



**MINUTES OF ELLIS BOARD MEETING JUNE 28, 2016
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROOM 202A**

Directors present: Regina Pyle, Betsy Hall, John Alekna, John Chambers, Michael Hall, Jane Siegel, Patty Brennan, Gretchen Chauncey, Leo Delaney, Paul Duffy, Tony Gordon, Yvonne Lee, Toby Rodman, and Marie Schappert.

Also Present: Stacy Koeppel, Executive Director, incoming director Roberta Sydney, Matt Rhoades, and Sam Chambers, Mayor's Liaison to the South End.

Directors excused: Dave Crowley, Jack Fitzgerald, Bill Gregor, Gordon Holmes, Ellen Sheets, and Mike Worhach.

Directors absent: John Herbert, Barbara Hoffman, Ed MacLean, Kim Schultz, Carol Trust, and Ken Tutunjian.

Regina Pyle called the meeting to order at 6:35. April and May minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Michael Hall reported the association is in excellent financial health with \$60,255.00 in our accounts, and showing a \$14,689.00 excess of income over expenses. Michael will transition the treasurer's office to Gretchen. Toby raised the issue of where to put our money from the CD after a year.

President's report: Betsy distributed the board roster for directors to make any changes and will send it electronically to the entire board.

Executive Director report: Stacy reported the fundraiser raised \$54,580.00. She thanked Betsy for the program book and noted Mistral went above and beyond in taking care of us. We would like to host the fundraiser at Mistral again next year. The event was at capacity. \$2400 was donated to Haley House, while the rest goes to operating costs. Jane suggested we look at the percentage we donate to charity.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: There was news that the superintendent has submitted plans to relocate the McKinley School and build a state-of-the-art Quincy Upper School. Roberta Sydney said abutters did not want to see a larger school and volunteered to be part of an ad-hoc committee to monitor the school. Tony noted there had been no transparency and Sam Chambers will insure that the project does a community process and adheres to height and design guidelines. Regina reported the superintendent promised to hold community meetings. Duffy suggested trying to

get McKinley students admitted to BFIT. After an injury, Ken Tutunjian will resume pursuing a 501C3 for the school.

DLZ: John Alekna did not have his usual written executive summary. The Back Bay Station has been very time-consuming. Tony has attended every meeting. Jack Fitzgerald, in conjunction with Tony and Ken Krukemeyer, submitted a letter on behalf of Ellis, raising concerns including traffic, open space, and affordable housing. Tony noted four major developments are scheduled to begin soon and it is necessary to mitigate during and post construction. Stacy has asked Sam to contact city officials to host a forum. Tony noted the issue with the BRA being the development and planning agency at cross-purposes, which the Mayor promised to remedy but has not delivered. 40 Berkeley is off the market. A Dunkin Donuts franchise owner has bought a building on Berkeley Street.

Neighborhood Services: We do not know who will take over chair of this committee. The City will begin to resurface sidewalks on Berkeley next month. We submitted a list of empty tree pits, but most of them are not ADA compliant. Emily Aaronson is working with Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and Bay Village on how they handle this issue. Dave Crowley suggested we talk to the Access Board and apply for a variance.

Sam Chambers: Public Works will no longer drop off tools for cleanup. There is no weekend construction allowed in the South End.

New Business: Festival Betances opening parade is July 15th, starting at 6:00 PM. Bill Gregor is offering a Shameless Bribe of drinks at his home at 4:30. Regina thanked the out-going directors and executives. She stated she enjoyed being Chair and will place the gavel in John Alekna's capable hands.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Siegel, Clerk