



Board Attendance

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

Guests: Hope Shannon(South End Historical Society), David Tooley (South End Historical Society), Angela Brooks (Sonia Chang-Diaz Office), Blake Webber (Aaron Michelwitz Office), Ron Johns, Martha Byington, Mark Carrig ,Peter Shilland,

Welcome

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

1. Presentation by Hope Shannon-South End Historical Society

Hope gave a presentation of the work of the Society. The aim of the Society is to preserve the historic charm and architectural integrity of the South End. Among the ongoing projects are the Cast Iron Initiative, deed research and collecting images of the South End. For more information go to their website: www.southendhistoricalsociety.org

Peter Pogorski commented that all historical societies in Boston should become more involved in the problem of groundwater. Without good groundwater levels many buildings in the historical district will be damaged.

General Announcements and Topics of Discussion

2. Announcements

On December 5 at 3p.m. the Annual South End Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at the BCA Plaza. The Ellis will provide refreshments.

A motion to donate \$500 to the Community Center of Boston was passed.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were accepted.

3. Committee Updates

-Groundwater

Peter reported that there will be a hearing on House Bill No 852 "An Act to protect groundwater levels" at the State House on Tuesday December 1 at 11a.m. The Ellis will be represented by Bill Gregor. Peter encouraged all members to attend to show support for this Act that has been sponsored by Marty Walz, Byron Rushing and Michael Moran. Peter also reported that the MBTA has installed a second recharge well on Cazenove Street.

-Development

John Herbert reported that the plans for 52 Berkeley St (proposed Chandler Inn extension) have been accepted by Landmarks and the zoning board . Work can now proceed with construction.

58 Berkeley St, which has been acquired by Ellis Memorial, will have its preliminary Landmark hearing next week.

-Wine Group

Chair Bill Gregor announced that the Holiday Tasting is sold out. A new addition to the Wine Group calendar is that in September there will be a tasting of Argentinean wines.

4. Other Business

Bill Gregor asked that all Ellis members consider donating either a gift or a donation to the Pine Street Inn for Christmas gifts.

Abby announced that the Executive Committee is looking for nominations for the next Board, both general members and for the Executive Committee.

High Fitzgerald commented that he has been working as a volunteer at the McKinley School on Warren Avenue. They need help finding tutors, mentors and reading listeners.

Abby announced that discussion on the by-laws has been tabled at present.

Conclusion and adjournment

The next meeting will be held on December 15, 2009.

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

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Hoffman