

**Charlestown Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2020**

CNC Chair, Tom Cunha, opened the January meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council at 7:06PM at the the Knights of Columbus Hall, Medford Street., Charlestown with 14 members present.

Tom Cunha, CNC Chair presents changes to sitting Board Members:

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| Paul Hollien | Non Profit | Gardens for Charlestown |
| JD Mangrum | At Large | (was Precinct 6) |
| Jean Wilson | Precinct 6 | |
| Peg Bradley | Precinct 1 | (was At Large and replaces Judy Brennan in Precinct 1) |
| Nancy Johnsen | Non Profit | Chas'n Neighborhood Alliance |

Motion to approve sitting Board Members

Approved

Roll Call:

Present:

Tom Cunha
Mary Boucher
Peg Bradley
Lisa Collins
Ed Grace
Paul Hollien
J.D. Mangrum
Shelley Mogil
Erin Sullivan
Eileen Ward
Tera Lally
Nancy Johnsen
Jean Wilson
Richard McCarthy

Not Present:

Barbara Babin
William Galvin
Elaine Donovan
Scott Holmes
Tim McKenna
Tracy Shea
Karson Tager

Nancy and Jean will leave their contact info with Peg Bradley (name, address, cell, email)

Motion to accept November and December Minutes.

Approved

Chairman's Correspondence:

- Bill Durette has done a couple of projects on Charlestown Veterans. Tom Cunha spoke with Bill asking if he could see what streets in BHA are dedicated by the City and endorsed by

the State. The CNC would like to endorse the names presented and send the list to the developer/builder and make sure they are kept. These locations are significant to Charlestown's history and our honored Veterans some of whom were killed in action. Some of the streets/locations in question:

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| O'Brien Court | Carney Court | Samuel Morse Way |
| O'Reilly Way | Tuft Street | Decatur Street |
| Moulton Street | Walford Way | O'Meara Court |
| Polk Street | | |

To be picked up later under New Business.

- Tom Cunha speaks about the verbal and written correspondence regarding the letter to the State for recognized battle fields in Charlestown "where the US Army was born" that was brought before the CNC by Don Haska. He's heard back from the State, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Congressman Jim McGovern. There has to be a meeting for funding for independent verification. People have to be paid to verify information.

Election of Officers:

Usually we have a notification in December and hold elections in January. At the February meeting we will nominate and elect officers for the CNC. **Approved**

The Executive Board would only meet alone in an emergency and then would share with the Council. Current Executive Board:

Tom Cunha, Chair
Peg Bradley, 1st Vice Chair
Karson Tager, 2nd Vice Chair
Tera Lally, Treasurer
Judy Brennan, Secretary

Motion to open the floor: **Approved**

No business brought forward

Motion to close the floor: **Approved**

Committee Reports

Public Safety--Ed Grace reporting:

There was a small meeting in December with nothing major to report. Because of the Holidays there were no meetings. Ed can report everything back by the end of January.

North Washington Bridge:

- Ed Grace takes that detail every day
- Temporary bridge is almost complete. It should be open by end of March after hot topping and marking lanes.

Peg Bradley warns Council members not to leave anything visible in your cars. She has a neighbor who has had their car broken into on three (3) separate occasions. Peg asks if there could be some kind of unlocking device being used?

Tera Lally talks about Monument Ave speeding (at all times). There are side swipes of cars monthly. She also talks about speed guns being used every quarter to measure speeds and suggests using cameras. Ed Grace will talk with Captain Fong about the speeding.

Jean Wilson has witnessed cars completely disregarding crossing guards.

J.D. Mangrum reports that the speeding sign on Medford Street is missing lights (i.e. speeds reading 2 miles/hour as opposed to 22 MPH).

Motion to accept this report as one in progress.

Approved

The Plan—Nancy Johnsen reporting:

The planners have a series of meetings set up, public and semi public and are taking feedback from the community.

There will be 10 elements addressed over the next year:

- Education
- Land Use
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Natural and Cultural Resources
- Open Space and Recreation
- Services and Facilities
- Circulation
- Energy and Environment
- Health and Safety

The Plan is for all of Charlestown though the City has not agreed to include Hood, Rutherford Ave or the BHA Redevelopment. The City and the BPDA has agreed NOT to develop the parcels down at BHCC until we have a Plan.

The best way to influence the outcome is for residents to show up at meetings. It is a long process. Show up at the meetings you're passionate about and try to get to some of the others as well. Outreach to date has been flyers, emails and surveys.

