

CPNA March 10, 2015

Board Members in Attendance: Joanne McDevitt, James Covenno, Jerry Tracey, Dave Matteo, Kelly Massa

Approximate Member Attendance: 40 people

Meeting Commences: 6:34

Email Joanne to follow up with Patricia O'Keefe about her membership check from November not being cashed.

Joanne Welcomes membership - apologizes for last month's cancelation due to weather, but thought it was the safest thing for everyone.

Nick Collins had to cancel because of parade security meeting that Capt Greeland was also at.

Officer Roy and Officer Holliday gave the Police update:

Break-in last year on L Street. Detectives received a response from the lab on finger prints, had a match from individual from Braintree. Warrant to be issued shortly for this individual.

Feb 18th - 57 L Street (former gas station) owner put 2 cars in front of driveway to prevent people from illegally parking, someone slashed the tires.

Feb 22 - East 3rd street parking issue about reserved parking space. Vehicle smashed windshield, front tire, driver side mirror, and bumper.

Feb 21-23 - 120 L Street break reported without force. Tools were missing from apartment.

Feb 26 3am - victim reports to officer while at south station catching a bus. He was at East 3rd street when someone approached asking for a cigarette. Guy punched him in the eye and stole his cell phone.

Feb 26 4:30am - blue Toyota from 28 P Street reported stolen.

Mar 1 - 653 E 2nd St 10am - parking incident, windshield wiper ripped off

Mar 2 - 2pm 1 ? place - break reported. Residents came home and said the workers came out of the building carrying a suitcase that looked familiar. The suitcase owner told him to put it down and he did. Left right away. Many items from suitcase were items from basement. These guys were doing work for the landlord who will sort it out with C6 Detectives.

Mar 2-4 hair salon 340 summer street - someone took info from owners business account and cashed 3 checks totaling \$10,200.

Mar 6 - 313 Emerson - Heroin OD, EMT arrived and they had to give double dose of anti drugs that worked and individual lived.

Mar 9th - 618 E 7th Street - Executed an arrest warrant for 3 break ins on Mt Vernon St in Dorchester. Suspect was arrested.

Few weeks ago - Eastern Bank, Santander banks were robbed. Good picture from video, suspect turned himself in.

Joanne: Saturday night a party bus showed up next to M st Park with back windows open. Driver dropped off a number of teenagers and observed alcohol on the bus. Kids were throwing snowballs at cars. Girl was hit and was bleeding but refused medical treatment by officers. Kids were picked up down by MaGoos Pizza, picked up more kids in West Roxbury, then came back to South Boston. Suggest membership calls police if they see one of these buses and poor behavior. Owner may be coming to monthly police meeting to discuss what he can do to improve this.

Member question: Does trolley company have to get permits?

Officer Roy: They should be on the bus like in bar rooms.

No info on parade other than all traffic going right on Day Blvd at end of parade.

Police finish up: 6:55.

Joanne: Hope everyone is reading emails, parking updates have been going to membership. Email went out about snow clean-up of East and West Broadway. There are 4 garages that you can park for a discount. Trying to find out if there are any garages open to residents over the parade weekend.

Treasurers Report

Total currently in CPNA account \$2,952

This month a \$50 check to the boys and girls club was written.

Balance at end of month was \$2,902

Kelly: Social Committee:

social planned for April most likely at Local 149.

Jim: Bring a new member down with you.

If you are on FB, like our page since it is a good way to communicate

We are on Twitter - the handle is:

Joanne: Get an average of 200-300 responses on Facebook and twitter, so we are going to try and use more often.

Jerry - Survey: Send the survey out about 1.5 weeks ago, 6-7 questions geared towards whether the parking pilot program was a success or not. 604 responses as of yesterday. Predominately not in favor of parking plan. 80%-20% not in favor.

John Allison: Disagrees with the outcome of the survey, asks for more info. Coucillor Linehan's office has been getting lots of positive feedback. Gate of Heaven was against since they were getting the overflow of out of state parking. Which is why it is being implemented city wide.

Jerry Tracey: Survey was written in a non-biased way and still overwhelming negative. Gate of

Member: Inadequate parking requirements for new construction.

Jim: ZBA routinely allows variance on parking with new development.

Member: stop building, too much development, why do they have to come here.

JA: these are market forces, many people here dealing with overdevelopment.

Member: What about only issuing a certain number of parking permits per unit or whatever.

Joanne: Takes the meeting back from discussion, overviews how the survey was conducted.

Ask questions. 150 of people responded ideas on how to improve the situation, will share those with elected officials.

Want solutions on how to alleviate the problem of how

JA: There will be a neighborhood meeting about ALL transportation matters including public transportation, meters, parking, etc.

Shelia: Is Bill Linehan's office working on a solution to this? Parking hasn't gotten any better.

JA: this was not supposed to be a fix all for parking woes, there are other ideas on how this is going to solve the problem. They are actively working on a number of solutions. Would likely extend visitor parking times, since visitor parking is not viable. Bill Linehan has been going to neighborhood meetings to introduce and will hold the large overall meeting.

