



Board Attendance

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

Guests: Michele Dagne (Boston Ballet); Katie Wood (Boston Ballet); Alexandra Zaltman (Office of Councillor John Connolly); Stuart Rosenburg (Office of Councillor Felix Arroyo); Jessica Taube (Office of Councillor-at-Large Ayanna Pressley); Vivian Smith Barnes (Youth Workers’ Alliance); Julian Maynard (Youth Workers’ Alliance); Betsy Boveroux; Bruce Petri

Welcome

Abby Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

General Announcements and Topics of Discussion

1. Boston Ballet Presentation

Katie Wood, Community Relations and Sales Coordinator and Michele Dagne, Marketing Outreach Intern gave an overview of the Boston Ballet. As well as classes for the professional dancers, classes are also offered for adults and children in the community. Volunteers are always needed. They assist with special events, with office work and with outreach programs such as Citydance, a full scholarship dance training program for urban public school children. Details of other volunteer jobs and the performance schedule can be found at www.bostonballet.org

2. Youth Workers’ Alliance Presentation

Vivian Smith Barnes and Julian Maynard spoke about the South End/Lower Roxbury Youth Workers’ Alliance. The organization is a coalition of youth-serving organizations and individuals such as Youth and Police in Partnership, Roxbury Boys and Girls Club and Peace Boston. The Alliance enables youth workers to network with others in their field and to take part in professional development training sessions. The Alliance works on a very tight budget and “supports those who support youth”. For more details go to their website www.youthworkersalliance.org

3. General Announcements

Susan Passoni, President, reported that the Spring Cleanup will be on April 24, with the possibility of a shredder being available for residents to use to shred unwanted documents. We have a great deal of salt on our roads and Susan reported that the City is willing to have a sweeper come to the neighborhood. We need to arrange a date and have residents sweep the salt into the middle of the road.

Susan mentioned that we are still looking for new Board Members.

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

Susan reported that Sandra Silver, Treasurer had sent our donations to help with the Haiti disaster as agreed at the last Board meeting.

4. Committee Updates

-Events

Michael Hall reported that 64 people attended the Progressive Restaurant Dinner. Ten restaurants were involved and it was a great success.

-Licensing

David Mundell reported that a meeting was held between Tent City and Clearys over the problems of noise and trash. Clearys agreed to close all windows at 10p.m. to cut down on noise and to maintain the cleanliness of the alley between Clearys and Brownstone. They also agreed to be more vigilant about trash and noise outside Clearys.

Pops Restaurant applied for a 1a.m. closing. This was opposed by the Ellis, UPNA and the 8th Street Neighborhood Association.

Berkeley Street Barber Shop would like to open a second location in the space vacated by Eye Q on Columbus Avenue and has applied for a change in license.

Masa Restaurant is to apply for a license to extend its entertainment time.

-Development

John Herbert reported that our letter of response to the Stuart Street proposed zoning changes has been sent. (See January minutes for details). He also commented that the BRA issued a press release and is moving forward with Liberty Mutual's plan to construct an office tower on the site of the former Salvation Army building and the Benjamin Franklin South Building. This area is in the Stuart Street Study area, but the BRA did not include any of the neighborhood associations in its discussions. The associations involved in the Stuart Street study have sent a letter of complaint to the BRA.

It is still unsure how the cleanup will progress on the Columbus site.

5. Other business,

Abby recognized the presence of Stuart Rosenburg, Chief of Staff for Councilor Felix Arroyo, and of Alexandra Zaltman, from the office of Councilor John Connolly, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Conclusion and adjournment

The next meeting will be on March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Hoffman