated to provide affordable housing (in city/town); Registration is required before host can be included in online tools; registration site will be available to everyone for view; Regulations go in effect July 1, 2019
2. Logan Sound Review: Added a seat to the Logan CAC from the South End, who will have a voice in issues related to the airport (currently East Boston and South Boston only neighborhoods on the Logan CAC)
3. Re-precincting: Introducing a bill to redistrict, the city was exempt from regulations, however he believes it’s important to address voter equity and availability for voting access
4. Traffic violations bill: He would like to address issues of congestion by raise the fines, eg. block the box and impeding access on the crosswalks

Questions:

1. Sarah Herlihy - Co-sponsorship of wage theft: gives AG more tools to enforce
2. Why limit beer gardens? Representative Michlewitz has not read them yet. Will review the concerns, Greenway beer garden has been successful
3. Gaye Bok: Infrastructure and transportation – how to address? Representative Michlewitz: Popular issue in neighborhood meetings. He needs to build consensus in new role. Boston named “number 1 most congested city in America” recently – Joe Boncore is on the transportation side in the Senate
4. Nancy Morrisroe: how do you feel about cameras in relation to traffic enforcement? Representative Michlewitz: it is in the Mayor’s proposal; these issues are in discussion
5. Question: how do special taxes work? How can you be certain taking money from general appropriations to special need (i.e., MBTA); Representative Michlewitz: it would be additional … MBTA is complicated.
6. Bethany: regarding re-precinting - is the issue voting equity? Representative Michlewitz: yes

**Lic & Planning: a. Mooncusser:** Mooncusser has decided to not to do as extensive a renovation of their space.  The new plans are total seats 86 (bar 20, lounge 12, dining 54).  They applied for all-liquor license for current space with possible transfer to Flash's space; Purchasing L’Espelier full liquor licensing. They may be moving to the Flash’s space – Sarah reviewed the plans for the space. Has spoken to the owner. Will serve food. Upon that review, recommended the below motion:

**Vote:** To not oppose a full liquor license at the current location or Flash’s with planned seating at 86 total seats – 20 at the bar, 12 at the lounge, and 54 dining. Gaye seconds the motion; one oppose, all others approve; 12 Midnight license – but they close at 11P

b. Isabella Street Chuch: Project application has been withdrawn

c. Two marijuana dispensaries in our area – ½ mile limit.

* Patriot Care: Mooncusser location – presented to the public meeting at 6:30P at Park Plaza; prepackaged product. Not asking for social use – banned in their lease (not legal now)
* Santuary Pharma: Abbey Lane location – meeting March 5 at 6P at Revere Hotel

Sarah has reviewed the Blackstone/Franklin agreement, discussed potential issues and ways to mitigate (limits to what they can do); questions about medicinal vs. recreational. Faisa Sharif reports that all neighborhoods dealing with this issue, and Gaye Bok asked Faisa about zoning and location decisions – specific needs – Faisa will share the Cannabis Commission regulations with Licensing; potential of 52 locations (needs to be 500’ from a school);

Sergeant Stephen Moy commented on the BPD perspective on dispensaries: Patriot Care (their positioning) is the gold standard of medicinal marijuana – no issues in a current location; proposed is a recreational location – which they haven’t done it before. Challenges in the areas with people smoking publicly. Potential to be another downtown area with those challenges. Enforcement is there, but the penalties are not there to discourage. Crime stats in Bay Village are low right now. Sergeant Moy warned that dispensaries could attract dealers that are not regulated. This is what is seen in downtown. Concerns we voices about monitoring public spaces.

d. Columbus Center/Mass Pike Decking Update: The original proposed project did not proceed. Tom Perkins will work with big picture issues (Parcel 18 – near Cortes) for Bay Village to prepare for developers who may want to discuss options. Project would be different – but the issues are the same.

**Social:** Spring clean-up, Saturday May 4th; Fundraiser Sunday, May 5th at Davio’s - $40 for member, $45 for non-member ticket; purchase online

**Parks:** Joe Kuranda updated folks on May 4th clean-up and improvements to the dog park. The Boston Veterinary Clinic have a proposal about a major renovation they would like to present. Joe to set-up meeting. Aoife Austin informed that we received the grant for improvements to the Isabella Park.

**ADCO:** Nancy Morrisroe reported out on the great work ADCO does, with limited funding. Requested to renew membership in ADCO - $150; Gaye motions to contribute $150 for dues to ADCO – motion is seconded, all approve, no abstain

**Adjournment:** The EC voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.