Joe Capucio:

What have suggestions from survey been?

Joanne: People can't have visitors, problem especially over the holidays. Solve the problem - build a garage. Every urban city in America is going through this. Can't just keep throwing up buildings with no parking. Yes they do take the bus, lots of them. People love their cars and want to have them on weekends. Maybe Saturday night is free.

Jim: We are looking for a commitment for a further discussion about this. We would like you to come next month to have Bill Linehan.

Jim asked if they would try to schedule something by the end of April John said they would try and do that.

928 E Broadway still trying to do more modern wings on either side of the Mansion.

945 E Broadway - they have broken ground no other updates from them.

Landmarks Commission: Single family on 388-390 W Fourth Street. Very close to Labourer center. West Side neighborhood association. They have asked other associations for support in landmarking this property. House will be required to go to landmarks, we don't know if there is any historical relevance to the property. The way landmarks works is there has to be some real historical significance.

Jim: Doesn't mean it has to be a certain property, but can be an area, like K Street. Row Houses across from 945 E Broadway. Help us identify these properties or houses for some type of protection.

Rocco still owns property:

John Fitzgerald: BRA Olympic Liaison

Wanted to be proactive, reaching out to 200 community groups to attend to their meetings, give his contact info, and hear from people at the local level. He is the grass roots guy that will report back to the mayor. We are at a point where a lot of things can still change. Implement some of the suggestions that people have. There are a lot benefits and maybe we aren't doing enough job. Let me preface this with we only won the bid 2 months ago and we are still working out the details. We don't have all of the answers. Let me turn it over to Q&A:

Member: MBTA and have you driven around here at 2pm or the expressway: Traffic is a huge problem

JF: These are issues whether Olympics are here or not. If those problems are not solved in the next 10yrs we have other problems, but can this be a catalyst for more immediate change? We get that legacy.

Member: Do we need the Olympics to get this done?

JF: It will get quicker

Member: Who pays you? Why the tax payers paying for you to promote this.

The BRA pays JF off of the BRA payroll.

Shelia: Why are we doing these improvements on Olympic timeline? We want them now.

JF: You are right we don't need the Olympics to solve these problems.

Joanne: Several of the plans direct traffic into our neighborhood. Plan for the MBTA includes a stadium by Widett Circle. Transportation department said we are not building any new roads. Too many people coming into our city.

JF: A lot of what you said is current traffic and infrastructure. Why is this an Olympic timeline, we are taking this on it is that we are working on this now. Take a look at the Olympics. Use this as a deadline.

Member: Chris Hurd: There has been reference that we may be able to get federal funding to pay for some of these issues.

JF: Federally not sure there are any. Only tax dollar's used would be for infrastructure, not putting on the games. Does getting the bid get us funds from any other sources or is it just our tax payer funds. Or is it just moving up the timeline. The overall idea, I ask people to be not so negative off the bat. Can you think of ways that this could be beneficial to the South Boston. Mayor didn't get into this to become the Olympic Mayor. He cares about affordable housing, security.

Member: Can we have a referendum on this? Can the people vote on this?

JF: He said he would pass along.

Member: Where do you live? JF: Dorchester. South Boston has been lied to for decades by the BRA. This federal funds for security question, when do we find this out?

JF: We would have to find this out sooner than later. The timeline Mr. Mayor people want to know the concrete plan and the timeline is. In Sept the letter to the IOC and the rough draft of bid is due in Sept of 2016. I will have more answers when I come back for the next

meeting. There are some things that we don't have answers to. Send an email to Olympics@boston.gov for any comments.

Member: Touchie McDonough 2 weeks ago described South Boston as a Peninsula... there is potential for sailing at castle island, might use Moakley park stadium, convention center will have, Stadium in meat packing district. These items surround us and we will be held hostage for years before and after. My children will be in High School. Continues on with all of the problems that will personally affect her. Summary is that she will be held hostage.

JF: I'm not here to refute, I'm here to listen. Widett Circle, is this the highest and best use? Recognizes that this there would be moving business relocation. What if we turned this into workforce housing.

Member: how do we pay Duval \$7,500 a day?

Shelia: What is happening with the recycling center?

JF: That is obviously a concern we are working on.

Jim: What about putting it on Long Island

JF: Athletes can't be on a boat.

JF: Start with the circle and redevelop the land after. Opening up DOT Ave to get the access better. Moakley field work would be done.

Member: What are the long term gains?

JF: Modular housing that we would take down and re assemble in other parts of the city.

Joe Cappuccio: When do we vote? September or November?

JF: Not sure? We can't say we will have a vote for sure.

Joe Cappuccio: Sochi Olympics budgeted 12mil and actually cost 50mil.

JF: That's Russia - Communist Government.

I know this is a tough pill to swallow, but as I have more details and more benefits to show you. The way the mayor is setting this up and the City will not be on the hook afterwards. I will have more answer next time I come.

Joanne: In all fairness companies have been given a bad wrap as to what they do there. They have been moved once and they are being asked to move again.

Meeting comes to a close: 8:00