

## **City Point Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**11.13.12**

**Board Members Present: Joanne McDevitt, Ben Rogers, Joe Cappuccio, Marcia Campbell**

**Guests Present: Mike Moynihan, Sen. Hart's office; Jake Bombard, Rep. Collin's office; Mark McGonagle, Councilor Linehan's office**

**Boston Police: Capt. John Greland, Sgt. Timothy Gaughan, Officer George Belotte**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and Joanne welcomed guests and members and introduced Joe Cappuccio as our new Vice-Chair and the other members of the Board that were present.

Capt. Greland reported on a vicious attack on November 11th at 2:30 AM at E. Fourth and N Sts. Two couples were jumped by three young men and several of the victims received severe injuries requiring medical attention. Capt. Greland indicated that today one suspect will be arrested, a 21 year old male from South Boston who is known to police and that they hope to have the other two suspects under arrest soon. Greland advised that BPD had received information about the possible poisoning of cats, but had no further details. A member indicated that several dogs had been poisoned after being in Farragut Park and that is a possibility that they ingested poison bait that is being put down in order to get rid of rats that are a problem in the Castle Island area. On November 27th, Lt. Bob Merner from the Drug Unit will speak at the Condon School at 6 PM regarding the situation surrounding the Jamaica Plain drug lab scandal and the problems that has created for communities. Officer Belotte indicated that there was a B&E on 10/18 at 861 East First St. and jewelry and a computer were stolen between 10:20 AM and 3:30 PM. One motor vehicle theft of airbags and a house party incident report on 853 East Third St. A CPNA member acknowledged that this address has been an ongoing problem regarding quality of life and that fines needed to be levied. Sgt. Gaughan indicated that you need to call 911 to complain about a "noisy house", do not call C-6 Station. This is the only way they can follow up from phone call register from 911. He indicated that there are only 8 officers available for all of South Boston on the weekends. There was discussion about foot traffic on Broadway after the bars closing at 2 AM empty and request for some patrol car visibility during that time. We were advised that the bicycle patrol has been suspended as of September first as it was an overtime item. It was our understanding from Commissioner Davis that this was to be a permanent fixture in our community. The DEA is still working with the BPD Drug unit.

CPNA was advised and urged to attend the monthly community BPD meeting held at Station 6 on the first Wednesday of the month. You are encouraged to come and discuss issues that are of concern to you and to learn about activities that are going on in South Boston. Recent issues discussed were

prostitution; success of drug enforcement issues; need for better communication and responses by BPD and the expectation of public safety now our community is experiencing so much new development and population increase.

**South Boston Neighborhood Alliance Committee (SBNAC) Report:** Sheila Green reported that to ascertain a full police incident report you need to go to BPD Headquarters and pay a fee of \$5.00. The SBNAC is working with BPD to try and institute a more efficient way for the community to have access to ongoing current activity, namely online daily with full information. At the January meeting this move will be supported by local politicians in concert with the SBNAC members. It was brought up that on October 8th there was a report of a forced kidnapping at Jimmy's Corner Store and there was no report of this given at the CPNA meeting on October 9th which was a concern to the members.

The SBNAC Committee is also working on the bigger issues going on in South Boston, namely development that affects the quality of life. They are working on a meeting with the BRA that would address the planning process and the possible creation of a master plan for South Boston Development.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ben Rogers indicated the balance of this date is: \$3472.73. He will give an updated membership report in January.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**CPNA ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**

**DECEMBER 11TH, 6 pm**

**MEDAL OF HONOR PARK**

Please bring non-perishable food for the baskets being donated to

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There will be NO monthly CPNA until January

**Safety Committee Report:** Joe Cappuccio has been working with this independent group formed after an horrific event took place in our community. He indicated that the group was formed after Commission Davis spoke with our residents regarding the crime and what we need to do as a community to address the public safety issues. The committee speaks candidly and hears from people who are in recovery; people who abuse prescription drugs; addicts who are in recovery programs who are getting methadone and still drinking. The committee is formed by a dynamic group of people including Father White from St. Vincent's. The committee is working on the emotional issue such as intervention and prevention and are preparing a full report to present to the community with recommendations for action that needs to be taken.

**Transportation Committee Report:** Dave Matteo indicated that the concrete island has been installed on E. Fourth St.. The plan is for CPNA to work with appropriate agency in the spring to install planters.

**Parks & Gardens Committee Report:** Cynthia Waxman indicated that there will be a meeting at 91 N St., 7PM on November 29th. New members are welcome to join in the beginning discussions on Spring Cleanup & Social that CPNA wants to plan.

**Real Estate & Zoning:** Jim Covenor indicated ongoing BRA and ISD projects are still in process. A concern was made by CPNA members regarding the 815 East Fifth St. project that recently was denied a permit. There was a community meeting regarding the lack of notification to abutters and the design review of the proposed 24 unit building was overwhelmingly defeated due to lack of flyering; deck overhangs; parking and open spaces. The developers will review and resubmit. An ongoing concern for the community is the issue regarding what Article 80 regarding the process of development really means and enforcement of it.

**Web Site Update:** Ben Rogers indicated that the Board has decided that we cannot move forward on the introduction of our web-site until we find someone to administer and manage it. Without having someone dedicated to keeping it up to date, the purpose it is intended for will not be met. If you would be willing to take on this project, or know someone with the computer skills needed, please contact Ben at [sbcpna@gmail.com](mailto:sbcpna@gmail.com).

**South Boston Neighborhood Alliance Committee**

will hold it's

**Annual Holiday Party on December 12th**

**7 PM at Seapoint,**

**Tickets are \$5.00**

**Come to meet your friends and neighbors!**

**7:35 Meeting adjourned**

**Marcia Campbell**

**CPNA Secretary**