

6:30 Meeting Commences

Board Members in attendance: Joanne McDevitt, VP Jim Covenor, Treasurer: Jerry Tracey, Secretary: Dave Matteo,

Police Officers: Capt Greeland, Sgt Gaugen, Officer Holliday, Officer Roy

Incident Reports:

Break on 747 East Broadway somewhere between Dec 8th and Dec 17th. Unoccupied residence, old computer and stereo were stolen.

December 18th, 745 E 7th - Dog attack a 12yr old. Bitten by a brown or black lab. Bit on the forearm

Dec 21, 857 East First Street: Loud party early am. Initial units tried to get them to quiet down. Had to come back and occupants were summonsed for party

Break on 3rd of December in L Street Diner, officers were able to identify the suspect from cameras and has been arrested.

Dec 23, 1640 Columbia Road, attempted break, damage to front door, no entry gained.

Dec 24, O and E 5th: 10-11 pm, gifts stolen from unlocked car

Dec 26 856 E 1st Street: Truck was reported stolen after it was left running outside while he ran in the house. Appeared this was a crime of opportunity.

Dec 29, 65 P Street, wallet stolen from an unlocked car. Made off with a few hundred dollars

Dec 23-30 852 E Broadway's 3rd Floor. Break reported, taken was NFL autographed posters and pictures, sports memorabilia.

Dec 31 9 Swallow Street between 11 - 12:30 break missing electronics and

Jan 1: female walking by herself by L and 8th St, punched in face, and robbed of ipod, bag, cash, etc. Fled on foot. The police detained who they believed to be the suspects, but the victim couldn't ID them.

Jan 2 1:30am, Stop and Shop night crew members got into a fight. One was intoxicated and racial slurs were thrown about. Slapping and spitting ensued. Event was on video

Jan 11 at 1:30 fight outside Murphy's law, 26yr old man with cut on his head. Door guy said he came in through the back, swung at the door guy, fell and cut head. Was violent at hospital as well.

All crime stats down for the most part, most crime is out of South Bay Shopping area.

December small uptick in B&Es around M Street Park last month.

6:45: Police wrap up

Jerry Tracy

Treasures report, included as addendum.

Parking pilot program - going to do a second survey to see the effectiveness of the program including potential solutions.

Problem of commuters parking and taking the bus into the city.

Question asked: Why can't they enforce in the morning? They were coming up Broadway at 6pm. Do check sporadically. They are ticketing on days that they shouldn't be like Dec 31st. No feedback on people getting ticketed over Christmas. During the 90 days, 2,200 tickets issued. Not sure if that is just city point or all over South Boston.

Councilor Linehan's office says they have mostly positive feedback. Membership doesn't believe that is true.

If you don't like the program, you need to call your representatives and inform them of the issues. We are back in the same place as we were 2 months.

Other neighborhoods were getting a flood of cars parking in their neighborhood.

Some solution with visitor parking must be made. We don't have other parking alternatives.

Other neighborhoods are resident only but

One member commented that he had counted the signs and there are 878 parking signs, there 500 resident parking's and 330 visitor signs. Residents are parking Visitors parking spaces and can legally.

There are 4,000 new stickers issued.

City council is looking to add a few thousand parking spaces, but this isn't enough.

This is crowding the buses as well.

Going to keep getting inflow of new units and no parking.

Old mayor believe in forcing people to take public transportation and didn't address the parking issue.

Contact councilor Linehan and Flaherty to offer your position:

7:00PM

See Attached Transportation report:

Jim Covenor

The pan of the new waterfront, commercial, residential, industrial. How are these people getting in and out, how are long are they staying, how are they using. The idea is how do we deal with this problem and manage the traffic. It is already messy down there and the area isn't even half built up yet. Conley terminal and its increase capacity is also a large problem, how are we going to address? 30,000 new jobs, not 30,000 new housing units, so how do these people get in and out of the city?

There is going to be spillage into South Boston, how do we control it? Do we try to control traffic? Public Transportation is a good mechanism to manage some of this. Traffic needs to be stopped outside of the loop.

Member: Shouldn't this plan have been thought of before the building?

YES, but it wasn't. There should have been an impact study completed before construction was done. Each building had a small impact study, but never looked at collectively. Some ideas, get rid of short circuit on D Street, but now may be time to open it back up. These

items will help people get in and out of the seaport district but not affect the neighbors. These are short term

Long term, there is commitment to funding in MBTA including adding busses, changing bus routes,

Sean from Linda Forrey's office. A lot of the legislation that Collins worked on with Linda the Transportation Bond Bill would set aside 25mil in funding for the transportation study. The idea was to just focus on the seaport, one thing that they drilled down on was to push the fact that you can't just look at seaport, must look at the neighborhood as well. Tired to secure 25mil, bond bills are not guaranteed. The administration goes out to private sector to fund. Governor has discretion on which bonds are funded. Problem is that we are in a deficit. Internal discussions on what we can do to be sure these happen. They have been working on getting this done. Rep Forry and Collins have committed to MAS DOT and MBTA. Writing legislation as to how the money is to be spent for LT, ST and MT projects. Which ones we will get the biggest bang for our buck. Filing legislation so that the \$\$ being spent is being done logically and above board. Governor is looking to support the innovation district.

Jim: One thing that came to light is that L Street is 1 lane north and 1 south. Everyone is funneling back together and causing bottleneck. Is a corrective measure in order? Passive enforcement like widening sidewalks so that there is only 1 lane in each direction. Please share any ideas along this line that makes people "behave". We need to help people talk about this. Traffic management is ST solution. Medium Term solution is parking and public transport outside the beltway. LT solution is actual to have light rail, or dedicated bus down the roadway from these spokes.

Joanne: They want to open up Dorchester Ave by the post office. They want to open the short circuit by D and West First to accommodate more cars. A new neighborhood is being created on the waterfront. All items discussed will require more meetings about the transportation options. They do listen to the participants in the meetings. They are talking about bringing the silver line back, increasing bus service, running express service down A street.

Joe Cappucio:

Joanne and Joe went to speak with Nick Collins as civic leaders to discuss the issues that the neighborhood would like to be on his agenda for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas, email Joanne and she will forward the ideas to Rep Collins before the legislative session begins. It is the best time to get changes made. This is our community and slow the commuters down by driving slow in our neighborhoods. In Helsinki they had a Hub airport with a huge parking lot and the trolley would drive from outside into the city.

Parks and recreation was also discussed and how the community can be involved. Talking about how we protect the green space in the neighborhoods. Talking about friends of Charles River, friends of lower basin. Not a civic association, people who care about the green space. They formed friends of green space in South Boston.

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Update on some projects:

728 East Broadway owned by John Cronin. Had an environmental meeting with LSP and provided a RAM plan. They gave a report, project is going to go through. First floor will be commercial and parking will be under the building. Housing will be above. 18 condo units

will be built. There is PIP put on the project which means they have to have on going meetings about the progress. They will let everyone know when it will be demolished and when contaminated dirt is being removed.

57 L Street:

Just sent a report of the LSP who said there was no significant soil contamination. There are continual testing requirements that are ongoing.

928 East Broadway

Word on the street is that Rocco sold the project. But has been landmarked

945 East Broadway;

Committee will be meeting with developers to get a progress update.

Property taxes:

Talked about quite a bit: What can we do to long term residents to who are getting killed in tax rates? Who can the elected officials to do something for increased tax bills. Joanne suggests that we raise this question and ask for an answer at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:45