

BVNA EC Meeting on Monday, 5/5/14

Attendance:

Nancy Morrisroe,
Keith Gnoza, Ben Beck, Aoife Austin, Ian Johnson, Eric Cordes, Rocque Dion, Robert Stinson, Judy Komarow, Steve Dunwell, Grant Simpson, Johnny D.?, Mary Teeven, Kendra Mar, Fay Hale, Len Phillips, Diane Rooney, Lora Shea, Tim Kacich, Sarah Herlihy, Brian Boisvert, Jordan Deasy (Mayor's Office), Maria Puopolo (Sen. Petricelli's Office).

- I. April Minutes passed.
- II. **Licensing/Planning**
 - Rustic Kitchen asked for space expansion into Ultra Travel for The Cooking Show. (Sarah brought plans for group to review (17 yr. lease for show) Revere owns the building and there needs to be approval for a Broadcast Studio. No opposition on vote for variances.
 - 40 Melrose St./Groundwater exemption, (Ben brought plans for review to meeting), single family reverted from two family, owners want a roof deck and rear deck (can't see from street). Ben and Francine concerned for groundwater level-digging for renovations, "good neighbor agreement". Ben mentioned that he'll make sure owner will comply. No opposition on variance.
 - Jacques- extension for Pride weekend (Fri, Sat and Sun) will remain the same as previous years.
 - 34 Church Street – Ben said that Bernice has come to an agreement with 34 Church Street residents. Reduction of 10 feet in the back and hooking up a fire escape according to regulations. (Plan was brought for group to review.)
 - Piedmont St. lots – construction fence going well. (Starting in about another week. Construction company is on Next Door Bay Village and will be giving updates for neighbors. The construction office will be next to GT Florist on Charles St. South.
 - 100 Arlington St. Valet issue at Liquid Art House - Sarah and Nancy attended the hearing and wrote a seven-page letter detailing objections as to "why" Bay Village neighbors should not allow LAH to have a Valet service offered to customers. LAH won't be getting the spot on Arlington as they had hoped. Company rep from the Valet company put in an application for 250 Stuart Street instead for Valet Service, Sarah and Nancy didn't oppose.
- III. **City Services**
 - Ian said that the Neighborhood Clean Up day is rescheduled for Saturday, May 17th at 8:00 a.m. Cleaning equipment will be provided. Cars will need to be parked at the Revere Hotel. (Notices to go out to neighborhood to remind folks.)
 - New to city neighborhoods, "Hoakies" 24 volunteers in Red uniforms have been sent around by the Mayor's Office to help "clean up" around the various neighborhoods including BV.
 - 2 visitor parking spots on Piedmont hopefully will be moved closer up Church than Piedmont. This has been approved. Asked City for help in getting this done.

IV. **Financial**

- Tim K. gave an update – YTD (\$35,500) Revenue (\$9K) Expenses (\$9,400) We are \$400 in the Red.
- 26K collected (Membership)
- Block Party this year (\$2,100) raised

V. **Membership**

- Lora mentioned that new condo owners in the neighborhood have not been “captured” as new members yet.
- Online registration has gone up for membership
- Ideas that came up are that we should try to “reach out to many renters” in the neighborhood.
- There will be an active sign-up to encourage folks to register at the Spring Clean Up this weekend.
- Ken Ham has agreed to be our new CIO when he moves back next year but he has been helping already with some new software programming for Membership.

VI. **Social**

- Block party will be on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014

VII. **Misc.**

- Barrels on Church Street/Shawmut discussed. How to get water over to the plants, no one is taking care of them. South Cove Apartments won't let us use their water source according to Gerry. He tried to ask, but the manager said, “no.”
- Nancy joined a new neighborhood association meeting including representatives from Fenway, S. End, W. End, Beacon Hill, Downtown and Back Bay. (Core group of folks coming together to work on common goals for neighborhoods in the city where we all live and work.) Nancy is the Secretary for this group.
- **May 20th** – Mayor Walsh will meet at 9:30 a.m. with neighbors at Elliott Norton Park.

VIII. **Meeting Adjourned – Next Meeting is Monday, June 2, 2014**