



**Board Attendance**

P = present, A = absent, EA = notified/excused absence					
Leigh Bivings	P	Tony Gordon	EA	David Mundel	P
Betsy Boveroux	P	Bill Gregor	EA	Mike Nairne	EA
Tom Boyden	P	Betsy Hall	P	Joe Park	P
Matt Carroll	P	Kyle Hancock	P	Susan Passoni	EA
Paul Duffy	EA	John Herbert	P	Bruce Petri	P
Kathy Emrich	P	Roz Hill	EA	Peter Pogorski	A
William Fastow	EA	Gordon Holmes	P	Tom Rapko	EA
Jay Fogarty	P	Bill Keravuori	A	Kimball Robeson	P
Beth Freeland	P	Chuck Levin	P	Sandra Silver	P
Jennifer Girvin	P	Mary Lionette	EA	Sandy Slarsky	EA

**Guests:**

Jim Robertson, prospective developer of 79 Chandler Street

***Welcome***

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

***General Announcements and Topics of Discussion***

1. **Executive Committee Update** - Kathy Emrich, President, briefed the Board on the Groundwater Meeting that was held at City Hall, the Light Rail Forum hosted by the United South End Settlements and the Ellis, and several changes in neighborhood business operations that were occurring. Both the Groundwater Meeting and the 2 Light Rail Forum sessions were well attended.

Leigh reminded Board members that Mike Nairne will be chairing the Ellis' Board Nominating Committee and requested that Board members and other members should communicate their interests and recommendations directly to Mike.

Kathy reported that the United South End Settlement would be holding a forum with incoming Police Commissioner Davis on January 17<sup>th</sup>. An announcement of the time and place of this forum will be sent to all Ellis members

Sandra Silver, Membership Committee chair, reviewed the Membership Committee's plans for an neighborhood wide 'casino night' tentatively planned for early March. The Board expressed strong approval of this plan and felt that a neighborhood wide event would contribute to the Ellis' plans for expanding awareness of the Association's activities to a broader audience and the success of the Ellis' drive for broader and increased membership.

Leigh reported (for Susan Passoni) that the Communications Committee had received a number of proposals for redevelopment of the Ellis website. These proposals will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Committee will report to the Board at the January meeting.

The Board voted to accept the minutes for the November 28, 2006 Board meeting, with minor editorial modifications.

Beth Freeland, Treasurer, reviewed the Association's cash position and other financial activities.

Kathy reminded the Board that new fundraising and grant making guidelines and new guidelines for reviewing and making decisions about development, zoning and licensing issues would be discussed during the Board's meetings in January and February.

2. **Development Committee Update** -- John Herbert, Development Committee chair, reviewed the status of a few of the development projects being planned or currently underway within the South End.

**79 Chandler Street** - Plans for this project are still on track and the communication process initiated by the developer appears to be working well. The developer plans to appear before the Landmarks Commission in early January, acquire the building in early January, and begin construction activities in January.

**The Bryant (287-321 Columbus Avenue)** - John reported that construction of this project is proceeding and there has been some progress in limiting the negative impacts on the nearby neighbors. The Development Committee continues to be in contact with the BRA, Inspectional Services, and the developer to insure future progress and compliance. The developer has reportedly been meeting with neighbors whose buildings were damaged during early site work activities.

**The Beehive at the BCA** - This restaurant development has been proceeding and plans for the venue continue to evolve. John and Kathy met with Bill Kervuori, a principal in the Beehive development, to review the current plans and the progress toward a March opening.

**Hammersley's valet parking** - During the last few weeks, The Boston Transportation Department has moved the restaurant's valet parking staging area to Tremont Street, as had been agreed to in the 2000 Cooperation Agreement between the Ellis, the BCA, and the City that led to the development of the Atelier condominiums and the BCA theater complex.

3. **Neighborhood Services Committee Update** - Tom Boyden, committee chair, reported on the Committee's efforts that led to the Police Department becoming active in eliminating prostitution activities that appeared to be increasing along Berkeley Street. The Committee has also actively alerted the Police Department to the increasing number of car break-ins and graffiti tagings occurring in the neighborhood. In addition, Tom reported that trash littering the alley adjacent to Clery's continues to be a problem.

Kyle Hancock reviewed the ongoing neighborhood education programs related to trash disposal, snow shoveling, and other neighborhood services issues. As part of the discussion of the education programs initiative, Kyle and Tom discussed the need for Board members to help distribute flyers. Board members expressed a desire and willingness to be involved in this effort and Tom reviewed a preliminary list of Board member street assignments (these assignments are noted in an attachment to these minutes.)

Jay Fogarty reported that recruitment of block captains was underway and that the Ellis' Block Captain program would be launched in January.

4. **Zoning and Licensing Committee Update** - Betsy Boveroux, committee chair, reported that there were no pending issues under review by the Committee.

5. **Upcoming Events** – Kathy (for Mary Lionette) reported that the Progressive Dinner was now scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> and a formal notice would be forthcoming in early January.

**Conclusion and adjournment**

The next Board meeting will be on January 23, 2007 at the Boston Ballet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Mundel, Clerk

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**Attachment**

**Board Member Flyer Distribution Responsibilities**

**For Residences --**

Kathy Emrich and Beth Freeland	-	Montgomery St
Tom Boyden		Columbus Ave
David Mundel		Gray St.
Betsy Boveroux, Bill Gregor, Bruce Petrie		Appleton St
Matt Carroll		Berkeley St.
Paul Duffy, Betsy Hall, Gordon Holmes		Clarendon St
Will Fastow, John Herbert, Tom Rapko		Warren Ave.
Jay Fogarty, Jennifer Girvin		Lawrence St.
Leigh Bivings, Susan Passoni		Chandler St.
Kimball Robeson		Dartmouth Place
Kyle Hancock and Bill Keravuori		Dartmouth St.
Tony Gordon		Stanhope St.
Roz Hill, Sandra Silver, Sandra Slarsky		Ellis side of Tremont St.
Mike Nairne and Peter Pogorski	-	St. Charles and Casanove Sts.

**Tom Boyden and Peter Pogorski will be posting copies at local coffee shops and stores**