

**Charlestown Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2015**

Charlestown Neighborhood Council President, Tom Cunha, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Medford St., with 13 meeting members present.

Correspondence:

Cochrane Jennison with SunCal has been selected as the new developer by the BHA

- Will run the Development for the next 12 months
- 10/15/15 meeting with Bill McGonagall at the Kent School 6:00-8:00 pm
- No one will lose their rights—will receive Section 8 voucher
- People will be allowed to return after reconstruction is completed
- Asked to put together a presentation once they are the manager of record to deal with all issues

David Whelan is feeling better but activities still restricted

Motion to open to dispense with the regular order of business.

Approved

Presentations

Tom Miller—Chain Forge Update

The cleanup plan to EPA was submitted 6/19/15 but just awaiting approval

- \$13 million is expected to be cost of clean up
- Every piece of wood inside the building has to be replaced
- Have filed for federal historic tax credits
- Plan is to use old equipment left in the building
- Great opportunity to recreate some of the ambiance
- Significant task to remove the equipment that must be removed

Very little change to the outside

Hotel operator is ready to sign

Worked out agreements with unions

Everything lined up to go

Experiencing a 60 day delay

Autoport agreement for parking which will start when clean up begins for workers

54 units—14 remain to be sold

Some issues remain at Building 39 A (the Starboard) as well as the landscaping

Planting needs to be done in October and not the spring

Future meetings will be planned to coordinate with the neighborhood

Neighborhood needs some warning when truck debris removal begins

11 affordable units don't have parking

No plans regarding the proposed restaurant but will return to the CNC when that happens

Lowie Hayes--Renew Boston

This program is designed to help people save money on energy bills

There is an incentive with “knob and tube wiring” for older homes--\$2000 grant

- Now it is up to \$3000 (increased this year)

Seniors Save—new program announced by the Mayor for people over 60 years of age

Income information does not need to be shared for this

Tenants can have their own energy assessments

Any MassSave contractor can do the work

Workshop at the library planned for mid-November

Jim Luisi, North End Health Center—St. Catherine’s

Opening a new facility

Permitting has been arduous

Project is almost complete except for flooring

Expect to have possession no later than the first week in November

Must be operational by 12/9 to keep federal grant

Primary care services and vision care services will be available on Day 1

Dental care services expected shortly after that

Grand opening will be planned including tours

Services will be open to everyone without restriction

Will eventually have a pharmacy

Addiction—Sarah Coughlin, Director and Shannon Lundin, Community Outreach Coordinator, Charlestown Substance Abuse Coalition (CSAC)

In operation for over a decade

Continually working to reduce and highlight this problem

5 different task forces involving prevention, treatment and recovery

Number 1 health concern in the community

Stats for BPD only reflect what the police respond to and can be very deceiving

Lack of resources in beds and treatment options

Bootlegged drugs are being mixed with heroin

Narcan always effective-- everyone should be trained and have access

Narcan is available at every training done

First responders are being trained

Intranasal spray can be obtained without a prescription

Looking for ways to expand

Hoped to get a recovery support center but was not funded

Seeking alternative space other than the Boys and Girls Club location

VA on Green St would be preferred but renovations were prohibitive

Hoping to develop a program targeting 13-18 year olds because so little is available

Evidence based curriculum in local schools

Not reaching our residents and looking to do prevention at community level

Any support in this area will be really helpful

Average age of onset in Charlestown is 11 years of age (13 nationally)

CNC would like to hear from kids who are engaged with this group to figure out how to

- address this problem
- Start with fact finding
- Interested in *Angel Program* in Gloucester where police refer to drug treatment before making an arrest for possession for those surrendering to police department

No drug court currently in Juvenile Court

Motion to open the floor. **Approved**

Positive comments and support for CSAC expressed by residents in attendance

Motion to close the floor **Approved**

Motion to return to the regular order of business **Approved**

Public Safety Committee--Ed Grace reporting:

Meeting held on 9/30/15 @ Police Station 6:00 pm

Robbery/Person	1
Robbery/Business	1
Aggravated Assault	5
B&E Residence	5
Auto Theft	3
Larceny	4
Larceny from MV	6

Pattern of daytime breaking and entering in residences

Next meeting 10/28/15 @ 6:30 pm Police Station

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

Basic Services—Amanda Reinfeld reporting:

Fresh Truck

Do have approval for Edwards Middle School parking lot location

Do have insurance

Will be operating every Thursday 6-8 pm year round

Proposed start 10/15/15

Will flyer the parking lot with notification of plan

Putting the letter together for our consideration when details are available

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

Recycling—Bill Galvin reporting:

Waste plant

Developer has come to community meetings to ask to double the space and then goes in town to ask for triple the space

We need to have proposals in writing

There is no application to any department in the city

City just wants to get a sense from the community

Boston City Council wants the community to hold a meeting

We need something specific before we can conduct a meeting and advise the Council

Beacon Hill Athletic Club update—Amanda Reinfeld reporting:
Will be holding a meeting as soon as John Iacoi can get his clients together
Motion to accept this report as one in progress. **Approved**

Development Committee—Tom Cunha reporting:
Hoping to get BRA to CNC
Motion to accept this report as one in progress. **Approved**

Transportation Committee—Tom Cunha reporting:
No meeting conducted

Mitigation Committee—Peg Bradley reporting:
Hoping to get a presentation in November to update the CNC on this project
Mitigation funds distribution planned for the spring of 2016
Motion to accept this report as one in progress. **Approved**

Marina Update—Marion Dancy reporting:
Final stages in completion of Piers 8 and 9
Pier 6 Chapter 91 plan not approved because of finalizing lease agreement for Pier 9
Considerable concern with Harborwalk completion
Lawsuits continue to confuse this issue
Meeting has to be had with all respective parties and must include the BRA
Held up because there is no agreement with the BRA
CNC needs to ask for meeting with BRA around this issue
Motion to accept this report as one in progress. **Approved**

Election Committee—Tom Cunha reporting:
Nomination Papers must be submitted by 10/30/2015
Precinct Election scheduled 11/14/2015
Election announcement will be published for 3 weeks in print and new media
Information and blank nomination papers will be available on the CNC website and the
Charlestown Library
Motion to accept this report as one in progress. **Approved**

Old Business

Wynn Meeting is 10/14/15 at Knights 6:00-8:00pm
Contractor has been decided upon by Wynn
Access to the casino from either north or south will be through Sullivan Sq
Question exists regarding use of barges for hauling contaminated material
Many questions remain regarding this project

November CNC meeting will be held on Thursday, 11/5/15 due to Election Day conflict

New Business

Motion to send a letter to BRA and other concerned groups to convene a meeting to resolve issues dealing with leases on Harborwalk. **Approved**

Motion to send a letter to Tom McKay to bring the appropriate person to our next CNC meeting to explain the impacts of not renewing extension of BRA jurisdiction which must be approved by the Boston City Council. **Approved**

Motion to adjourn @8:30 pm. **Approved**