

East Berkeley Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes

MEETING DETAILS

Date: December 18, 2018

Location: AC Hotel, 225 Albany Street

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Ken Smith (President), Chris Johnson (VP), Stuart Rose (Treasurer), Bradley St. Amand (Secretary), John Connelly, Aimee Coolidge

City Representatives: Faisa Sharif (Mayor's Liaison)

Press: Seth Daniel (Boston Sun)

AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- EBNA Holiday Social – January 3, 6:30pm @ Lion's Tail
- City Lights annual holiday dinner – December 23, 7-9pm @ 1154 Washington
- 3 board member seats open, elections to be held at January meeting
- Landwave being dismantled
- Next Meeting – January 15, 2019 @ Project Place

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Presenter: Officer Francis

Notes:

- Multiple vehicle break-ins and burglaries
- SEE FULL REPORT ATTACHED
- Reminder to be vigilant about packages
- Neighbors note increase in public pot smoking around Fay St + Pine Street Inn
- Neighbors note lack of police presence at Mass + Cass

Actions Taken:

GTI PROPERTIES – SOWA OPEN MARKET 2019

Presenter: Bradley St. Amand, GTI Properties

Notes:

- 16th Season, plan to continue on Sundays only, May through October
- Supports local vendors, businesses, charities, and employees
- Continued focused on being a good community partner
- Applying for “Use of Premises” – to allow the conditional use of the parking lots for the purposes of the weekly market (in lieu of securing permits for each Sunday)
- No concerns expressed

Actions Taken: Faisa will schedule abutters meeting

PROPOSED MARIJUAN DISPENSARY @ 591 ALBNAY STREET

Presenter: Vincent Giordano, Liberty Compassion (w/ Jack Hart as Consultant)

Notes:

- Currently going through community meetings and then city sponsored meetings
- Public meeting was December 12
- Abbey Group did not support, Leggett McCall not yet on record
- Plan to pursue medical only
- Grow facility in Clinton, MA
- Current licenses in W Springfield and Freetown
- Boston Flower Market space
 - 2,500 sf
 - Meets buffer and zoning requirements
- Key Focus Points
 - Patient focused
 - Safety + security
 - Being a conscientious neighbor
- Working with Ed David Group on security
- Will need to negotiate “Community Host Agreement”
 - City will get up to 3% of gross
 - Money goes to a general fund – not directly to D4
- Neighbor concerns regarding parking
 - Will have security outside to stop illegal-parkers from entering
 - Expects clientele to be local
 - Putting together valet plan
 - Claims there are plenty of open 2-hr spaces around
- Neighbor concerns regarding switching to recreational
 - Would have to go through process again
 - Can only have 3 of each license, wants other locations for recreational

Actions Taken: