**BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

May 2, 2016

May Attendees: Sarah Herlihy, Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis, Bhamati Viswanathan, Alana Olsen, Jamie Brewer, Montie Brewer, Diane Rooney, Clyde Bergstresser, Judy Komarow, Marcelo Almeida, Aoife Austin, Zach Graves Miller, Tim Kacich, Ben Beck, Jo Campbell, Brian Boisvert, Steve Turner, MaryJane Hanlon, Danny Moll, Benjie Moll, Nancy Morrisroe, Kendra Mar, Lora Shea, Jasper Vicenti, Trish Gillis

City: Sam Chambers, Mayor’s Liaison

C. Bergeron – Boston Guardian Newspaper

Meeting commences: 7:04PM

Motion to accept the April meeting minutes by Allie and Jo, all in favor – approved

**General: Request to move Cocoanut Grove Memorial**

Sarah Herlihy: Background about Cocoanut Grove fire – review packet of information with a map. At 50th anniversary, BVNA installed a memorial plaque (BVNA paid and coordinated installment).

There has been discussion of larger memorial. The name of the street off Piedmont was changed to Cocoanut Grove. Plaque removed for safe-keeping during development, now reinstalled. Sarah heard about the rededication event and asked that it not go forward until neighborhood is included (politicians were invited to the reinstallment).

Terrence Janericco and Ruth (last name) are on the memorial committee.

Discussed moving the plaque – location is in front of someone’s window. Move closer to Revere Garage – considered appropriate location for the fire and has standing space for visitors.

Question: Did anyone ask family members of survivors about proceeding? Not yet – but Sarah would involve the Cocoanut Grove Memorial and the City. Confirming.

Clyde Bergstresser made motion move to move the plaque – Allie Fitzgerald second; all approved.

**Licensing: Entertainment at Liquid Art House (LAH), status of 333 Tremont**

Clyde Bergstresser: LAH looking for promotional opportunities with entertainment. Been doing as private parties. Would like to see LAH succeed. Councillor Bill Linehan’s office confirmed to Sarah they need to give on week’s notice for entertainment.

333 Tremont Update: the building is for sale

**Planning: Back Bay Station CAC, Meeting regarding lots on Stuart Street**

Kenzie Bok is on the Back Bay Station CAC. Update from Kenzie’s first meeting available. Two public meetings upcoming. Please attend – May 11 6-8:30 at 40 Trinity Place; May 18 – 6:30 (note: Dates changed as reported)

Clyde Bergstresser: Developer for parking lot on Stuart Street – has P&S to buy Billie’s lot and former Jae’s lot; developer would like to meet with Clyde – their second large project. Residential – uncommitted to rental or condo; receptive that it is the entrance to our neighborhood; will continue to use as a parking lot while preparing the plans for his building

28 Melrose: on hold for two weeks – Ben, Kenzie asked to contact ISD. Ben – nothing has changed.

A request was made to invite Buddy Christopher, commissioner of Inspectional Services Department - Grant and Aoife brought him in, he offered to return. Maybe September.

**Treasurer:  Update**

Tim Kacich: Down $6,200 over previous year – need fundraiser to balance out the year.

**Social/Fundraising: Discussion of alternatives for annual fundraiser, fundraising for cameras**

Look at a new way to fundraise – spend minimal money with a $6,000 goal. Look at all the community engagement. Marcelo: find a space, fun-themed party – for the community to get-together and get to know each other. Proposed – spend $1,000 budget to investigate, propose and present ideas

Allie Fitzgerald made motion to invest $1,000 in fundraising research – Clyde Bergstresser second; all approved.

**City Services:  Clean-Up Recap**

Big applause for clean-up – 55 participants. Neighborhood is clean. A few cars ticketed – but overall compliant. Thank you to Revere Hotel for parking and table. Thank you to Sam for City coordination.

**Parks and Public Spaces:  Update on annual Friends meeting, update on spring plans**

Jim: Chief Arborist – all 10 spots for new trees not approved for a variety of reasons. They did find 5 sites for new trees.

Question: What about trees at Cortes? There are dead trees; Answer: Kathy Hull working with residents to ensure they are OK; Dead trees with tree pits to be replaced.

Need assistance with watering Church and Isabella Garden

Crosswalk on Arlington: Sam reached out to BTD re: moving crosswalk. Sam Chambers has asked them to look at lack of lighting in that corner. Possible flashing lights. Allie Fitzgerald: three years ago, efforts unsuccessful. Told nothing in the road, due to snow.

Sarah asked Sam to please look into it with BTD.

Parks’ Friends meeting is May 25th – from 7-8PM

**Safety: Meeting re-cap**

Kendra Mar: Assault April 15 at Revere Hotel … pepper sprayed.

April 18 – 11A Melrose – domestic incident

20 Fayette: Larceny

Two car break-ins (Piedmont, Winchester)

Nancy Morrisroe made motion to adjourn the meeting – Allie Fitzgerald second; all approved.

Meeting adjourns: 7:56PM