

**Charlestown Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2015**

Charlestown Neighborhood Council Chair, Tom Cunha, called the meeting to order at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Medford St., with 12 meeting members present.

Motion to accept the November meeting minutes.

**Approved**

**Correspondence:**

**Email from Kate Kelly** regarding her unavailability for her last CNC meeting due to the schedule change and she wanted the CNC to know she has thought it a pleasure to have served and that she is grateful for the opportunity to have learned so much from its members. She also plans on staying involved with the community issues and is happy that Precinct 7 is going to be so well represented by Lisa Collins.

**Changes in staffing** along with some other financial issues may prompt a delay in the Housing Development project

- CNC to send a letter to the BHA to inquire as to what the time frame is for Corcoran and Genesis, questioning how they plan to respond to the delay.

**Mishawum Bridge** is now open, being reconstructed after it's closing in October.

**Mr. Tacco** from Wynn--we need a plan for remediation of the property. How will they manage the cleanup  
Trucks have been delayed—haven't moved anything off of the property.

Motion to open the floor.

**Approved**

**Presentations:**

**Peggy Carolan – Opening of the Health Center in Hayes Square**

Opening at St. Catherine's on Monday

All physicians have been hired

Affordable dental and vision will be phased in at a later date

North End Waterfront Health ([northendwaterfronth.org](http://northendwaterfronth.org))

New Health Charlestown—primary care, family practice, admitting privileges BMC and MGH

Open to everyone—federally qualified health center so you can't turn anyone away

There is a sliding fee scale for those who need it

Pharmacy is part of the plan but it's not available yet

**Rebecca Kaiser – Spaulding-CNC Community Partnership Fund - Conflict of Interest statements**

Should be thought of more as disclosure of relationships

Covers 3 things:

- Personal benefit-Are you employed by this organization?
- Is an extended family member who will gain from this grant?
- Are you involved with the organization directly without being employed?

This may not exclude an organization but there is a need to disclose this relationship.

**Lauren Zingarelli—Environment Dept, FEMA flood maps  
City of Boston Environment Department**

Has implications regarding insurance and other areas

March 16<sup>th</sup>

Steps to be taken to lessen the impact

- Call FEMA flood specialist to find out if your property is in new flood zone
- Check out website to identify new high risk zones
- Can be more levels of flood zone
- Open house to help answer question 1/12/16 at the Boston Teacher's Union
- Maps are available on the FEMA Flood Map Center website
- Printed flood maps are available at City Hall

Motion to contact the Environment Department to set up a meeting with our community so that we do not have to travel to Dorchester.

**Approved**

**Kelly Tucker regarding the old JJ's bulding on Main St.**

- Met with Wynn Management regarding the access to this building by homeless and those exhibiting objectionable behavior
- Originally bought by the State for homeless veterans with Charlestown roots
- Also, for men waiting on the BHA list who were homeless
- Also, rooms for those with mental disabilities
- Suppose to be monitored by the management
- Scott Wynn, Esq. has an office there
- Was supposed to have some rentals to help cover expenses
- We need to get information and contact the mayor's office and those who represent us in the city
- Could be tied into Suffolk Mental Health
- Want to know how the tenants are picked and are they violent or registered with SORB
- If Wynn is not managing the property according to the plan, they should not be allowed to manage.
- Currently 12 residents, but there were originally 16
- There is no an on-site manager

**Zelma Lacey House**

- Originally 10 units to be set aside for Charlestown needs
- Since Bay Cove has taken over, they want to relocate some original Charlestown residents and many have dementia due to their particular syndromes
- Residents who get relocated will fail because it's so detrimental to their disabilities

- Elderly in Charlestown in late 90's requesting a nursing home ( Zelma Lacey house funded and built)—Life Focus Center came forward and secured money to open up some space in the Zelma Lacey complex for older Life Focus members which benefited Zelma Lacey because of the federal subsidy
- The construction of that building was supported because they agreed to provide this to the community

Motion to close the floor

**Approved**

**Public Safety Committee**—Ed Grace reporting:

No report available

Reports for October and November will be available soon.

