



Board Attendance

P = present, A = absent, NA = notified/excused absence					
Nan Coellner	P	Dave Hauck	A	Gary Patronek	P
Paul Duffy	NA	John Herbert	P	Elizabeth Peck	NA
Kathy Emrich	P	Barbara Hoffman	P	Peter Pogorski	P
Hugh Fitzgerald	P	Gordon Holmes	NA	Sandra Silver	P
Beth Freeland	P	Abby Johnson	P	Gretchen Speck	NA
Jennifer Girvin	P	Maureen Lamb	P	Carol Trust	NA
Tony Gordon	NA	David Mundel	P	Stephen Vowles	A
Bill Gregor	P	Doug Murphy	NA		
Betsy Hall	P	Will Murphy	P		
Michael Hall	P	Susan Passoni	P		

Guests: Thomas Tinlin, Commissioner Boston Transportation Department, John DeBenedictis, Director of Traffic Management Boston Transportation Department, Tabitha Bennett, South End Liaison to the Mayor’s Office, Kevin Power, Boston Police Department, Jorge Dias, Boston Police Department, Aaron Michlewitz, State Representative, Blake Webber, Assistant to Rep. Michlewitz, Tomas Gonzalez, Candidate for City Councilor-At-Large, Bruce Petri, Ken Cordein,, Peter Shilland, Martha Byington

Welcome

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

1. Q and A with representatives of Boston Transportation Department and Boston Police Department

Commissioner Tinlin reported that, together with Ellis Board members, he has been looking into the traffic problems on Berkeley Street between Tremont and Chandler. Traffic moves too fast and little attention is paid to warning signs. The Commissioner will request that for next fiscal year a new traffic light be installed at the intersection of Berkeley and Appleton. During this year new crosswalk signs will be put in place on Berkeley, and old signs will be updated.

There is also a problem with the angle parking outside the YWCA on Berkeley. It is hard to see around the parked cars if you are turning from Appleton Street. There are 8 angle parking spaces, and it was agreed to eliminate at least 3 of those closest to Appleton Street.

A question was asked about the intersection at Clarendon and Chandler. In spite of the stop sign the majority of the cars do not stop. The Board asked Sergeant Power if he would look into having a stronger police presence at that intersection.

Commissioner Tinlin was asked to look into providing a “stop ahead” sign for the new stop sign at Warren Avenue and West Canton.

Sergeant Power reported that there continues to be drug problems at Peters Park and in the Pine Street Inn area.

General Announcements and Topics of Discussion

2. Executive Committee Update

The minutes from the prior Board meeting were discussed and accepted.

Sandra Silver, Treasurer, reported that most of the committees came in under budget last fiscal year.

3. Committee Updates

-Groundwater

Peter Pogorski reported that a meeting was held with the Franklin Institute about the problem of groundwater drawdown on their property. They are interested in a recharge system for their sump pump that would allow rainwater to be discharged into the groundwater instead of the sewer.

He also reported that the City has agreed to install another recharge well on Cazenove Street. A second recharge well is also to be installed on Chandler Street. He commented that it was gratifying that these programs were moving forward.

-Licensing

David Mundel reported that after consultation with abutters, Ellis supported DeLux Café's request for a 7-day opening and a 1 a.m. closing.

28 Degrees Restaurant has withdrawn its request for a 2 a.m. closing time.

4. By-Law Discussion

Abby asked that all Board members take time this month to familiarize themselves with the by-laws so that a productive discussion can be held at next month's meeting.

Conclusion and adjournment

The next meeting will be on September 22 2009

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectively submitted

Barbara Hoffman