

CPNA General Membership Meeting

Board Members: Joanne McDevitt, Jim Covenor, Jerry Tracey, Dave Matteo, Marcia Campbell, Kelly Massa

Approximately 25 members in attendance

6:30 Joanne calls the meeting to order

Elected officials in attendance: John Allison (Mayor's office) Christine Hayes (Councilor Flaherty), David Biele (Rep Nick Collins), Henry Cohen (Michelle Wu), Karen Foley Constituent Services Liaison Annissa George City Councilor elect at large.

Captain Greland with police update, all other officers in training:

December 19th 709 E Seventh: rear window of motor vehicle smashed at 709 E 7th.

P Street: attempted B&E through rear storm door.

December 8th, 11 O Street 746am: 911 call for suspicion heavy set male going through mailboxes, mailboxes were open and key was in mailbox, owner left in mailbox.

January 8th, 154 O Street: Chasing suspect through back yards guy on a warrant, was caught and brought to South Boston court.

January 11, 549 E 1st Street: Caught suspect trying to steal rims off of BMW. Officers see him with socket wrench, and has proof on his cell phone that he was stealing the rims.

January 12, 560 E 5th, 911 call person stealing UPS packages, chase ensues and he is apprehended.

If an individual is arrested off property and you give a BHA address, they check the address and whoever lives in the unit is responsible for the actions of their guests. They may pursue evictions.

BHA public housing used to be 60/40 elderly to handicap they have upped it to 70/30. The handicap are usually people in recovery.

Joe Caputo: Still a lot of people having a hard time crossing the street at L and Broadway, Captain noted and asked what time. Rush hour.

Police officer assaulted at Broadway and E Street, detail officer came to help with the kids and was struck from behind. Kids arrested, they were not from South Boston.

Eversource: Mark Reed Director (Government Affairs) mark.reed@eversource.com

Here to discuss the humming noise at night: Director of government affairs. Eversource has been doing substation work at 530 East First Street. Night work taking place between 6pm and midnight. Excavation and jackhammering. Front-loading the loud work in the earlier part of shift. They should be finished up by the end of this week.

Member Sharon had a problem with almost accident with buses turning corner by an Eversource job site on P & Broadway. No police detail. We will ask Captain about what to do in this instance.

Joanne: Report came back form 311 that Eversource installed new cable on Broadway. Detail are required but sometimes they don't get filled or officer is in different place.

Councilor Essabi George: Just elected to the office, will provide her contact info to us. She was born and raised in Dorchester, is married with 4 children. Former teacher. She will be chairing the homelessness and mental health committee which will become official tomorrow. They will have meetings and working sessions. Lives on the other side of Andrews Square, knows the 3000 homeless kids in the Boston Schools. Really wants to work on children homelessness. She is also a small business owner, owns the stitch house on Dorchester Ave. Looking forward to getting to work. Councilor Essabi George's representative to the neighborhood is Karen Foley, (617) 635-4377 karen.foley@boston.gov.

Opens to questions:

Joe Capuccio: Just got new assessments and is forcing people out

Council Woman: They are working by creating a bill to pay decrease.

General Membership comments: Not fair to make those taxes due at person's death, cheats them out of their gains.

Updated flood zones, people should get more info to see how it impacts South Boston. If you get insurances before March 16 it will be cheaper.

Flood Maps Website: <http://msc.fema.gov/portal/availabilitySearch#searchresultsanchor>

Jim: We are shouldering more of the burden, taxes, flood insurance increase. Appears to us that we are shouldering a much greater burden than other parts of the city. It is the development in the Seaport, increased pollution, commuting, etc. We are getting our teeth kicked in and no one is here to help.

Councilwoman: Have been asking for a meeting that discusses all of the projects as a whole, not individually. We see the cumulative impact after all of these developments.

Joanne: referenced an article with 13 large projects in South Boston and we are getting no concessions what so ever.

Jim: No masterplan for South Boston and the Seaport, we are just off the shoulder of the development in the seaport, but it is all coming through here. Construction traffic, then commuter traffic. Need transportation study on how to address the situation.

7:15: Rebecca Hurst - Boston Harbor Association

Boston Harbor Association is a non-profit that is funded by donations and grants. They focus on how the harbor and the city of Boston interact. Sea levels have raised 1 foot in the last 100yrs. They expect that by the end of the century, the 100yr flood zones will be flooded at high and low tide. Boston Harbor Association is hosting a meeting in March, possibly the 19? Link on post card attached that will update you if date changes. Going to be thinking about what happen last year at the snow storms. We saw where some vulnerabilities were, what things can we do as a community and a city to bounce back if this were to happen again.

Member asks about dredging of the harbor

David Beale responds that as a part of the dredging of the harbor, Representative Collins made sure some of the money had to go to a study to see how the harbor would be affected. They are looking at ship to shore power. When these cruise ships pull in, they have to plug into electricity instead of running their engines and a lot of pollution. David will follow up and outline the study after it is presented next week.

Member mentions that between commonwealth pier and fish pier there is something going on with the foot bridge.

Who is heading up these map changes?

FEMA and the Army corps of engineers did the maps and the updates.

Joanne: Email from EPA there is a South Boston municipal plan that they are doing an amendment. There is an advisory group and we should get some City Point representatives on it. Think this is primarily the piece of land where pier 4 is. Provide an amendment to what can be done on these waterfront properties. This is a much bigger conversation to have.

Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance: \$3,242

Expenses tree lighting, office expenses, and refunded some money to Save the Harbor, Save the Bay.

Ending Balance: \$2,797

Save the Harbor: Joanne talked to them today about what we are going to do this day for our summer annual event in September.

Next Social: February 22, at Local 149, will confirm next weekend.

Have been using Facebook for updates lately, seems that that's where most people put the information. CityPoint Neighborhood Association

Meetings going on now about DOT Ave. It will shape all of South Boston. Meeting to be held on January 23rd .Check Facebook and Email for details.

Jim called for anyone who wanted to be involved with City Point zoning update to please sign the sheet before leaving. Others interested should send an email to sbcjna@gmail.com with their contact information and you will be contacted about the first meeting.

David Beale: DCR is conducting lifeguarding test for beaches across the state beaches, spread the word, they are looking to hire.

Member: Is there a reason that there are not swimming lessons at the beach?

No real answer given, some speculation about

Meeting Ends 7:50



