

**Charlestown Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2015**

Council Chair, Tom Cunha, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Medford St, Charlestown, with 15 meeting members present.

Correspondence

David Whelan thanks all CNC members for their support. He will not be able to leave home for several weeks while he builds up his resistance but hopes to stay in touch with community issues.

Motion to dispense with the regular order of business.

Approved

Dan Otto and Mike Cavaria hope to open a **brewery and taproom**

- Looking at 50 Terminal St. but no lease has been negotiated
- Interested in considering all potential locations to establish business
- Planned opening 9-10 months from now after lease is signed and completed permitting process
- Parking is an issue
- Unclear as to how many people will be hired although most daytime staff will be involved with brewing
- Once a lease has been signed this issue will go to Basic Services to set up a public meeting closest to where the business will be located
- Expect to provide employee parking
- CNC will be interested in longer term plans with hopes that the business will remain in the community
- Looking for early fall meeting time
- Will be seeking help from the City to identify a location zoned appropriately
- No food requirement when selling beer that is brewed on site and sold in growlers
- Not interested in an establishment that will be catering to the late night crowd
- Possibility of food trucks or local restaurants delivering food

Dan Toscano representing Nicholas Leo, **Dunkin Donuts to open in the Navy Yard**

(The Leo Organization)

- Nick operates the Brickyard Restaurant in Newton Center and a sushi restaurant in the North End
- No violations in existing businesses
- Met with ISD
- American Baker's Café is the location
- Will be 11 seats
- Thought they needed a 36A license but this location is already zoned appropriately so they are withdrawing the current petition for a license
- Vistular's license 5 am to 9 pm daily (current license is to 11 pm so they don't need a hearing at the Boston Licensing Board
- Jazz Brew theme

- Signage will be consistent with all current signage including a wooden blade sign
- Trash will be stored inside with daily pickup—will work with the current businesses in the area to coordinate just one truck pickup
- Trash bin to sit outside which will be policed
- 3 shifts with one to four employees –interested in hiring locally
- Will not be a DD destination but rather catering to foot traffic
- Hoping to open by September, 2015
- Property already leased
- 15 year lease
- Hoping to add some outdoor seating to extent possible and exploring licensing requirements
- Full menu with some baking on site; daily delivery for some products @ 4-5 AM
- Restrooms will be for patrons with buzzer system on the door
- CNC to consider this proposal under new business

Tom McKay—Neighborhood Services

- Neighborhood Engagement Walks report is now available
- Pilot program to change Street Cleaning will start 7/1 and run through 11/20—no towing but fines will increase to \$90 which has to be paid within 30 days or the fine will increase another \$30
- Plan to hire more “hokeys”
- If streets are still dirty, call the Mayor’s Hot line so it can be tracked and the program can be evaluated
- Definitely will include side streets but may not include main streets

Bill Lamb

Olympics and the Velodrome in Somerville—asking the CNC to get some information on this

Ivey St. John

What if people routinely violate and collect tickets?

Asking to raise this question with the City

Motion to close the floor and return to the regular order of business. **A approved**

Public Safety—Ed Grace reporting:

Robberies: 2

- Chinese food delivery person
- Victim walking near Tufts and Walford Way--backpack and cell phone

Aggravated Assaults: 5

- Road rage on Cambridge St
- Road rage on Rutherford Ave--complaints sought
- Uber driver on Crescent St.--BB gun involved
- Juvenile threatened with a knife on Star King Court
- Domestic violence on Polk St.

Breaking and Entering-Residence: 4

Auto theft: 1

Larceny: 13

Larceny from a Motor Vehicle: 3

Overdose Statistics:

- Year to Date: 11
- Month: 1
- Deaths: 0

Arrests 5/1-5/27/15: 14 (one firearm possession)

The next Public Safety meeting: 6/24/2015 @ Area A-15, Community Room 6:00 pm

Motion to accept this report as one in progress.

