

East Berkeley Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes

MEETING DETAILS

Date: June 19, 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, Arthur Coe, Nancy Farrington, Aimee Coolidge, Sarah Hutt

City Representatives: Faisa Sharif (Mayor's SE Liason), Steve Moore (Ed Flynn's Chief of Staff)

Press: Seth Daniels (Boston Sun)

AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presenter: Ken Smith

Notes:

- Wednesday, June 20 @ 6pm: Greg Hennings – Suffolk County DA candidate, hosted by Rep Aaron Michlewitz. Meeting to be held at Berkley Perk Coffee Shop.
- Wednesday, July 11 @ 6pm: Harrison Albany Corridor Strategic Plan update as it pertains to traffic. Meeting to include BTM and BDPA reps. Meeting to be held at AC Hotel.
- Parking signs on by Shawmut and E Berkeley area will be changed back to include Resident parking.
- Light at Washington and Waltham is still not functional. Now on MassDOT
- Board has approved new logo – designed by Jonathan Marks
- Website is in development, call for photos to be sent to info@olddover.org

Actions Taken: Ken Smith to pressure MassDot on street light.

SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

Presenter: Officer Javier Pagan (BDP)

Notes:

- Three domestic disputes (blacked out)
- Aggravated Assault on Traveler Street. Hispanic Male on a bike threw rocks at a couple.
- Multiple Burglaries at 345 Harrison Ave construction site.
- Vehicle Larceny at 50 Herald
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- Feedback from Residents
 - Police car let out two people on Fay St, whom proceeded to urinate.
 - Tents and residents in front of the Tropical Store
 - Uptick in drug activity especially near Washington Street / SoWa and Peter's Park basketball court.

Actions Taken: Office Pagan will look into drug issue. Faisa to contact homeless outreach team.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS

Presenter: Jay and Jess (Ethos Fitness)

Notes:

- Moving locations to old Woodmeister space at Wilkes Passage
- Provide individual and group strength training
- Appointment only
- Saturday are doing Pride Pump, proceeds to a youth home for LGBT children.

Actions Taken: Board to provide letter of support for new location

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: FLOWER EXCHANGE PROJECT

Presenter: Abby Group did not show. Randi Lathrop whom represents Jacobson Floral, and is a board member of WGMS and participant at Exchange IAG meetings provided information and fielded questions.

Notes:

- 1.4 million square feet
- 4 buildings, 1 acre park, and 30,000 sf of cultural space
- Abby Group and IAG are working to outline process for determining use of the cultural space
- All commercial space, expect 9,000 employees
- Zoning amendment passed to increase height on rear of parcel
- Frontage ramp connector to be constructed
- Major concerns regarding traffic and transit
- Next IAG meeting, Tuesday, June 26 @ 6pm. D4 Police station.

Actions Taken: Board to discuss submitting comments to Gerald Autler / BDPA.

Next Meeting – September 18