

**Charlestown Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2015**

Charlestown Neighborhood Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson, Peg Bradley, called the meeting to order at 7:05 at the Knights of Columbus Hall with 12 meeting members present.

Motion to accept the October meeting minutes **Approved**

Motion to open the floor for presentations. **Approved**

**Rebecca Kaiser–Spaulding Mitigation**

Much is happening in the Navy Yard

Spaulding wants to be a good neighbor

- \$500,000 is being allocated for distribution to the Charlestown through the grant process
- Healthy Eating Initiative--Going into the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA to get them to do more healthy snacks under the concept that not all treats need to be candy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> large grant is one regarding Public Housing

Good idea to have both grant projects to come to the CNC

All ties back to the Community Health Assessment which identified 4 major priorities:

- Healthy eating
- Workforce development
- Autism prevention
- Education on substance abuse

Mitigation schedule and applications should be out to the community soon

- This new process requires a purpose related to a health initiative—should not be a problem since many organizations can easily relate to this in some way
- \$100,000 will be distributed in the first year
- Soft date is December 18<sup>th</sup>.—this is a magic date—could be very flexible
- Tutorials will be offered in advance of the proposals to be submitted
- Hope to grant money by March, 2016
- Reporting requirements will be much more stringent with this process

No substantial differences between this plan and the one considered in June, 2015

We have skipped a whole year in mitigation money distribution

Sports organizations will need to tailor their proposals to meet the criteria

Education and healthy living are very broad areas for consideration for sports orgs

Disclosure of potential conflict required of CNC members participating in the process

Motion to schedule tutorials in December with grants proposals submission to 1/15/2016

**Approved**

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

No report available at this time.

**Basic Services**—Amanda Reinfeld reporting:

**Fresh Truck**

Getting their insurance certificate ready

Changed the day of operation to Saturday, 3:00-5:00 pm year round

Will be announced in local media.

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

Located at 20 City square

Meeting is scheduled for 11/17/2015 at Tudor Wharf

ZBA meeting tentatively scheduled for 12/8/2015 seeking “Change of Use”

There is a question as to whether they will want to serve food

**Recycling Center**—Bill Galvin reporting reporting:

Waiting for something in writing before setting up a meeting

Waste Management wants to enhance their business and operate as a transfer station

Motion to accept these reports as in progress.

**Approved**

**Election Committee**—Barbara Babin reporting:

11/14/15 CNC Precinct Election 10:00 am-2:00 pm in Hay Sq at police station

All precincts have candidates

This notice will be published in all local media

Motion to accept this as a report in progress.

**Approved**

**Transportation Committee**—

No meeting

**Old Business**

**Article 80** (BRA) would be applicable to Sullivan Sq

Gives the BRA the power to waive all zoning requirements

Sullivan Sq appears to be outside of the urban renewal area and thus outside of the  
Jurisdiction of the BRA

If you want to control parking at all, then we have to keep the BRA away

Comments need to be sent regarding the extension of the BRA

Article 80 is Large Project Review which has to go through the BRA

BRA is both the city’s planning and development arms which is an inherent conflict  
of interest—incentive to make it bigger so they can make more money

Community input has been lost with this new administration because the CNC has  
no direct voice

Deadline for comments regarding the BRA extended to 11/10/15

BRA “authority” status is of major concern

Major question to be answered is what happens if the extension is not approved.

Move to table the BRA discussion because of a lack of information.

**Approved**

**Imagine Boston**—Tera Lally

Public input being solicited regarding future planning for the City  
Notice of the next meeting will be sent out.

**MassGaming Commission**—Tera Lally

Building design is open for comment

There are pictures of the buildings but no information on what the perspective would  
be from Sullivan Sq area

Building will be 28 stories tall

**New Business**

**Zip Car**

Spaces taken by the city and given to Zip Car—pick up and drop off

Boston Creates and Imagine Boston etc working on a transportation plan with public  
Events over the last 18 months

- Drive Boston Program—designed to take public areas and allow for new locations for car sharing
- Mix of on street parking spaces and transportation owned parking lots
- RFP went out from Transportation Dept which was vague and received no feedback and got response from Enterprise and Zip Car
- Every neighborhood was looked at to decide which would be good locations to locate these car sharing spots

Motion to table the discussion until we have more information.

**Approved**

**Chelsea Street** intersection with Rutherford Ave.

Constant green arrow available for right hand turn onto Rutherford causing problems:

- Cars stack up for straight and left hand moves blocking the right turn access
- Constant green conflicts with left hand u-turn traveling inbound from Rutherford Ave

**MBTA 92** bus running off schedule—3 back to back inconsistent with the schedule

Making the next bus 30 minutes late

Motion to table this discussion.

**Approved**

Motion to adjourn @ 8:40 pm

**Approved**