



**Board Attendance**

P = present, A = absent, NA = notified/excused absence					
Leigh Bivings	P	Bill Gregor	P	David Mundel	P
Betsy Boveroux	P	Betsy Hall	P	Joe Park	P
Matt Carroll	P	Michael Hall	P	Susan Passoni	p
Paul Duffy	EA	Kyle Hancock	P	Bruce Petri	EA
Kathy Emrich	P	John Herbert	P	Peter Pogorski	A
William Fastow	P	Roz Hill	EA	Kimball Robeson	P
Jay Fogarty	P	Barbara Hoffman	EA	Sandra Silver	EA
Beth Freeland	EA	Gordon Holmes	EA	Carol Trust	P
Jennifer Girvin	EA	Abby Johnson	P		
Tony Gordon	P	Mary Lionette	EA		

**Guests:**

Aaron Michlewitz, Speaker DiMasi's Office

**Welcome**

Leigh Bivings, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

**General Announcements and Topics of Discussion**

1. **Executive Committee Update** – Kyle Hancock, President, thanked Hingham Savings Bank for donating snacks for this evening Board meeting. Kyle mentioned that a meeting would be held (July 26<sup>th</sup>) at the Franklin Institute to discuss continuing issues related to the Bryant project construction on Columbus Avenue. The issues to be discussed include the developer's rejection of almost all of the insurance claims submitted by abutters and nearby neighbors as a result of damages that occurred during the excavation component of the ongoing construction process.

Kyle noted that earlier today a break-in and serious assault had occurred at the apartment building at the corner of Columbus and Clarendon. The Board discussed the need for continuing Ellis attention to public safety issues and community policing services for the neighborhood in the coming years.

The minutes from prior Board meetings were discussed and accepted with minor modifications.

Leigh reviewed the Ellis' cash and budget positions at the close of the prior fiscal year.

Leigh reviewed the 2007-2008 planning process that is currently underway. Committee chairs will be submitting preliminary plans to the Executive Committee during July and August and the Executive Committee will report on its recommendations for the 2007-2008 year at the September and October Board meetings.

2. **Development Committee** – Aaron Michlewitz of the Speaker's office reviewed the current status of the several requests that the Columbus Center developer has made for subsidies from the Commonwealth. The Speaker (in collaboration with Representatives Marty Walz and Byron Rushing) continues to oppose all public subsidies for this project. On behalf of the Speaker, Aaron asked the Ellis to continue its opposition to subsidies for the proposed project and to encourage its

members to write to the Governor and others to further communicate the lack of need for and inappropriateness of these subsidies.

John Herbert and David Mundel reviewed the status of a number of development projects and activities that are ongoing in the neighborhood. The projects reviewed include the Bryant, the BUMC proposed BioLab, the vacated union headquarters at 52-56 Berkeley Street, and the Stuart Street planning study that is being initiated by the BRA.

3. **Licensing Committee** – Betsy Boveroux reviewed the current status of the request by Upper Crust (Pizzeria) for a conditional use permit at 631 Tremont Street (between West Canton and West Brookline streets) and for the right to transfer a liquor license to this site. Neighbors on West Canton have voiced opposition to this proposed permit. Betsy is meeting with these neighbors and will report back to the Executive Committee and the Board in August and September.
4. **Communication Committee** -- Susan Passoni requested that all Board members provide her with early information about any upcoming events so that communications materials can be developed and the events can be highlighted on the Ellis web site.
5. **Voter Registration Drive** – Susan Passoni mentioned that she and others are working on a voter registration drive and that she would be recruiting Ellis Board Members and members to join her in this effort.
6. **Events Committee Update** – Mary Lionette reviewed the recent event held at the Beehive and noted that additional events at other new neighborhood businesses would be organized in the future.

#### ***Conclusion and adjournment***

The next Board meeting will be on September 25, 2007

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Mundel