**Basic Services**—Bill Galvin reporting:

**Waste Management** in the Hood Business Park

8 people from Casella present to answer any questions

Located at the Bunker Hill Industrial Park on Rutherford Ave

Proposing to bring 650,000 tons per day into the facility

They have an internal traffic plan for residents in the Park

14 residents attended the meeting

Propose to operate during the night hours which will increase the truck trips by 80/day

Joe Kelly was supportive of this proposal

Most concerns for truck traffic, some concern for odors and rodents, back up truck beeping and hours of operation

Would donate \$1 per ton to the community as mitigation

There is currently a moratorium in Boston for this type of development/transfer stations

Summary is provided

Will need zoning variance

City council must take a vote to determine if this is necessary and essential

BRA design review needed

Small piece of property in Somerville requiring permitting process there as well

There is also some state agency approval that they must secure

Bill has received many phone calls opposing this project

Motion to accept this report as one in progress

**Approved**

Motion to set up a community meeting on this issue in January.

**Approved**

**Beacon Hill Health Club**—Amanda Reinfeld reporting:

**11/17/15 meeting**

Need a change of use to fitness center

Owner operator and Atty John Iacoi were present

Date of completion is spring 2016

No classes but more personal training due to smaller space

Nutritional consulting

Hours of Operation: Mon-Thurs 6 am to 10 pm

Expect about 30 people present at a time  
No new employees but one to three on site at all times  
No parking for clients  
Expect people to walk to the facility  
Request that they keep a vision to the Square and keep open the shades  
Wants to review the signage before installation  
Parking is a major problem in that area- this business needs to present some parking plan  
Motion to accept this report in progress **Approved**

Motion to approve the committee recommendation to support this proposal. **Approved**

**Mitigation Committee**—Peg Bradley reporting:

Mitigation process for Spaulding-CNC Community Partnership process ready to launch:

- Due date for application is Friday, 1/15/2016 @ 5:00 pm
- Submission requires signed documents
- Submission can be made via US mail as hard copy or via email as PDF format
- CNC members have applications
- Bill Galvin has secured 2 nights at the American Legion for tutorials 12/7 & 12/8
- Attendance at least one of the tutorials is mandatory for acceptance of application

Motion to accept this report as one in progress. **Approved**

**Election Committee**—Barbara Babin reporting:

CNC Precinct Election was held on Saturday, November 14, 2014 @ Area 15-A Police Station in Hayes Square

The following candidates were elected from each precinct as follows:

- Judy Brennan, 28 Washington St., Precinct 1
- Dave Whelan, 23 Ferrin St., Precinct 2
- William Galvin, 49 Monument Square, Precinct 3
- Karson Tager, 260 Medford St., Precinct 4
- Richard McCarthy, 249 Bunker Hill St., Precinct 5
- Tera Lally, 1 Wall St., Precinct 6
- Lisa Collins, 415 Bunker Hill St., Precinct 7

The election was well attended producing a close race for Precinct 4.

The successful candidates will be seated at the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CNC

Motion to accept this report as one in progress. **Approved**

**Old Business**

**BRA** has had public meetings for the community on the extension of jurisdiction and does not think it appropriate to accept an invitation to CNC.

- CNC will take a vote as to whether the BRA should have its jurisdiction extended.

## **New Business**

Motion to ratify the November 14, 2015 election results.

**Approved**

### **Decca Beer and Wine License**

Located in the National Historic Park

Seeking a license to sell beverages

Previous owners sold their liquor license.

Motion to request a postponement of the licensing until we can have a public meeting

**Approved Unanimously**

### **CSAC Meeting**

CNC will be sponsoring a legislative bill for funds to support CSAC's goal to provide access and support to homeless Charlestown addicts.

- Rep. Dan Ryan interested in adding a jobs component to this proposal

### **Upcoming meetings/Events:**

- Public Safety – 12/23/15—6:00 pm - Police Station in Hayes Square
- BHA redevelopment - January
- BRA – January (No date available at this time)
- Andrea Burns, Commission on Affairs of the Elderly - January

Motion to adjourn: 9:25 pm

**Approved**