



**Board Attendance**

<b>P = present, A = absent, NA = notified/excused absence</b>					
Leigh Bivings	<b>P</b>	Betsy Hall	<b>P</b>	David Mundel	<b>P</b>
Matt Carroll	<b>NA</b>	Michael Hall	<b>P</b>	Susan Passoni	<b>P</b>
Glenn Copley	<b>A</b>	Kyle Hancock	<b>A</b>	Peter Pogorski	<b>P</b>
Paul Duffy	<b>P</b>	John Herbert	<b>P</b>	Gary Patronek	<b>A</b>
Kathy Emrich	<b>P</b>			Sandra Silver	<b>P</b>
Jay Fogarty	<b>P</b>	Karl Hinsch	<b>NA</b>	Carol Trust	<b>P</b>
Beth Freeland	<b>P</b>	Barbara Hoffman	<b>P</b>	Glenn Copley	<b>A</b>
Jennifer Girvin	<b>P</b>	Gordon Holmes	<b>NA</b>	Elizabeth Xanthopoulos	<b>P</b>
Tony Gordon	<b>NA</b>	Abby Johnson	<b>P</b>		
Bill Gregor	<b>P</b>	Maureen Lamb	<b>NA</b>		

**Guests:** Javier Torres, Center for Latino Arts; Richard Pien, Boston Committee Ward Five; Michelle DuBois, Ellis Memorial and Eldridge House; Jeb Bobseine, Boston Courant; Kevin McCrea, candidate for Mayor; Keith Williams; Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services; Peter Shilliland, Ellis representative Groundwater Trust; Tabitha Bennett, South End Liaison to the Mayor’s Office; Michael Flaherty, At-Large City Councillor and Mayoral Candidate; Steven Vowler, Appleton Bakery; Bruce Petri; Jon Tracy; Bessie King; Keiko Hiromi; Krittiya Wongtavavimarn

**Welcome**

Abby Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

**General Announcements and Topics of Discussion**

**1. Center for Latino Arts Presentation**

Javier Torres gave an overall description of the Center, whose aim is to promote and celebrate Latino arts and culture in our communities. There is to be a gala “Cultura Viva!” to benefit the Center on March 28. See their website for more details: [www.claboston.org](http://www.claboston.org). Javier announced that a \$10 million capital campaign is soon to be launched.

**2. Executive Committee Update**

Abby announced that the 2009 YouthShines Art Auction is in the planning stage and needs volunteers. The first meeting will be on March 5. The auction features art from children and teens in live and silent auctions and is a fundraiser for the South End/Lower Roxbury Alliance.

Whose Boston?, a citywide network of neighborhood and community organizations is hosting a strategy session on February 28, 10:00 a.m. at the Chinese Progressive Association, 28 Ash Street. There will be a meeting of Ward 4 on March 10 at 6:30 to discuss the Stimulus Bill. Representatives from the Governor’s Office have been invited.

Councilor Bill Linehan will be hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on March 11 at J. J. Foley’s, 117 Berkeley Street, 6-9p.m.

Save our City is holding a meeting on March 26 at John McKeon Post, 4 Hilltop Street, Dorchester at 7p.m. This organization advocates the enforcement of the Residency Ordinance which requires that city employees reside within the city.

Ellis Memorial & Eldridge House will be holding their fundraising event "Enduring Moments Spring Celebration" on May 14 at the Lenox Hotel. See their website for more details:  
[www.ellismemorial.com](http://www.ellismemorial.com)

The minutes from the prior Board meeting were discussed and accepted.  
Sandra Silver, Treasurer, reported that the Progressive Dinner broke even.

### 3. **Committee Updates**

#### **-Neighborhood Services**

Leigh Bivings reported the following:

1. In mid-March a notice will be sent out to residents reminding them that starting on April 1 illegally parked vehicles will be towed.
2. Public Works Department is to send out a flyer with details of trash removal, tree trimming etc.
3. The "shovel ready" program will result in a considerable amount of street repair this summer.
4. More BigBelly Trash units are to be installed in our neighborhood. Leigh and Jay will meet with officials and recommend areas that most need them.
5. The City is working on collecting information about the condition of our streets for a database that will include a punch list of things that need to be fixed. Streets will be "scored" as to the quality of the sidewalks, signage etc.
6. Spring Cleanup will be on April 25.

#### **-Licensing**

David Mundel reported that Stephi's Restaurant is to open on March 5. The first week they will be serving dinner only, but after that they will be serving lunch and dinner.

Representatives of the proposed CVS at 285 Columbus Avenue will be meeting with the Landmarks Commission to discuss appropriate signage of the store.

#### **-Events**

Bill Gregor announced that there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Jazzy Wine Tasting at the Berklee College of Music on April 23. This will combine a wine tasting and a jazz concert. More details will follow in the newsletter and on the website. Bill reported that the Progressive Dinner was a huge success. 51 people attended and had the opportunity to try new restaurants and dine with neighbors.

#### **-Marketing**

Abby reported on behalf of Maureen Lamb that the photos from the Progressive Dinner are to be posted on our website.

#### **-Nominating**

Elizabeth Xanthopoulos reported that this is the active recruiting season for the committee and urged all Board members to send her recommendations for possible new Board members.

### 4. **Michael Flaherty Presentation**

Michael Flaherty outlined to the Board what his plans would be as Mayor.

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

The next meeting will be on March 24, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Hoffman