Motion to add Master Plan to monthly report.

Approved

One Charlestown--Tom Cunha reporting:

The developers met with the community on November 20, 2019 and explained the process. 68% will be market rate units (above income levels that you have to meet for low or moderate housing).

Demo starts in the Starr King Court area behind the Kennedy Center (Phase 1A) after permits are issued, shooting for late Spring. They believe only 100 families will have to leave the site.

*See email for presentation to community.

Motion to accept this report as one in progress.

Approved

Spaulding Partnership Fund--Shelley Mogil reporting:

Conflict of Interest Forms (COI) to be signed and returned to Lisa Collins by February meeting. Seven (7) organizations turned out for the first Tutorial. The second Tutorial scheduled for January 8th. The COI can't be filled out until all the tutorials have been held and we know which organizations are applying for the funds.

There will be three (3) Presentations this year to be held at the Knights:

Monday, February 24

Tuesday, February 25th, and

Thursday, March 5th

On Wednesday, March 11th we will share information.

*You will need to attend two (2) out of (3) presentations to vote.

The application is the same as last year. The voting and criteria are also the same. There is one additional question this year, "What do you do for next year without funding?"

Motion to accept as report in progress.

Approved

Lower Regional Working Group--Tare Lally reporting:

No meeting in December

Cape Air plans to bring sea planes to Boston Harbor.

Currently waiting for a permit for the dock at Long Wharf.

The routes originally showed no flying over Charlestown.

Motion to accept this report as one in progress.

Approved

Proposed Bylaw Change—Peg Bradley reporting:

Proposed change to the election schedule from a two (2) year cycle to a three (3) year cycle:

Currently seats are on a two year cycle. Tom Cunha has noticed the Board changing constantly over the past few years. With Sullivan Square, the housing development and the Master Plan, we need continuity over the next few years because of all the changes and building going on around us. (i.e. If 5 seats turn over then we have 5 new people who don't know what's going on). If people feel differently we will put it to a vote.

Motion to table until the February meeting.

Approved

Old Business

311 – Have Quinlan Locke look at any open 311 issues for more than two (2) months.

Verizon Fios – Having access issues and are crossing properties. Who do we write to to say Fios is not living up to their agreement? Let's have Fios come in before the Council.

New Business

Peg Bradley reports on Boston Civic Leaders Summit hosted by Andrea Campbell on Saturday November 23rd.

Many workshops were available. Peg sat in on Navigating the City System and mentioned the disconnect between 311 and the utility companies. They have a new hire for 311 to handle the data base. Peg spoke with someone who is the head of city services. We can prepare questions ahead of time and call him to appear before the Council. Nancy also attended workshops on nonprofits and found them very informative. Maybe we can have someone come in and do a workshop for our nonprofits who will not have Spaulding Funds available next year.

Tom and Peg sat down for coffee and discussed potential concerns and issues for council members. Peg sent out a survey to all CNC members and asked us to prioritize a list of topics.

Top results were:

Traffic

- Meet with the head of traffic and law enforcement on a Thursday evening at 6pm down the Knights so they can see in real time what we deal with.
- What are the circumstances for some nights being worse than others?
- What are they doing to alleviate traffic?
- Regulate traffic. Everyone has to take a bridge to get in or out of the town (specifically speaking of nonresident traffic).
- Painting lines and crosswalks – Let's see what the striping contract is for Transportation.

Development

- Ask developers what attributes they will bring.
- How many affordables?
- How many mid-markets?

Charlestown One (BHA Redevelopment)

- Schedule 2-4 meetings with BHA Redevelopment and BPDA to explain our concerns and have them follow up at the next meeting.

City Services

- BPDA – Where are they falling short? Is another Department needed? No single leadership to bring everything together.

We can devote a series of meetings in a rotation. The meetings would be on topic. Who would we invite?

Peg says these are good starts. She will work to give feedback with dates to happen after Feb. and March.

Motion to send letter to One Charlestown regarding Hero Squares.

Approved

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Navy Yard Harborwalk – Wednesday February 5th 6:30 Spaulding Conference Rm
Community Partnership Fund Presentations - Monday, February 24th 7 pm KofC
Community Partnership Fund Presentations - Tuesday, February 25th 7pm KofC
Public Safety Meeting – Wednesday February 26th, 6pm at Police Station in Hayes Square
Community Partnership Fund Presentations - Thursday, March 5th 7pm KofC

Motion to adjourn: 8:52 pm

Approved