



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	P
Glenn Copley	A	Kyle Hancock	A	Peter Pogorski	P
Paul Duffy	NA	John Herbert	P	Gary Patronek	P
Kathy Emrich	P			Sandra Silver	NA
Jay Fogarty	P	Karl Hinsch	A	Carol Trust	P
Beth Freeland	P	Barbara Hoffman	P		
Jennifer Girvin	P	Gordon Holmes	P	Elizabeth Xanthopoulos	P
Tony Gordon	P	Abby Johnson	P		
Bill Gregor	NA	Maureen Lamb	P		

Approximately 100 Ellis Members and Guests were also in attendance

Welcome and Report by the Association's President

Susan Passoni, President, welcomed the Board, members and guests to the meeting.

Susan briefly reviewed the Ellis's efforts and activities that led to the Association's continued success during the 2008-2009 year. She noted that one of our goals this year was to improve communication with our members and that we have used both our email newsletter and website to help with this. Ellis sponsored the Green Forum and is hoping to do more in the coming year for voter registration. We have worked closely with local businesses and other neighborhood associations. Susan outlined the work of the committees:

Book Group. Now on its 9th book of the season

Communication. As well as improvements to the website, the committee worked on public relations with Neighborhood Services Committee on the Big Belly initiative.

Development. It was a quiet year, especially now with the economic downturn. The Union building on Berkeley Street will soon be under new ownership.

Green. Recyclable shopping bags and a resource guide have been distributed to members, and the Tree Forum was a very successful event. It is hoped to host another forum "How Green is my Home?" in November.

Groundwater. Builders are now required by law to protect groundwater at their construction site. A Bill involving groundwater is working its way through the legislative process. The MBTA is working on a permanent recharge system.

Licensing. The committee worked closely with Stephi's Restaurant, Tremont Street, on those aspects of the renovations and day-to-day operations the would affect the neighborhood.

Membership. The committee is aiming to reach all new neighbors and introduce them to the Ellis.

Neighborhood Services. 10 Big Belly Trash cans will be added to our neighborhood as a result of a joint effort of this committee, local businesses and the city.

Nomination. The proposed slate includes 7 new Board members.

Wine/Events. There are 260 members of this group and there have been 6 events this year. The Ellis also participated in the Gay Pride Parade.

Susan also noted that this year we have lost 2 of our members and strong supporters, Joe Park and Chris Hayes.

Election of the 2008-2009 Officers and Board Members

Abby Johnson, Chair, presented the Proposed Slate of Officers (see attached). There being no further nominations the membership present voted unanimously to accept the Slate.

Presentation of the Arthur F. Howe Award to:

David Lamb

Executive Director, Community Music Center of Boston

David Mundel, Vice President, presented the Ellis's Arthur F. Howe Award to David Lamb. Mr. Lamb has led the Music Center since 1983. In June 2008, he celebrated his 25th year as executive director. On June 8th an Anniversary Gala was held in his honor and that day was proclaimed "David Lapin Day" in Boston. In the proclamation Mayor Menino recognized Lapin for exemplifying "a profound humanity and passion for inclusion, promoting access and diversity, nurturing youth, encouraging freedom of expression, and keeping the history, mission and spirit of Community Center of Boston's founders alive and of service to future generations".

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Following the meeting a Member Appreciation Party was held.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Hoffman

**Ellis South End Neighborhood Association
Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for 2009-2010**

	Name	Address
Officers:		
President	Susan Passoni	Chandler Street
Chair	Abby Johnson	Chandler Street
Vice President	David Mundel	Gray Street
Vice President	Beth Freeland	Union Park
Treasurer	Sandra Silver	Tremont Street
Clerk	Barbara Hoffman	St. Charles Street
Incumbent Directors:		
	Paul Duffy	Clarendon Street
	Kathy Emrich	Montgomery Street
	Jennifer Girvin	Chandler Street
	Tony Gordon	Stanhope Street
	Bill Gregor	Appleton Street
	Betsy Hall	Clarendon Street
	Michael Hall	Clarendon Street
	John Herbert	Gray Street
	Gordon Holmes	Clarendon Street
	Maureen Lamb	Tremont Street
	Gary Patronek	Chandler Street
	Peter Pogorski	St. Charles Street
	Carol Trust	Chandler Street
	Elizabeth Xanthopoulos	Appleton Street
New Directors:		
	Nan Coellner	Appleton Street
	Hugh Fitzgerald	Clarendon Street
	David Hauck	Clarendon Street
	Doug Murphy	Appleton Street
	William Murphy	Montgomery Street
	Gretchen Speck	West Canton Street
	Stephen Vowles	Appleton Street
Resigning Directors:		
	Leigh Bivings	Chandler Street
	Matthew Carroll	Chandler Street
	Glenn Copley	Appleton Street
	Jay Fogarty	Appleton Street
	Kyle Hancock	West Canton Street
	Elsa Hill	Dartmouth Street
	Karl Hinsch	Appleton Street
	James Lionette	Tremont Street
In Memoriam		
	Joe Park	West Canton Street

Article IV, Section 2, of the Association's by-laws provides: Additional nominations of eligible members may be made at the Annual Meeting by any member in attendance, providing that the person so nominated does not decline the nomination; and if not present, the proposer shall present to the President a written statement by the proposed candidate stating his/her willingness to accept the nomination.

Article III, Section 4, of the by-laws provides: A member shall be entitled to vote ("voting member") at a meeting of the members, only if he/she has been a member for thirty (30) consecutive days or more immediately prior to said meeting...Members may vote in person only at all meetings.