



BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2017

EC Present: Sarah Herlihy, Grant Simpson, Nancy Morrisroe, Trish Gillis, Jo Campbell, Rocque Dion, Danny Moll, Tom Parsi, Paul Buta, Clyde Bergstresser, Gaye Bok, Ben Beck, Allie Fitzgerald, Alex Balukonis, Ian Johnson, James McCormick, Judy Komarow, Michael Winston, Jasper Vicenti, Jamie Brewer.

Legislative: Senator Joe Boncore provided an update on his legislative agenda and priorities:

- **Criminal Justice Reform:** More people locked up in Commonwealth, 40% more – while crime has decreased. Looking for front-end reform without mandatory minimum for non-violent drug offenders; reform probation system – Men 18-24 year old dominant – 70+% chance of staying in the system.
- **Housing:** MA housing crisis – 45th for housing affordability (US News & World Report) – housing stock rising, but luxury product (Senator Boncore is Chairman of Housing Committee – looking for affordable workforce housing); Housing Bond Bill
- **Marijuana:** Recreational marijuana will come online this year, per voters. Legislature is determining structure – including tax rate; determining opt-in, opt-out for other municipalities – need a referendum question/structure for voters to choose opt-out
- **Transportation** – Senator Boncore is Vice-Chair of Transportation Committee – address \$7.5 billion deficit to update mass transit, need for revenue for roads and bridges – discussion begins in two weeks as Senate reviews the budget – need new revenue resources.

Licensing/Planning:

11 Fayette: Conversion to a 2-family. The abutters have come to an agreement. A motion was made and seconded not to oppose this request. The motion passed on a vote.

27-29 Isabella: New Boston Ventures (David Goldman, Jay Walsh, Harry Collings, Tim McGovern (project manager) presented on the plans to convert this former rectory building to 9 condominiums with parking underground. They have met with the historic district commission and do not believe that there will be any issues. Modest zoning relief is required. No change in the envelope of the building. Will be adding gardens in front. This does not include actual church, though church also has address of 25 Isabella. Developer discussed their history of in-town development

in historic districts, majority of this work inside, but site will be monitored with cameras.

A motion was made and seconded not to oppose the requested zoning relief. The motion passed on a vote.

11 Fayette:

Judy Komarow and Jim McCormick raised the issue of reversing Isabella Street given this and other developments.

A motion was made and seconded not to investigate the reversal. The motion passed on a vote.

Revere Hotel

The hotel parking lot has been sold. Steve Dunwell noted that there had been a discussion at the Bay Village Historic District Commission as to whether there remained and “easement” through the theater space from Broadway to Stuart.

City Services:

Clean up on May 6th at 8:00 a.m. A reminder that cars would be ticketed and towed, but that free parking was available at the Revere Hotel garage.

Safety:

Other than the report of the sale of the Revere Hotel garage, the safety report was quiet last month, with the issues on Cortes Street persisting.

Social:

A reminder that the fundraiser is this Sunday, May 7th, at Davios from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Adjournment:

The EC voted to adjourn.