



**ELLIS SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Open Board Meeting

June 28, 2011

City Year, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

**Board Attendance**

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

**Guests:** Darren Evans, Associate Director of Programs, BCA; Kristi Keefe, Director of Events and Community Relations, BCA; Peter Shilland, Member of the Boston Groundwater Trust; Newly-elected Board Members Mark Maloney, David Lapin and Phil Lamere; Ellis members Betsy Boveroux and Mildred Evans.

Meeting was called to order Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. by Genia Demetriades, President of Ellis South End Neighborhood Association.

**Guest Presentation:**

The BCA’s Darren Evans presented on-going and prospective plans for new signage and “way-finding” to improve the BCA’s brand recognition. During discussion, Gretchen Speck questioned the status of the submission for the BCA Plaza development. Evans responded that he would report back on the status of that redevelopment plan.

**General Business**

**Minutes:** Minutes of April Board meeting were reviewed and approved with minor edits.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Derek Cavanaugh, the incoming Treasurer for FY 2012, presented the May 31 financials. Tony Gordon requested formatting changes of Treasurer’s report to include previous comparisons. Otherwise report presented with no comments.

**Committee Reports**

**NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES:**

Regina Pyle reported: Recent meeting with Michael Lloyd on Americans with Disabilities Act sidewalk adaptations using concrete vs. original brick pavers. Draft report by DPW to be circulated.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Michael Hall announced that approximately 90 residents attended the June 16<sup>th</sup> Red Lantern

reception. Affirmed goal of attracting new members. Thank you extended to Tony Gordon for orchestrating the event.

Michael Hall also noted that he and Betsy Hall will be meeting with all continuing and new Board members over the next few months to seek feedback on past performance, future expectations and members' goals for upcoming Board year.

Carol Trust asked for update on Project Assistant position; Michael Hall responded that the person originally selected had resigned; interviewing to commence on replacement.

**EVENT COMMITTEE:**

Carol Trust announced that August 2 would be the date of the annual Neighborhood Night Out

**WINE COMMITTEE:**

Bill Gregor reported that Ellis contingent at Pride Parade was notable especially due to cold weather and heavy rain; 15 members marched. He encouraged Board members to march in or attend the Festival Betances parade at Villa Victoria on July 15 and show involvement of Ellis community in surrounding neighborhoods. Last, he reviewed a preliminary calendar for the Wine Group, to be finalized after the Committee meets.

**LICENSING COMMITTEE:**

Kathy Emrich reported that the Appleton Café has changed ownership; some renovations and upgrading are expected in the near future.

**DEVELOPMENT:**

John Herbert asked Tony Gordon to report on the Copley Place expansion of the Neiman Marcus tower. He noted that there would be a meeting June 29 with BRA but development seemed to be going forward. Additionally the Frieda Garcia Park on the lot in front of the Red Lantern was approved with construction ready to commence with John Hancock financial backing.

**GROUNDWATER:** Peter Pogorski and Peter Shilland reported MBTA engineers working on plans for improvement of drainage and groundwater issues near Back Bay Station. MA DOT doing first renovations to drainage system within the PRU tunnel since construction in 1960's. The Massachusetts Legislature has several bills in pipeline for next year dealing with groundwater issues, not only in Boston, but other communities in MA.

<b>Future Meetings:</b>	July Social in lieu of meeting:	7/26/2011
	August Board:	8/23/2011
	September Board:	9/27/2011

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made. Meeting adjourned, 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Derek Cavanaugh, Clerk, Ellis South End Neighborhood Association