



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	A	Michael Hall	NA	Susan Passoni	P
Paul Duffy	A	Kyle Hancock	P	Bruce Petri	P
Kathy Emrich	P	John Herbert	A	Peter Pogorski	P
William Fastow	P	Roz Hill	NA	Kimball Robeson	P
Jay Fogarty	P	Barbara Hoffman	P	Sandra Silver	P
Beth Freeland	NA	Gordon Holmes	NA	Carol Trust	NA
Jennifer Girvin	NA	Abby Johnson	P		
Tony Gordon	A	Mary Lionette	NA		

Guests: None

Welcome

Leigh Bivings, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

General Announcements and Topics of Discussion

- 1. Executive Committee Update** - Kyle Hancock, President, mentioned that discussions between the City and representatives of the Atelier are ongoing. She had no new developments to report. Leigh Bivings reminded the Board that the third Ellis Progressive Dinner will be held on February 11th.

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

Sandra Silver, Treasurer, reported that, as is usual at this time of the year, there have been few expenses.

- 2. Development Committee -**

David Mundel reviewed the status of three projects :

- 79 Chandler St will have the final inspection for their Certificate of Occupancy in January. It is anticipated that the buyers of seven of the units will be able to close in February.
- The Anglo Irish Bank , which was to lend more than \$500 million towards the construction of the Columbus Center, is no longer involved in the project. A new lender must be found . In the meantime some preliminary construction work is continuing.
- During the last month two major actions took place regarding the proposed biocontainment laboratory (or Biolab) at the Boston University Medical Center.

First, at the request of the Massachusetts' Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies of Science reported on its evaluation of the most recent set of risk assessments prepared by the National Institutes of Health, the funder of the proposed Biolab. The NRC reported that the analysis included in the NIH risk assessments was "not sound and credible" and that the analysis had "not adequately identified and thoroughly developed worst case scenarios" for these risk assessments.

Second, the Massachusetts Supreme Court reported its opinion regarding the 2005 Superior Court opinion on the Massachusetts' Executive Office of Environmental Affairs 2004 certification

of the final environmental impact report for the proposed laboratory. In its opinion, the Supreme Court upheld the lower court's ruling negating the certification by the Office of Environmental Affairs based on the view that the certification was "arbitrary and capricious".

As a result of these two actions, David reported that the risk assessments would be revised in the coming months and that the approvals required for the Biolab to begin operation following completion of construction remain in limbo. The Board then discussed the view that the opinions of the NRC and the Supreme Court continued to provide support for the Ellis' previous opinion that it lacked the necessary information on which to base its opinion of the laboratory. In addition, the Board discussed the fact that neither the NRC nor the Court had indicated that the risks associated with the Biolab were high or low (or acceptable or unacceptable).

Kathy Emrich, our Prupac representative, reported that there will be two sub-committee meetings early in January to look at the impact of shadowing by the proposed 30 storey high rise on Exeter Street. There will be a full Prupac meeting on January 14th.

3. Other Committees -

-Neighborhood Services

Jay Fogarty reported that the Inspectional Services Department of the City has issued new guidelines regarding the responsibilities of residents for shovelling their sidewalks during the snow season. Jay recommended that all residents should familiarize themselves with this document which can be found on the City's website. Any problems with snow removal can be reported to the Mayor's Hotline (617-635-4500).

-Marketing and Communications

Susan Passoni requested that all Board members inform her as far ahead as possible about upcoming Ellis events. She will then post them on the website.

-Wine Group

Bill Gregor reported that there will be an event on April 17th hosted jointly with the Neighborhood Association of Back Bay. It will be held at the Berklee School of Music.

-Nominating Committee

Gordon Holmes reported that the committee will be contacting the Board for names of potential new Board members.

Conclusion and adjournment

The next Board meeting will be on January 22, 2008 .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hoffman