

**LONGFELLOW AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2014**

Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association was held at the Longfellow House on Monday July 14th, 2014 at 7:30PM. Those in attendance were: John Covert, Mike Fitzgerald, Mary Flaherty, Janet Forrester, Chris Kollett, Kathy McCabe and Rob Orthman. Also in attendance were Paul Sullivan of Rep. Flaherty's office and neighbor Kate Markowitz.

The meeting began with a call for additional items for the agenda. Kate Markowitz requested a discussion regarding policing of Fallon Field. The agenda was approved as amended.

John began by noting that nobody seems to be in support of Henry's Market getting an expanded liquor license. They have asked to appear before LANA again, have been on the agenda the previous meetings but have failed to appear.

The meeting continued with a report from the Transportation Committee. Kathy noted that there is continued activity around the Casey overpass project at Forrest Hills, both for and against.

Kathy continued by reporting she would reach out to Lee Blasi to determine the status of the Bussey Street modifications at the intersection of Walter. John noted that some of his neighbors have been speaking to Mike Rush regarding the intersection of Centre and Walter.

The meeting continued with a report from the Green Committee. Not much happening. Julia is away. Rob volunteered to water the park in her absence. John noted that the new business in the block behind the park needs help with visibility. She had a sign up in a section of the park but was told to remove it by the city. John didn't see the harm

The meeting continued with a report from the Zoning Committee. The hearing for 43 Knoll is on July 22nd. LANA is not opposed, although some individuals are. John continued by noting that there is slow progress at the former gas station development at South Fairview. He suggested asking Dave to set up a neighbor's meeting, making sure to flyer the neighbors. Parking and housing seem to be a big focus of the city these days and neighbors are concerned about the impact of this development, especially on parking.

Chris, speaking for the Membership & Outreach Committee, reported 74 members on Nextdoor.com. He noted that updates also include messages from adjoining neighborhoods. Chris feels that Facebook doesn't work as well and that we should focus on building on-line strength via Nextdoor and move away from Facebook.

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Chris continued with a report on the Roslindale playground group activities. He said that five City Councilors spoke in support of improvements, as did the Parks Commissioner. He also reported that he and Adam Rogoff met with urban mechanics about creating small play areas to compliment larger playgrounds. Kathy noted there is an MBTA lot on Conway Street and that she would call the T Director of Real Estate to investigate the status/availability. Chris closed by noting that the \$500K renovation of Fallon Field could get moved up to next year. There is an open space meeting July 23rd at 6:30pm at the Roslindale Community Center.

The meeting continued with a report from the Wetlands Task Force. Janet reported that there had been no organized spring cleaning but that Paul Sutton had brought in a volunteer corporate group to help clean. She also noted that local residents have been going in ad-hoc to clean as well. They are taking a break until the fall due to the mosquitoes.

The meeting continued with a report from the Clerk. Mike noted that the domain name registrations need to be renewed at a cost of about \$75. Kathy motioned to fund and the motion was approved by all. There was no membership activity since the previous meeting. Mike distributed ballots for the election of officers. Robert entered his name for the position of President. Mike will report the results later in the meeting.

The meeting continued with a discussion on the issues raised by residents of Longfellow House. They have been told that a ramp at the back door would be non-conforming and not allowed. They also reported that a closed-circuit video system was to be installed within the next few weeks and that window washers have been contracted to wash all exterior windows which residents claim have not been washed since many of them moved in years ago.

Mike reported the results of the election: President – Rob Orthman, VP: Chris Kollet, Clerk: Mike Fitzgerald, Treasurer: Linda Burnett

The meeting continued with open discussion. Neighbor Kate Markowitz raised the issue of fireworks on Fallon Field and also on Belgrade Avenue. This is a problem not just on the 4th but has continued. Police have been less than responsive to calls. It was suggested we invite the commander and community policing officer to the September board meeting.

It was suggest we begin publishing the agenda and meeting schedule on Nextdoor.

The meeting was drawn to a close with a reminder of our next meeting:

Board Meeting - Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:30PM at Longfellow House