**BVNA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

November 7, 2016

**Committee Members:**

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

**Other:**

Liz Lacy, Barry Doyle, Nan Rubin, Rob Stinson

**Guests:**

Marist Brothers (Len Haley & Walter Gaudeau), Boston Transportation Department (Debbie Mara), The Boston Sun (Beth Treffeisen)

Proposed Agenda:

1. Minutes. Adoption of October 2016 minutes.

2. New EC Members. Introduction of New EC Members.

3. Planning. (a) Back Bay Station CAC update; (b) update on former Jae’s/Billy’s property; (d) 13 Isabella proposal (vote required)

4. Parks and Public Spaces. (a) Tulip planting; (b) next steps in merger with Friends group

5. Social/Fundraising. Holiday party December 4th

6. Safety. (a) update on stats; (b) camera policy

7. City Services. Fall clean-up December 3rd

8. No Updates Expected. Treasurer, Recorder, Community Relations, Membership, Licensing, Archives

Meeting commences: 7:03PM

1. **Approval of October 2016 Minutes**

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

1. **New EC Members. Introduction of New EC Members.**

**2a. (Added) BTD – Debbie Mara**

1. **Illegal idling and parking at Mike & Patty’s**

Debbie is aware of the neighborhood issues in no stopping areas, and has heard about safety concerns through 311, Fayette and church (Mike & Patty’s). On Saturdays BTD will send a representative around to monitor the M&Ps illegal parking situation and ticket offenders, but on Sunday, they don’t go on duty until 10pm, so ticketing needs to be managed by neighborhood beat police. She encourages neighbors to call BTD directly at 617-635-2062 if the 311 response to any violation is not fast enough (this would be for violations in front of hydrants and other safety concerns).

1. **Inactive driveway cuts on Arlington St**

Neighbors also brought up the parking issues at Arlington St between castle and Isabella where there are inactive driveway cuts. Debbie will discuss with her assistant director. Discussed 100 Arlington St wrongful permit issues

1. **Erroneous parking permits issued for 100 Arlington St Residents**

Sarah brought up the agreement with 100 Arlington developers. Residents would not be issued neighborhood parking permits. However, a couple of permits were issued anyway and when they were revoked the neighbors raised the issue publically through the Nextdoor forum. Turns out this is a Parking Clerk issue, and that Debbie will discuss with her contact there, “Christine” to talk through the issue.

1. **Data on types and number of permits**

Ian asked about data collection – list of how many spots available and type. This is also a parking clerk question.

1. **Spots for Motorcycles and Mopeds**

Nancy asked about requesting spots for motorcycles/mopeds like on Boylston St. We have 3 or 4, it would be nice. Barry mentioned that there was a “half” spot in the block on Church in front of the school – maybe ideal for motorcycles.

1. **Coverage of neighborhood clean up day**

Neighborhood clean up: on Dec 3 at 8am. We have a hard time enforcing the issue. Would like to have BTD to come out and help us with identifying the cars that are still parked. Debbie is notified about it. Sarah would like to have a neighborhood rep come through with BTD and clear the streets. Follow up items will be managed through Sam.

1. **Planning. (a) Back Bay Station CAC update; (b) update on former Jae’s/Billy’s property; (d) 13 Isabella proposal (vote required)**
2. **Back Bay Station CAC update**: Kenzie will give the update next week
3. **Jae’s/Billy’s property**: Planning met with Billy’s lot developer and architects to review the plans. It appears to be a nice, high end project that will have to be built UP to make $$. This means higher than the current garage, but not quite as high as the Revere Hotel. Looks like they are proposing 198ft to the new BRA (BPDA). From what was proposed, they are aware of making the common shared space with Bay Village beautiful and will work with the neighborhood to make us happy. Effects of height will be most felt by close residents, however, shadows will be minimal because the location and direction of the sun, as well as the Park Plaza. Affordable housing will be managed how we would like. We will definitely get them to chip in for security cameras, etc. Parking will be in the Revere hotel (they have already bought part of the garage).

Two ideas: An archway over the brick entry to bay village, & first floor pedestrian walk through.

1. **13 Isabella proposal:** This will be the new residency of the Marist brothers - facing the church, to the right, next to an alley. Looks to be maintaining the historical integrity, the developers have asked for a variance to gut and develop. Want to add utilities to the top, and a head house for the elevator. In the front, cosmetic. Repointing, black trim, 2/2 windows. Back has legal fire escapes, not visible from the street, but a portion of the property has parking in the back, and is requesting a lock and a gate. This would clean it up. Seems to be a big improvement for the neighborhood. 6 Suites including the basement to house a religious order so will be a communal living arrangement. To all, this will be the start for significant change to Isabella. Looking for minimal zoning relief so the brothers can stay long term. EC voted not to oppose requested zoning relief.
2. **Parks and Public Spaces. (a) Tulip planting; (b) next steps in merger with Friends group**
3. **Tulips** were planted. Some might be left and will be handed at the cleanup.
4. **Merger with Friends group** - We did not get the 60%. 2 paths (we can get proxys – need 40 more). OR we can get an exemption from the secretary of state. We will get it done one way or another.
5. **Social/Fundraising. Holiday party December 4th**

December 4th @ Flemings. Cash bar, 6-8. Passed apps. We will gather at the park, and then walk as a group, caroling up to Flemings.

1. **Safety. (a) update on stats; (b) camera policy**
2. **update on stats:**

Safety, no real update since the annual meeting. Safety meeting is the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Marist brothers brought up the issue of whether police can check around their property because homeless are sleeping around the back of the church, on the steps, etc. The advice was call 911. Kendra will reach out to the Sargent to ask for them to beef up enforcement. Kendra can hook them up to the Sargent. The Medeiros center is there. And they are smoking marijuana, and urinating behind the church.

1. **camera policy:**

We have to go to the historic district commission to get the cameras approved. Sarah put together the policy that basically the owners of the house take responsibility (see attached). Our plan includes coverage of a 10 camera roll out plan, the neighborhood is purchasing three. Individual neighbors can pay for up to 7 at no additional cost ($1,609/camera with a sales tax exemption). Anyone who agrees to having a camera mounted on their building must also agree to providing hardwires internet, electricity, and access for Johnson Controls to maintain the system. Location (Sammyy and Tom w Marcelo) to identify people who are willing. The police will help rank the priority based on need and existing cameras. And “informed ranking” of the residents willing to have the cameras. Question about length of data stores, and having the data – does it put us in any liability area? Johnston controls should be able to deal with it.

Motion to adopt, Allie, second, Jo. All in favor, no opposed.

1. **City Services. Fall clean-up December 3rd**

City services team to start putting flyers notifying neighbors of clean up day and ticketing/towing on cars and through Nextdoor. Sam will pick up equipment. The mayor’s tree lighting will be at 4pm.

WREATHS and TREES are ordered – lighting will be Dec 4th.

1. **No Updates Expected. Treasurer, Recorder, Community Relations, Membership, Licensing, Archives**
2. **Other/New Business?**

Giftcard – people like the idea. A lot of variety (a lot of movies). A good thing for us to do – meeting w castle square. Dec 4th is final deadline for the gift cards.

Michael - Community ordering housing model bid

We are getting a lot of calls for the bid and asking if we will automatically approve. Sarah, etc are fielding those and answering based on

Nancy motion to adjourn the meeting – Jo second; all approved.

Meeting adjourns: 8:13PM