**BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 6, 2017

January Attendees --

**Committee Members:**

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| **President** | Sarah Herlihy | **Y** | **Licensing**  | Clyde Bergstresser | **Y** |
| **Vice-President** | Grant Simpson | **Y** | **Licensing**  | Gaye Bok | **Y** |
| **Sr. Vice-President** | Nancy Morrisroe | **Y** | **Planning** | Ben Beck | **Y** |
| **Treasurer** | Tim Kacich  | **Y** | **Planning** | Kenzie Bok | **Y** |
| **Recorder**  | Trish Gillis | **Y** | **City Services** | Allie Fitzgerald | **Y** |
| **Recorder**  | Bethany Patten | **N** | **City Services** | Alex Balukonis | **Y** |
| **Parks/Public Spaces**  | Kathy Hull | **Y** | **City Services** | Ian Johnson | **Y** |
| **Parks/Public Spaces**  | Aoife Austin |  | **Social / Fundraising** | Jasper Vicenti |  |
| **Community Relations**  | Jo Campbell | **Y** | **Social / Fundraising** | Molly Williams |  |
| **Community Relations**  | Rocque Dion | **Y** | **At-Large** | James McCormick |  |
| **Safety**  | Danny Moll | **Y** | **At-Large** | Judy Komarow | **Y** |
| **Safety**  | Kendra Mar | **Y** | **Archives** | Lora Shea | **Y** |
| **Safety**  | Tom Parsi | **Y** | **City Rep** | Sam Chambers | **Y** |
| **Membership** | Paul Buta | **Y** |  |  |  |
| **Membership**  | Jamie Brewer | **Y** |  |  |  |
| **Chief Technology / Membership**  | Michael Winston |  |  |  |  |

**Other:**

Steve Dunwell, Nan Rubin, Gene and Fay Hale, Mark Slater, Laura Grover, Don Albanese, Jean and John Quintal, Sheila Geoghegan, Brian Boisvert, Sara Heaney

1. **Approval of January 2017 Minutes**

A motion was made to accept the January 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes and the minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote of the EC.

1. **Planning/Licensing**
2. Upcoming Issues. (i) Winthrop Square developer asked to speak at the next planning/licensing meeting; (ii) 20 Isabella Street is planning a rehabilitation with some improvements in the front, they will be on agenda for next planning/licensing meeting; (iii) Icon nightclub has had its license pulled by the BLB, is coming to meet with the neighborhood before it goes to the ABCC; is still operating during the appeal period.
3. Parcel P-12. This is a City owned lot near Doubletree Hotel. Grant Simpson attended the preliminary meeting to gather input on what the community would like on the parcel. City is looking to lease (via RFP) the parcel, which is directly across from Eliot Norton Park. Any project would go through the BPDA process. Looking to partner with a developer. What the neighborhood (Chinatown) is likely looking for is affordable housing. There is information in bostonplans.com to review. Discussion about shadow on Eliot Norton Park. 360’ proposed (confirm online). OK with FAA.
4. Update on Back Bay Station project. CAC (Kenzie Bok is BVNA rep.) took a break over the holiday season. Scoping pieces are coming up now. Traffic impact a neighborhood concern – letter submitted to comment. CAC would like to be involved in revisions to Back Bay Station.
5. Bootleg Special. Restaurant proposed in space next to CVS on Tremont (former dog grooming) – John Shope received notice as an abutter. They will come in 2/27 at 7PM to discuss how to be a good neighbor.
6. Discussion of the 212 Stuart meeting and next steps: Ben and Clyde provided an update. The first meeting at the Revere Hotel saw 95 or so in attendance. The BVNA thanked the Revere for its continued support in hosting these events at no charge.

At the planning meeting at the Revere, the developer, Transom Real Estate, reviewed their presentation. Presented how the project fits into the fabric of the city. The developer took questions and comments during the presentation and offered to provide additional “in depth” information, particularly on including on wind impact (professional consultant from Canada to present to BVNA at a later date).

The BPDA comment period has been pushed back until mid-March to allow for an iterative process. Developer said the design team is working to address concerns – and they would like to present to BVNA again. After that presentation, the BVNA can decide how to proceed.

Issues raised during the meeting included ambient light, noise, ground level floor (what will people on Piedmont / Shawmut see – how can it look less like a wall); review cut-through by the garage. Consider architectural tricks to fit better – materials, avoiding “fish bowl” effect.

Sarah noted that the BVNA is not at the stage where we vote. We expect revised plans and many people still have questions. Would like to finish gathering information prior to considering a neighborhood general meeting, which was suggested by Kathy Hull.

Grant Simpson: shared his perception of the process, compared it to 40 Trinity process. Concerned it appears to some neighbors that it is an opaque process. He does not feel that way. Believes the IAG and the Bay Village Architectural Commission has a voice.

Steve: On Historical (Architectural) Commission. They are in the process after the ZBA and other approvals have been generated.

Clyde: Opinion – try not to undermine the BVNA process.

In response to a question about whether there was a calendar of meetings, Sarah noted that there are different meeting with the City for the Article 80 process. The BVNA process has had only one scheduled meeting to-date, which was the planning meeting at the Revere.

A discussion followed regarding a BVNA general meeting and the process going forward. Under the by-laws, which are posted on the website, three members can call for a general meeting. If such a request is made, we will have a meeting. Using technology to gather feedback and neighborhood consensus was discussed.

Sarah outlined the general “next steps,” including a meeting with the wind expert, another planning meeting with the developer where we expect revised plans in response to neighborhood comments and then the EC will vote. A motion was made to proceed with the process in this manner, it was seconded and all EC members in attendance voted in favor.

1. **Safety**

The police reported six car breaks, bike stolen, domestic assault, homeless person trespassed at fire station. There was a discussion about AirBNB. The owner of 14 Winchester attended and gave out his business cards for people to call any time. Has been an improvement lately.

The Safety committee is starting a neighborhood watch with at least10 people interested. All residents are encouraged to join – would like to have a presence at night.

The committee is working to finalize volunteers to have the cameras located at the site recommended by the police. We are applying for PruPac funding for additional cameras.

1. **City Services.**
2. Rat situation. Allie provided an update: ISD came out to visit Tremont Village and Fayette area. Neighbors working collectively with the City to solve the issue.
3. Wreath removal. Keith Gnoza, Mark Bocash and Tom Kauycheck removed the wreaths – Thank You!
4. **Miscellaneous.**

Revere Hotel renovations – through April (including pool renovation). Dumpster to be gone in two weeks, according to the GM. Left turn arrow to be added this spring.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed.