

LONGFELLOW AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2022
Minutes
Approved May 9, 2022

The bi-monthly meeting of the Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association was held via Zoom on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was recorded. Board members in attendance were: Joe DeMasi, Susan DiMatteo, Brendan Fogarty, Sue Forti, Jonna Iacono, Kathleen McCabe, Joel Neiditz, Julia O'Brien, Raphael Sulkovitz, David Wean and Rachel Young. Board members absent: Wayne Beitler and Hillary Sullivan

Representatives in attendance were Uju Onochio-Chinonye, Roslindale & African Community Liaison, Office of Neighborhood Services for the City of Boston, Jordan Frias, Chief of Staff, Office of City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, Paul Sullivan, Office of City Councilor Michael Flaherty, Kenya Beaman, Community Engagement Manager Boston Planning and Development Agency, Mary Ellen Gambon Bulletin News Reporter, Deb Asbrand, Wetlands Task Force

Residents in attendance were David Dangler, Jane Stanton, Louise Johnson, Mike Fitzgerald Hewlett St., Carol Waldvogel Mendum St, Paul Kelly and Linda Ferrano South St., Allison Ellis, Farquhar St.

November 8, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion to accept minutes as submitted by Joel Neiditz and seconded by Joe DiMasi. All Board members approved. None opposed.

Treasurer's Report

Joe DiMasi reported that LANA has \$8,740.69 in the bank including restricted Wetlands funds. FY22 net income to date is \$5,982.66. Sue Forti reported that the final \$1,000 sponsorship check from Henry's Market was deposited. A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Julia O'Brien and seconded by Susan DiMatteo. All Board members approved. None opposed.

Office of Neighborhood Services Report

Uju reported that the City will be hosting a series of webinars with info on covid 19 Christmas tree curbside collection occurring thru 1/13
Emergency Foreclosure Prevention Fund for homeowners at risk due to covid
Community Choice Electricity option available at lower cost
Boston Nbhhd Trauma Team emergency phone number for families impacted by violence.
Joe asked Uju if the city is planning to give out more free rapid covid tests that ran out fast. Uju will keep us updated. Kathy asked Uju to help follow up on the city's response to LANA's letter to Mayor Wu about transportation issues.

2022 Roslindale Parade After Party

Rachel Young reported that LANA will again be hosting independent of the Parade Committee (but in conjunction with it) an after party at Fallon Field. She invited volunteers and is putting together a budget. Thoughts and ideas are welcome. *Love your Block* funds will be requested. Uju and Rachel will coordinate.

Walter Street Transportation and Mobility Sub-Committee Report

Brendan Fogarty reported that LANA sent a letter to the Mayor about 3 major areas for city investment; Walter St. improvements, traffic calming, and road safety. Included in those broad categories is incorporating green features, looking at the two intersections at South Street and Fallon Field for reconceived and safer pedestrian access and modernization of sidewalks. David Wean added that the sidewalks alongside the Arboretum and Bussey Street are in terrible condition and though no homeowners live there they are in the LANA neighborhood and should be added to our concerns to the City. David got in touch with Danny Schissler, the new Operations Director at the Arboretum and he is also concerned and working with city and state agencies over sidewalk issues. Councilors Flaherty and Arroyo staff persons Paul Sullivan and Jordan Frias were invited to come walk Walter Street with LANA and offered to explore solutions within city hall.. Kathy recommended capital funds for design review and drawings.

108 Walter St. Acquisition Celebration December 11

Deb Asbrand of the Wetlands Working Group thanked everyone who came out in the pouring rain and cold to the event to show thanks for this new addition to open space.

104 Walter Street

Jerry Patten, Habitat Director of Construction and Real Estate for Habitat reported that they are moving forward with the schematic design, finalizing drawings with architects and consultants and engaging a structural engineer for the reworking of the existing building. A site walk is planned for the following week. They have engaged a surveyor to get existing conditions drawn up. Timeline for submittals to BPDA is being developed.

Eversource Presentation

Joel Neiditz introduced Nicole Bowden, Eversource Community Relations Specialist for the City. Joel showed photos of unsafe and/or sloppy utility finishes around the neighborhood and posed the question of removal of old infrastructure after new infrastructure is put in. Ms. Bowden gave a powerpoint presentation. The mostly finished Reconductor Project 516-06 occurring along and off Walter Street replaced old wires, added automation for remote control of supply and expanded supply for increased demand all to strengthen reliability of the system to prevent customer outages. Once all the other utilities transfer their wires to the new poles, the old poles and wires will be removed. Verizon, RCN, Comcast are the next utilities following Eversource to move their infrastructure. The "Engine" is a system used by all the utilities to track work being done. David Dangler asked about coordination of clean up when customers change providers who add new wires and leave old wires. Nicole said it is the honor system but the utilities should be removing inactive account wires. Complaints should go through 311 to Eversource.

Zoning

9 Farquhar St. variance needed for a new 3-story rear deck

Owner Allison Ellis presented drawings. Property is a 3 family used as a 2-family. One abutter is in support. The other abutter is Rogerson House's parking lot. Observations made were about the 3rd floor deck extending beyond the slope of the roof by 4 ft. on each side. Unclear what variances are needed; likely side and rear setback. LANA will withhold a letter of no opposition pending the abutter's meeting on Jan 20th and will reach out to Rogerson House.

Board Vacancy

Hillary Sullivan resigned from the Board creating a vacancy.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion by Joe DiMasi, second by Susan DiMatteo. Next meeting: March 14, 7 P.M.

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