



Board Attendance

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

Guests: David Hauck; Bruce Petri; Tabitha Bennett, South End Liaison to the Mayor's Office
Welcome

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

General Announcements and Topics of Discussion

1. Executive Committee Update

Abby announced that Street Cleaning starts on April 1st and there will be no grace period for towing this towing. Cars parked on the side of the street to be cleaned will be towed starting April 1.

The Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009.

The Ellis Memorial will be hosting their Spring Celebration on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the Lenox Hotel. More information can be found at www.ellismemorial.com/charity/donate.asp.

Haley House's Spring Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009. There are plans this year to provide entertainment for children.

The Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology is holding their fundraiser on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Institute on Berkeley Street. The evening will include cocktails, dinner, and a live auction.

The minutes from the prior Board meeting were discussed and accepted with a minor change that Michael Hall reported on the Progressive Dinner, not Bill Gregor.

Sandra Silver, Treasurer, reported that the Ellis has donated \$1000 to South End baseball to fund the *Ellis Angels* team. Sandra also reported that she has renewed a Certificate of Deposit at Hingham Savings with a 3% interest rate.

3. Committee Updates

-Neighborhood Services

Jay Fogarty reported that Matt Carroll will run the spring clean-up on April 25 and will send people to the appropriate blocks to clean. After asking the membership for hot-spots, it was determined that Berkeley Street, Clarendon Street, Tremont Street, the Land Trust area, and Montgomery Street near the school needed the most attention.

Leigh Bivings reported that the Neighborhood Services Committee has formally kicked-off an initiative to raise money for eight new Big Belly trash cans for the neighborhood. Each receptacle costs \$3,200 and the City of Boston will match funds that are raised. Leigh is hoping that the initiative can raise money for two receptacles, which will be matched by existing Ellis funds to purchase a total of four, with the city matching that, the total number of new receptacles to the

neighborhood would be eight. It has not been decided yet where they will be placed, but there is some thought that at least several are needed on Clarendon, Berkeley, and Dartmouth Streets. David Mundel reported that they are getting a "good response" to the fundraising efforts and that people seem to understand the problem. Leigh stated that she would like to have some information sent out to the membership about the initiative and what the Ellis is trying to do for the neighborhood. The total cost of the initiative would be \$12,800. The total cost to the Ellis would be no more than \$6,400.

Carole Trust commended Neighborhood Services for taking this on.

Peter Pogorski moved to support the initiative; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

-Licensing

David Mundel reported that there is a construction/modification project on Montgomery Street that is scheduled to go before the Landmarks Committee on April 7, 2009. There is likely to be a Building Permit violation issued and there has already been a stop-work order issued for all exterior work.

David mentioned that there is a lot of construction happening in the neighborhood, often without permits. He asked that we all pay attention to local construction and keep the City rules and regulations in mind. He said that anyone could call him, the Mayor's Hotline or Inspectional Services if there are any questions. Peter Pogorski stated that we need to be careful and that the Ellis should not be encouraging people to snitch on their neighbors. Leigh Bivings stated that we should all just use good judgement.

David also mentioned that Stephi's on Tremont is open and has been a good neighbor thus far. Also, after meeting with Landmarks, the new CVS on Columbus Avenue, has agreed to more subtle signage on the outside of the building.

Finally, there will be a film crew on Tremont Street between April 1 and 5th.

-Events

Bill Gregor reported that there will be a wine tasting on April 23 at the Berkelee Performing Arts Center which includes a CD release party.

June 13 is the Pride Parade - any one who wants to march with Ellis is encouraged to do so.

Finally, he is working on an event in July in conjunction with the Tito Fuente Jazz Festival. This may be a event co-hosted by the Rutland Square Neighborhood Association.

-Marketing/Communications

Maureen Lamb reported that a new spring picture is going to be added to the home page of the website. She is also help to coordinate the PR with Neighborhood Services about the Big Belly initiative.

-Nominating

Elizabeth Xanthopoulos reported that she has a proposed slate and she will be attending the April 14 Executive Committee meeting to discuss that slate.

-Groundwater

Peter Pogorski reported that he is still trying to get the MBTA to come speak to us - the MBTA tells him that they are still working on some things.

4. Other Business

Abby reported that the Executive Committee is looking for nominations for the Arthur Howe Award.

Conclusion and adjournment

The next meeting will be on April 28, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Johnson, for Barbara Hoffman