PBNA Board Meeting

1/16/14

SE Library

**Attendees:**

Pat Plunkett, President; Chip Huhta, Treasurer; Scott Mabel, Secretary; Bobby Canzano, VP

Julie Mackie & Tim Mackie, PBNA Council

David Sprogis, Marie Huhta, Patrick Miller

Jordan Deasy [Deasy@boston.gov](mailto:Deasy@boston.gov) (Mayor’s SE Coordinator)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Treasurer Report: Chip.
   * Wreaths: Revenue ($920 Sales + $1350 donations): $2270 Cost: $1102 Profit: $1168 (Better than in the past several years)
   * Overall Bank Balance: $2627
   * Upcoming expense for roto-tiller: $600.
   * See Finance reports at: http://pilotblock.org/pbnaeventandhistory.html
2. Intro of Jordan Deasy , the incoming Neighborhood Coordinator from Mayor Walsh’s administration: [Jordan.Deasy@boston.gov](mailto:Jordan.Deasy@boston.gov)
3. Wreath removal: Take down Date March 8th, with rain-date of March 15th
4. Chip recommended a PBNA donation to the Friends of SE Library as thanks for our use of their meeting space, tables, etc. Motion passed to donate $200 to SE Library and $200 to SE Garden tour for 2014.
5. PBNA Membership drive: Bobby Canzano created door-hangars to advertise membership and also provide reminders about key topics (i.e., trash rules).
   * David Sprogis noted that the PBNA was not the “first” Neighborhood Association, and that the board should be more focused on zoning issues. Our website needs to be corrected.
6. W. Brookline/West Canton Alley Entrance Ramp discussion with Patrick Miller:

* The Ramp at the end of W. Brookline/Tremont is deteriorating
* Questions were raised by Patrick Millers as to who is responsible to rebuild the ramp, specifically the city’s role, and any issues around how to rebuild the ramp and potentially replacing the lock on the gate.
* There have been recent car break on W. Brookline side alley and break-in to a neighboring building on Tremont street.
* Jordan Deasey will connect with Boston PW to get a recommendation from the City. Jordan recommended contacting the Mayor’s Hotline. The PBNA Board will also solicit input from residents abutting the ramp
* David Sprogis. Recommended PBNA take action as a board.
* Follow-up required.

1. South End Forum
   * Some areas (ex: Back Bay, Fenway) have over-arching Associations that are thought to have more clout with the city, while the South End has numerous, smaller Associations such as the PBNA, which encompass just a few blocks. See this map on the PBNA Website: <http://pilotblock.org/images2/neighborhoodassociations.gif>
   * Following is a set of talking points for top South End issues. (See pasted detail below). Please email [info@pilotblock.org](mailto:info@pilotblock.org) with your concerns or comments.
   * Note: Not all emails may receive an immediate reply, but all will be incorporated into any positions PBNA may take.
   * Also, a **blog** might be a good way for PBNA members to discuss these issues more robustly. If you’d like to help create and moderate such a blog, please contact info@pilotblock.org.
     + ADA Sidewalk compliance
     + Trash/Recycle contract
     + Reduce speed limits in residential neighborhoods
     + Year-Round street cleaning (or snow removal)
     + Side-by-Side solar powered recycle/trash on major roads
     + Eliminate open blue bins for recycle (require bags or lids)
     + Formally designate the SE as a space-saver-free zone
     + Improved pedestrian crossing solutions
     + Water-sewer infrastructure equity
     + ISD inspectors available 24/7 to handle complaints regarding after-hours construction work
2. Nominating Committee: Elections are pending in May, so we need a nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates.
   * Please volunteer to lead the nominating committee
   * Please consider running for a position on the board or council
   * Definitions of the roles are below, as well as in the PBNA by-laws. (PBNA [By-Law link](http://www.pilotblock.org/images2/pbna%20bylaws%201973.pdf). Please allow a few moments to download)
3. Alley Meeting: David Sprogis proposed a meeting to discuss alley private vs public. Matter under consideration.

PBNA Leadership Roles

Also see our [by-laws](http://pilotblock.org/images2/PBNA%20Articles%20of%20Organization%20and%20By-Laws.pdf)

The **President** serves as the "first among equals" among the Board members, chairs Board and General Meetings, and may be called upon to represent the PBNA to press, City agencies, and other associations.

**Vice President** assists the President. Participate in Board and General meetings, and often take the lead on a particular area on interest - for example alleys, zoning, outreach.

**Treasurer**  is also a Vice President, and keeps the books - we usually maintain a balance of $1,000-$2,000 and don't have a lot of transactions.

**Secretary** maintains our website and maintains meeting notes and correspondence.

The **Representatives** or (**Council)** are a newer position we are forming to increase involvement and 2 way contact. They will act as an interface with the PBNA Board and serve as a driver for issues and events that impact a specific block.