

Old Dover Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes

MEETING DETAILS

Date: April 17, 2018

Location: AC Hotel, 225 Albany Street

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Ken Smith (President), Chris Johnson (VP), Bradley St. Amand (Secretary), John Connelly, Arthur Coe, Nancy Farrington, Stuart Rose, Mark Anderson, Aimee Coolidge

City Representatives: Faisa Sharif (Mayors Liaison), Steve Moore (Ed Flynn's Chief of Staff)

Press: Seth Daniels (Boston Sun)

AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR'S LIAISON TO THE SOUTH END

Presenter: Faisa Sharif

Notes:

- Transportation updates and 2019 plans
 - 2-way Washington (Herald to E Berkeley)
 - 2-way Traveler Street (Harrison to Washington)
 - 5 mil investments to transit team – better buses, walkability, Vision 0
 - Increase in fines for funding
 - 20 new transportation officers to help enforcement
 - 2.2 mil commitment for Harrison from E Berkeley to Herald (will not happen until construction is complete)
 - No plan to address Harrison from E Berkeley to Waltham. Push from room to consider easy solutions, such as intersection visibility.
 - Ed Flynn still committed to crosswalk repainting, via SE Forum
 - No plan to address the E Berkeley and Harrison/Washington intersections or remove parking on E Berkeley to free up traffic. Displeasure and frustration expressed by the room. Suggestions also made to review the light sequence, crossing, and parking at intersections.
 - Lights at Washington and Waltham are installed, waiting on Eversource

- Land Wave – no vote was taken at last meeting with BAC, despite most believing there would be. However, testimony was heard. Vote will now take place on May 8, 4:30pm @ City Hall.

Actions Taken: Faisa to look into solutions to improve visibility on Harrison intersections, and the suggestions made regarding lights, crossing and parking at E Berkeley intersections.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Presenter: Officer Pagan

Notes:

- Spring Theme – be careful about purses on patios
- Gentleman pistol whipped and bag taken from car on Monday, March 26 by Village Court. Two men in masks, unresolved.

Actions Taken:

CASTLE ISLAND SEASONAL BEER GARDEN AT INK UNDERGROUND

Presenter: Ted Tye (Managing Partner at National Development) and Adam Romanow (President at Castle Island Brewing)

Notes:

- Ted Tye's "history" of Ink Underground
 - 35 year agreement with MassDOT
 - Honored by Walk Boston as a 'project of the year'
 - 175 parking spaces + boardwalk, dog area, and event space
 - Has hosted two previous events, focus on Art
 - Future events to include movie nights, weekly fitness series, art week, chalk park, game area, and activation of dog park with Urban Hound
 - Nat Dev focused on security, cleans park regularly, and have a morning patrol
 - MassDOT cleaned up homeless camp across channel
 - Pushing for completion of crosswalk by Siena – from Traveler to Underground. It is signalized, but not active or painted.
 - Question raised about Nat Dev taking sole credit for what was a joint community effort amongst numerous organizations. No answer provided.
- Beer Garden Details
 - Mid-May to mid-October, Thursday & Friday 3-10pm, Sat & Sun 11am-10pm
 - 5000 sf taproom with a draft trailer. Similar to Trillium on Greenway.
 - Beer table seating for 150, plus family style seating, bean bags, and high tops
 - Wants to bring in food trucks, restaurants, and host pop-up events (Ex. Pig roast)
 - Live entertainment – acoustic music, DJ
 - Will hire own security staff – 4 people on site (checking ids, crowd control, capacity)
 - Family friendly, ID and wristbands for 21+
 - Contained perimeter, no alcohol outside designated space
 - TIPs certified servers

- Partnering with 5 rotating local monthly charities
- Trash by Nat Dev – 6 trash + 6 recycling containers. CI staff will bus tables and clean.
- Note - Still finalizing details and permits with city
- Questions and concerns raised over fumes, traffic impact on Thursday and Friday, lack of previous communication with neighborhood, and competition with other establishments.

Actions Taken: Public meeting to be held April 25, 6pm at Ink Underground. Ted Tye to search for reports he referenced when noting that the noise and fumes under the highway are no worse than surrounding areas, such as Peter’s Park.

MEMBER VOTE ON POSSIBLE NAME CHANGE

Presenter: Ken Smith

Notes:

- Motion made to move forward with a vote to change name to East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA), or remain as Old Dover Neighborhood Association (ODNA). Seconded.
- Brief conversation from members
- Vote Taken
 - EBNA – 20
 - ODNA - 8
- **Actions Taken:** ODNA will officially change name to EBNA once necessary steps are in place.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT – EAST BOSTON SAVINGS BANK

Presenter: John Townslee

Notes:

Actions Taken:

Next Meeting – May 15 @ Project Place