

## September CPNA General Meeting Minutes

9/8/15

CPNA General Meeting:

Board members in attendance : Joanne McDevitt, Jim Covenor, Jerry Tracey, Dave Matteo, Kelly Massa

Members in Attendance: Approximately

6:35: Joanne welcomes everyone and introduces elected officials representatives and Board Members.

C-6 Police Report:

Officer Halliday retired

Monthly Issues:

Sgt Gaugen, Cpt Greeland, Officer Perry Roy, Officer Bollot

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> B&E at 46 O Street, Vic observed white male 5'8. Detectives did a follow up, but vic were unable to identify.

Aug 25 H& East Broadway at 5am. Alarm call, lottery tickets and cash were scattered on the floor

Aug 28 at E 5<sup>th</sup> and O Street, several gauges in car

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Bike stolen from 123 Faragut Road

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 652 E 2<sup>nd</sup>, B&E, broke into garage. Neighbor called, police arrested

Aug 12, people walking the dog, witness 2 men urinating by Molly Moo's. Victims Suspect punched

Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, fight at beer garden. Everyone scattered, no one was caught.

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30am, person left bag out front and wallet was stolen out of bag. Police found him and was ID. And arrested

Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, Bike was stolen from out front of Stop and Shop, bike has been recovered from a junkie over dosed.

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 760 E 7<sup>th</sup> St. 2 older cell phones were taken from a car

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 230am, fight at Murphy's Law. Citation issued to the bar.

Cpt believes that they scared off the culprits by adding patrols, 2 cars just patrolling only City Point. They pulled over a white Honda in the D Street projects. They arrested the driver for not having insurance.

Member: Robbed August 5<sup>th</sup>, they followed up a few times up until August 18<sup>th</sup>. There has been no progress. Cpt said that the Drug unit has an idea on someone, but they can't say much more.

Joanne: How many actual robbery's in City Point area this year?

Cpt: Not many in this area, robbery's usually are the Preble street, Andrews sq area and the lower end, D Street area. Rare in City Point.

Joanne asked what was done with the man she called about on East Broadway was crazy and was sent to the Hospital. J

Member reports that someone sleeping on the lower end of the M St park. There have been no 911 calls about it. Cpt will have cars go by and check it out.

Police Leave: 7:00pm

Mark McGonagle:

They are looking at rezoning South Boston, currently H-1-50. Housing - Far of 1 - 50ft of height.

South boston zoning goes back to the base code back when zoning curley was in office. Average Far is 1.75. When zoning was written most of these building were already built and were grandfathered in. Because the zoning is so old and out dated that they want to allow for "reasonable" development to allowed to move forward "as of right". Mark is going out to talk to the community and try to come up with a new zoning code that people are happy with.

No variance has been passed since Mayor Walsh took office on article 68. The idea is to get a similar situation where there is a new zoning code and there are no variances granted.

Idea thrown around was H-2-35 or H-2-45 to accommodate ground level parking.

Main issue is still parking, if they were to mandate 1 to 1 parking, most properties do not have a curb cut. If they allow for change in density. The issues with a huge number of curb cuts there are far less public parking spaces. Also, when there is no street level living area, it does not promote neighborhoods, its less safe, etc. Another issue is open space, parking will take up all of the open space. Height is an issue, 50ft is too high most people say. FAR of 1 is too low.

ZBA will be instructed that there must be a hardship to get a variance and a societal hardship will not help.

Setbacks: many setbacks are 15 ft setbacks in the front or 15t feet on the side yard. Thinking of going to a modal setback, meaning the same as other properties on the block.

Not recommending FAR of 2 in City Point, they are suggesting maybe having 1.75 on part of I Street and maybe 2.25 on the other side of I Street.

Major issues are affordibilty and to curtail development. Very difficult to do both of these items.

One of the few tools in the tool box is to continue to building more units to increase supply and decrease demand. They are looking to get much more density in the Andrews Square and Dorchester Street side. The BRA is doing more group meetings with

Joanne: difference between what you are doing now, can City Point handle more FAR? Is there going to be a committee similar to Article 68 where there is committee that has direct input?

The idea is to do this quicker by doing heavier meeting with the BRA.

There should not be a variance granted for parking, there should be some kind of buy out that goes directly to a fund to fund future municipal lots.

Parking is currently .9, if you can't meet this going forward, you will not be able to build.

Take a triple decker as

Member: We are still concerned about over development.

Member: The transportation cannot handle the density now, how can we handle more people?

Could we build some historical buildings and the size of the neighborhood?

Jim: What are our next steps?

Mark: we are going to have public meetings about this, this is a preliminary meeting.

Mark off at 7:39

Jake Bombard: From Linda Forray's office. Jake will be covering our meetings from now on. Want talk about the buses. The public process is going to be happening. Here at the point and on the lower end. One of September 23 at the Condon and September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Tynan. Both are from 5:30 and 7:30. Talk about changes, safety, current routes, past routes, etc.

Member Question: I thought the routes were going to be changed back after the winter? MBTA is an authority and is somewhat independent, but they have agreed to come talk about their process.

The MBTA is self funded, the study has be funded by at Capital Improvement Process.

Leo Costello from Nick Collins's office.

Saturday is Save the harbor save the bay event, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 11-2.

Street Festival on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 4 between Broadway and I Street.

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> BRA walking tour, rain date is following Monday.

Thanksgiving basket made

Tree Lighting during December meeting:

Are people interested in getting a group together to discuss Zoning.

Dues are on calendar year from January to December. Have until January to pay dues and they are:

\$10 per person

\$15 for family

Busses for country fest, Senator Forry is working on getting legislation passed so local police can regulate this.

Boston Blooms: Planting at medal of honor park, Joanne will be recruiting people to help with that. City has allotted 2mil to improve the park, they are looking for suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

If you are walking home and someone is following you, call 911. First think to tell them is location, the police can come find you.