



Board Attendance

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

Guests: David Hauck, Doug Murphy, Gretchen Speck, Tabitha Bennett, Neighborhood Liaison, City of Boston and Pamela from Atelier 505.

Welcome

Susan Passoni, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

General Announcements and Topics of Discussion

1. Given there were new board members for FY10 joining the meeting introductions of the entire board were made.

2. **Executive Committee Update**

The minutes from the prior two Board meetings (April and May) were discussed and approved.

It was decided that the Ellis board would forego the July board member and meet on August 25.

Sandra Silver, Treasurer, discussed Ellis financials. About \$6875 was spent for the Big Belly initiative.

3. **Committee Updates**

-Neighborhood Services

David Mundel on behalf of Leigh Bivings discussed the Big Belly initiative and locations in the Ellis.

-Development

John Herbert discussed 52 Berkeley and its new owner The Chandler Inn. The building will be renovated into offices and short-term stay facilities and the creation of a drive through car park. Since this will be a change of use a ZBA meeting will be necessary for a variance.

Ellis Memorial purchased the Restaurant Union facility on Berkeley for additional space to run its programs. Tax credit financing is being sought.

78 Montgomery St. - Landmarks reviewed the structure. There will be a meeting with owners and abutters and a modified proposal will be presented to ISD.

-Licensing

David Mundel reported that the new CVS in the Red Cross building at 285 Columbus would open in the next two weeks.

Outdoor seating at Stephi's is being set within the confines of the old posts and the restaurant will install new barriers upon completion.

-Green

Betsy Hall reported that there would be a Tree Walks scheduled for Sunday, July 12. In early November there will be a forum on Green Home Improvement.

-Events

Bill Gregor reported that there had been a dozen participants in the Gay Pride Parade and the pre and post festivities were well attended. There was also participation from other neighborhood associations, including UPNA and Old Dover.

Villa Victoria Center for the Arts and Berklee School of Music Latino series kicking off and for the July 23 event there will be an Ellis hosted cocktail reception before and dinner after the concert at the Beehive.

-Communications

Maureen Lamb reported website additions were made for the July 23 Tito Puentes event and the July 12 Tree Walk.

-Groundwater

Peter Pogorski reported that a recharge system was placed in the front lawn of the Benjamin Franklin Institute. Also that the MBTA was backing away from its commitment to recharge wells on Casenove. MTA also found a leak beneath the Mass Pike at Clarendon St. and Columbus Ave.

4. Other Business

Paul Duffy raised concerns opening up Q&A to non board members. Michael Hall also raised issue with the potential funding for the children's cooking summer program. David Mundel mentioned it would be nice to do an event for the Ellis Angels South End Baseball League team.

Conclusion and adjournment

The next meeting will be on August 25, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Susan Passoni, on behalf of Barbara Hoffman