Approved

Basic Services—Bill Galvin reporting:

Billboard on storage building on Rutherford Ave

Information will be circulated

Motion to accept this report as one in progress.

Approved

Development—Tom Cunha reporting:

55 people at the **Armory** meeting

Most questions were about inadequate notice to the neighborhood RE: changes

Property that the state still owned is not yet satisfied

There is no government arm that will take responsibility for the property

Some work has already been done on the retaining wall

Moving the bus stop is back to where it was 10 years ago but will be returned when construction is completed

Currently stripping the surface of the building

Snow removal is an issue in the back of the property so the developer will allow snow to be stacked on their property

Contact information sheet to help facilitate communication during construction has been circulated

Several questions were submitted for the developer to answer in July

Agreed to put all “lay down” product inside on their property

There are several people from the neighborhood who will be taking the lead on issues with the developer

Building Department will be called to monitor the environmental impact from the surface removal—some mitigation may be called for to compensate for impact

Tom will call the Building Department

Motion to accept this as a report in progress.

Approved

Charlestown Marina—Marion Dancy reporting:

Very positive and constructive meeting

Marina has partially opened

Eversource is holding up complete opening

Operations issues are the main reason for delay:

- Security in place 6pm to 8am
- Parking will be put in place on both piers with gates to count cars going in and out
- There will be some 15 minute “drop off” spaces
- Questions regarding Harbor Walk which is still in process
- Location of dumpsters will be located near the Marina Office. Dumpsters will be locked and available to marina staff.
- Some repositioning of boats due to neighbors’ concerns

Legasse is very motivated to get this done and done correctly

Marina issues will be moving to Basic Services

Motion to accept this report as one in progress.

Approved

Mitigation Committee—Peg Bradley reporting:

This is private money so this is different than prior dealing with the BRA

MGH is very integrated with this community

Moving back to September schedule and we’ve skipped a year

Only thing that may change is that their fiscal year requires them to move this process faster

They’re not comfortable that we would be awarding money consistent with their budgeting for

- Criteria include the 4 health initiative goals: education, substance abuse, health
- Max of \$5000 per application
- Years past, there were 15-25 applicants
- 2nd application might be submitted for competitive bidding for money left over from the first round of distribution
- Draft application will be available before 9/8/15
- Partners Group is the funding agent
- \$100,000 per year

Motion to accept this report as one in progress.

Approved

Old Business

Charlestown Housing Development—meeting on conversion--Katie Alitz reporting:

BHA and 300 residents in attendance

Explained the process and took questions

Issued an RFQ last year to get ideas and received significant interest around the city

Potential for being the largest housing redevelopment in Boston history

Could combine Section 8/Tax Credits and mostly likely be Public/Private partnership

RFP will be issued next

BHA preference to relocate/voucher 20% of tenants at a time to phase redevelopment

2 years to groundbreaking

Residents will be allowed to come back after renovations

Residents will be also be allowed to take their Section 8 housing to relocated

Process will be open and transparent

Many meetings promised during this process by BHA
Motion to accept this as a report in progress.

Approved

Mass Gaming Commission meeting

Timeline was difficult to follow

2 separate permitting processes going on and they're not sure how these proceed

Could be 6-9 months for each process and 4 years for construction

They will start meeting regarding the long term plans for Sullivan Sq.

The City decided not to appear at this meeting

There are two separate environmental issues: traffic and remediation of property

Motion to accept this report as one in progress.

Approved

Charlestown Parade Committee needs help.

Many groups stepping up to provide support

6/20/2015 Kennedy Center celebrate its 50 year anniversary

New Business

Motion to endorse the Dunkin Donut's proposal as presented and will send letter of support as requested.

Approved

Motion to ask City Counselor LaMattina and Mayor Walsh to hold a public meeting regarding the connection of a large gas line through Sullivan Sq.

Approved

Motion to write a letter expressing the opposition by the CNC to the destruction of 16 Oak St. in Charlestown.

Not Approved

Motion to adjourn: 9:05 pm

Approved