

East Berkeley Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Location: Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88574856591>

Time: 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Executive Board Members:

Aimee Coolidge
Chris Johnson, Secretary
Frann Bilus
John Connelly
Ken Smith, Meeting Facilitator
Leslie Fine, President
Paul Lewis
Sabrina Sanz
Sarah Hutt
Steve Berns

Members of the Press:

Lauren Bennett, The Boston Sun

Government Representatives:

Captain Steve Sweeney, Boston Police Department
Kim Crucioli, Neighborhood Liaison
Ed Flynn, City Councilor
Sofia Wang, Policy Director for Councilor Flynn

Agenda

- **Announcements**
 - Ken Smith introduced the executive board and the new board members, Nancy Farrington and Paul Lewis
 - Ken announced that he has stepped aside as president of the executive board. Leslie Fine has taken on the role of president. Ken is still on the board and will continue as Meeting Facilitator.

- **Safety and Security Report – Captain Sweeney, BPD D-4**
 - Captain Sweeney presented the Safety and Security report.
 - Overall, crime is down 14% while violent crime is down 30% in the past year.

- Captain Sweeney indicated that detailed crime statistics by category are available on the BPD webpage. (Link [here](#) and added as an attachment to these minutes)
- **Special Recognition – Jane and Chris Brayton**
 - Ken Smith presented Jane and Chris Brayton a plaque in recognition of all the work they do picking up trash in Peters Park, which they do almost every morning. Thank you to the Braytons on behalf of the neighborhood association.
- **City Councilor Ed Flynn**
 - Councilor Flynn joined the meeting to for a year-end report and a look at what's ahead for 2022.
 - Councilor Flynn thanked Captain Sweeney for all the good work done by BPD.
 - Councilor Flynn thanked Jane and Chris Brayton for their efforts to clean up Peters Park.
 - Councilor Flynn recognized Sofia Wang, Policy Director for his office, and thanked her for all of her efforts.
 - Councilor Flynn outlined his top priorities for the coming year:
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Councilor Flynn has asked that a portion of the federal infrastructure funds that Boston is to receive go towards pedestrian safety improvements for roads and sidewalks.
 - He is proposing that the speed limit in Boston be reduced from the current 25 miles per hour to 15 miles per hour or at least 20 miles per hour (if 15 miles per hour is not feasible).
 - Councilor Flynn is working with the mayor's office to locate and install electric vehicle charging stations.
 - Tree canopy and parks are a priority.
 - Programs and services that support Councilor Flynn's constituents are a priority.
 - Councilor Flynn announced that he was elected President of the City Council on Monday.
 - Councilor Flynn spoke to the ongoing issues surrounding Mass and Cass. He emphasized that City and State officials are working more closely together as this is not just a City of Boston issue but a regional issue requiring state wide cooperation.
 - Councilor Flynn took questions and comments from the members.
- **Request for Support – Modern Relik Beer and Wine License**
 - Meg Kimball from Modern Relik, 485 Harrison Ave., presented her intention to apply for a beer and wine license with the goal of enhancing the café experience and improving its profitability. The café currently has breakfast and lunch offerings and typically closes at five or six depending on the season. They are not looking to expand their hours and are not looking to become or compete with

evening restaurants. The license would be for on-site consumption, not packaging. They have not yet identified a license to purchase but are working on it.

- **Business Spotlight – Myers + Chang**
 - Heather Thomson from Myers + Chang, 1145 Washington Street, introduced herself and discussed the restaurant’s philosophy and what it offers.

- **Special Thank You**
 - John Connelly thanked Ken Smith for all his hard work and dedication as President of the Executive Board and for leading the organization through the challenges of the past several years. John highlighted Ken’s many contributions and accomplishments.

Attachments:



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