



ELLIS SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Open Board Meeting

April 26, 2011

City Year, 5th Floor Conference Room

Board Attendance

P = Present; A = Absent; NA = Notified/Excused Absence					
Lynn Babington	NA	Michael Hall	P	Regina Pyle	NA
Derek Cavanaugh	P	Dave Hauck	A	Toby Rodman	P
Nan Coellner	P	John Herbert	NA	Sandra Silver	NA
Elaine Daglio	P	Peter Hill	A	Gretchen Speck	P
Iphigenia Demetriades	P	Barbara Hoffman	P	Carol Trust	NA
Paul Duffy	NA	Gordon Holmes	P		
Kathy Emrich	NA	Doug Murphy	NA		
Tony Gordon	P	Will Murphy	P		
Bill Gregor	P	Elizabeth Peck	P		
Betsy Hall	P	Peter Pogorski	P		

Guests: Chris Treacy, Patch.com; M. Lloyd; G. Chryssis, BFIT President

Meeting was called to order Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:30 PM by Nan Coellner, Chair of Ellis South End Neighborhood Association

Guest Presentation:

George Chryssis, President of the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology addressed the Board and described the scope of courses available at the Institute. Two year Associates Degrees are offered in program areas ranging from auto mechanics to optician training. Students can arrange boarding at the Berkeley. <http://www.bfit.edu> for online information on BFIT.

General Business

- **Minutes** - Minutes of March Board meeting were reviewed and approved with an addition proposed by Tony Gordon that clarified that the Board had approved Genia Demetriades’ right to be nominated to an Executive Board position.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Presented with no comments.

Committee Reports

- **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**, Elaine D. reported:
South End Clean-up Day or Boston Shines slated for April 30, with update of preparations in the Ellis Neighborhood presented by R. Pyle
Recent meeting with Michael Lloyd on recycling efforts; move to eliminate blue recycling bins and

encourage clear plastic bags. Need to involve community members – Fight Neighborhood Filth campaign to educate and organize citizens to actively keep streets, alleys and public areas clean
Councilors Linehan and Arroyo set April 27 hearing on rights and responsibilities of owners abutting private alleys. Neighborhood associations can testify. Discussion ensued on whether this is an Ellis or private owner issue. Peter Pegorski noted that maps of the alley ownership are available at BWSC.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – M. Hall announced two upcoming events, a talk by Jeff Hoffman on Friday, May 13th and an Ellis Members’ reception hosted by the newly opened Red Lantern on Tuesday, June 16th. Tony Gordon noted that Hoffman had recently been interviewed on NPR’s Science Friday radio segment.
- **Nominating Committee** – Gordon Holmes presented the slate proposed by the Committee which is an ex officio committee approved by the Executive Committee and is composed of B. Hall, D. Cavanaugh, G. Demetriades, B. Hoffman, M. Hall, and G. Holmes. This slate is for Board review and will be voted on at the May Annual Meeting by members of the Association. The following slate was proposed:

Board Chair –	Betsy Hall
President -	Michael Hall
Treasurer –	Derek Cavanaugh
Clerk –	Kathy Emrich
Vice Presidents -	John Herbert and Dave Crowley

Attached is the slate of officers and nominated members of the Board. Discussion followed G. Holmes presentation and review of the reasons for a newly revitalized Board. G. Demetriades noted her interest in remaining Board President and T. Rodman questioned whether there had ever been a one year president. K. Emrich answered that Kyle Hancock had previously served a one year term. P. Duffy noted that Genia could be nominated at the Annual Meeting as an alternative candidate and he also noted that the process was questionable. N. Coellner mentioned that she and Genia had worked well together and would have chosen to be elected for a second year. T. Rodman reiterated that both could be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

- **EVENT COMMITTEE** – The March 30 March Madness Wine Event was very successful. Bill Gregor noted that Board members were encouraged to participate in the June Pride Parade. Plans for a September organic wine tasting evening.
- **LICENSING COMMITTEE:** Appleton Café change of ownership request to the ZBA in a 20 day comment period leading to approval of change.
- **DEVELOPMENT:** T. Gordon reported that the Copley Place expansion of the Neiman Marcus tower was proceeding with a 50 story addition to the existing building. Additionally the Frieda Garcia Park on the lot in front of the Red Lantern was approved.
- **Other items:** None noted

Future Meetings:

June Board:	6/28/2011 (last of FY 2011)
July Board:	7/26/2011
August Board:	8/23/2011
September Board:	9/27/2011

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made. Meeting adjourned, 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Cavanaugh, Clerk, Ellis South End Neighborhood Association