

Ellis Neighborhood Association
 Annual Meeting of the Association
 May 27, 2008
 Benjamin Franklin Institute - 41 Berkeley Street



Board Attendance

P = present, A = absent, NA = notified/excused absence					
Leigh Bivings	P	Tony Gordon	P	David Mundel	P
Betsy Boveroux	P	Bill Gregor	P	Joe Park	A
Matt Carroll	P	Betsy Hall	P	Susan Passoni	P
Paul Duffy	P	Michael Hall	P	Bruce Petri	P
Kathy Emrich	P	Kyle Hancock	P	Peter Pogorski	P
William Fastow	A	John Herbert	P	Kimball Robeson	A
Jay Fogarty	P	Roz Hill	A	Sandra Silver	P
Beth Freeland	P	Barbara Hoffman	P	Carol Trust	P
Jennifer Girvin	NA	Gordon Holmes	P		
		Abby Johnson	P		

Approximately 60 Ellis Members and Guests were also in attendance

Keynote Speaker

***Bill Linehan
 City Councilor, District 2, City of Boston***

Leigh Bivings, Chair, introduced Bill Linehan, the keynote speaker for the meeting. She commented that the Association was very grateful that Councilor Linehan was able to come to the meeting. He had another function to attend the same evening, so we would begin the meeting with his remarks. Councilor Linehan outlined his work in District 2 during his first year of office. He remarked that residents of the South End have many local issues important to them. These include public safety, schools, the Columbus Center, street cleaning and trash collection. He described his efforts in all of these areas. His priorities for the coming year include monitoring the economic growth of the area. He commented on the necessity to balance residential and commercial development. He would like to help under-achieving schools realize their potential and will continue to pressure the City to work with the developers in removing the construction equipment and cleaning up the Columbus center area. He concluded by saying that he is confident that his second year will be as productive as his first.

Welcome and Report by the Association's President

Kyle Hancock, President, welcomed the Board, members and guests to the Associations Annual Meeting

Kyle briefly reviewed the Ellis' efforts and activities that led to the Association's continued success during the 2007-2008 year. Kyle reviewed the work of the Green Committee. This Committee was established this year. Its mission is to raise awareness and educate Ellis Neighborhood members about practical ways to save energy and preserve our natural resources. One project was the design and purchase of reusable shopping bags. These bags, with the Ellis logo, are now available for purchase in the neighborhood and via our website. Kyle reviewed the Ellis' continued activities aimed at improving the appearance of our neighborhood. She reported that we are working with other neighborhood associations to reduce the

amount of trash on our streets and that the Ellis Neighborhood Service Committee was part of the effort to get Big Belly trash compactors into our neighborhood. Kyle also reported on the success of the Casino Night, which was a joint effort with UPNA. She concluded by noting that the Ellis website has continued to improve and now has a page devoted to new building developments in the area. The website has been instrumental in improving the Association's communication with its members and other neighborhood residents.

Election of the 2007-2009 Officers and Board Members

Leigh Bivings introduced Gordon Holmes, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Gordon reported on the Committee's activities and thanked the members of the Committee and others who helped to develop the slate of proposed Officers and Board Members. Gordon reviewed the Committee's proposed slate (see attachment A). Following a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation and elect the proposed slate and a seconding of the motion, the membership present voted unanimously to elect the proposed slate of Officers and Board Members.

Presentation of The Arthur F. Howe Community Service Award to:

Freida Garcia

Former President, United South End Settlements (USES)

David Mundel, Vice President presented the Ellis's Arthur F. Howe Award to Freida Garcia. Ms. Garcia is a native of the Dominican Republic who grew up in New York City. Since moving to Boston in 1965, she has worked within various areas of human services to ensure equal opportunity and access for all members of the community, particularly the residents of Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods. During her twenty years of service at United South End Settlements she introduced many new programs and was instrumental in the successful capital campaign to renovate its facilities. She continues to serve as trustee for many organizations throughout the city, including the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum and the Harriet Tubman Park. Freida Garcia is a tireless activist and leader in our community.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Refreshments and Socializing

Following the Annual Meeting of the Association, the newly elected Officers and Board Members, Association members, and guests continued the evening with a brief social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hoffman
Clerk

Attachment A

Ellis South End Neighborhood Association Nominating Committee Report

I. Retiring Officer and Directors

- **Kyle Hancock** will be stepping down as President after serving for one year but will remain on the Board.
- **Leigh Bivings** will be stepping down as Chair after serving for two years but will remain on the Board.
- **Betsy Boveroux, Will Fastow, Roz Hill, Mary Lionette, Bruce Petri** and **Kimball Robeson** will be retiring from the Board.

II. Nominations for 2008-2009 Board of Directors

A. New President: **Susan Passoni**, Chandler Street

B. Chair: **Abby Johnson**, Chandler Street

C. New Directors:

1. **Glenn Copley**, Appleton Cafe
2. **Elsa Hill**, Dartmouth Street
3. **Karl Hirsch**, Appleton Street
4. **Maureen Lamb**, Tremont Street
5. **James Lionette**, Lionette's Market
6. **Christopher Smally**, Animal Rescue League
7. **Elizabeth Xanthopoulos**, Appleton Street

D. *All Nominees for 2008-2009 (see next page)*

**Ellis South End Neighborhood Association
Proposed Board Officers and Directors for 2008-2009**

(as elected at ESENA Annual Meeting May 27, 2008)

	Title	Name	Address
	<u>Officers:</u>		
1	President	Susan Passoni	Chandler Street
2	Chair	Abby Johnson	Chandler Street
3	Vice President	Beth Freeland	Union Park
4	Vice President	David Mundel	Gray Street
6	Clerk	Barbara Hoffman	St. Charles Street
5	Treasurer	Sandra Silver	Tremont Street
7	<u>Incumbent Directors:</u>	Leigh Bivings	Chandler Street
8		Matt Carroll	Chandler Street
9		Paul Duffy	Gray Street
10		Kathy Emrich	Montgomery Street
11		Jay Fogarty	Appleton Street
12		Jennifer Girvin	Chandler Street
13		Tony Gordon	Stanhope Street
14		Bill Gregor	Appleton Street
15		Betsy Hall	Clarendon Street
16		Michael Hall	Clarendon Street
17		Kyle Hancock	W. Canton Street
18		John Herbert	Gray Street
19		Gordon Holmes	Clarendon Street
20		Joe Park	W. Canton Street
21		Peter Pogorski	St Charles Street
22		Carol Trust	Chandler Street
23		Glenn Copley	Appleton Cafe
24	<u>New Directors:</u>	Elsa Hill	Dartmouth Street
25		Karl Hinsch	Appleton Street
26		Maureen Lamb	Tremont Street
27		James Lionette	Lionette's Market
28		Christopher Smally	Animal Rescue League
29		Elizabeth Xanthopoulos	Appleton Street