

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council

Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m.,
Farnsworth House, 90 South Street

Agenda

1. Introductions.
2. Review/approve minutes of the September 27, 2016, Council meeting.
3. Announcements:
 - 3.1. Council vacancies (Area A: two; Area B: one; At-Large: one) and interviews; elections; and,
 - 3.2. Other announcements.
4. Committee Reports/Recommendations:
 - 4.1. As recommended by the Executive Committee at the September 27, 2016, Council meeting, VOTE to amend the Council by-laws as follows:

By striking out the second paragraph of Article 12 and by substituting therefor the following (proposed changes indicated in bold):

Members, officers and committee Chairs **and committee members** may be removed by the Council only for good cause shown. "Good cause shown" shall include, but not be limited to, absence from three consecutive regularly scheduled Council **or committee** meetings, persistent non-participation in committee work, or absence from more than five regularly scheduled Council **or committee** meetings in the prior twelve months. Following the presentation of reason or reasons for removal of a member, officer or committee Chair **or committee member** at a regular Council meeting, the Council shall vote on whether to consider removal. If the member being considered for removal is not present at that meeting, written notice of the Council vote shall be delivered to the member or sent via registered or certified mail within ten days of the Council meeting. After any vote by the Council to consider removal of a member, officer or committee Chair **or committee member** the individual who is the subject of the vote shall be given an opportunity to resign at or before the next regular Council meeting. Removal of a member, officer or committee Chair **or committee member** shall be by a two-thirds vote of those present at the following regular Council meeting provided there is a quorum present at the time of the vote.

4.2. Public Service Committee:

The Public Service Committee recommends that the Council VOTE:

- (1) To support the petition of Tropical Ventures, LLC, doing business as "Coco's Lounge," at 3169-3171 Washington Street for a transfer of its Seven-Day Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License to The Gate JP, LLC, doing business as "The Gate," at the same location, with a closing time of 1:00 am, with Paul Byrne as manager, with an Entertainment License for three (3) TVs and up to five (5) live performers for acoustic music, with the proviso that The Gate has a follow-up community meeting with its neighbors and the JPNC PSC six months after opening;
- (2) To support the petition of 669 Centre, LLC, doing business as "Centre Street Café," at 669A Centre Street for a change in its Seven-Day Common Victualler Malt & Wine License to Wines, Malt Beverages and Liqueurs, with the provisos that (1) alcohol be served with food only or to patrons while waiting for a table; and, (2) the opening on Sunday at 8:00 am is for food only; and,

- (3) To support the petition of 711 Centre, LLC, doing business as "Casa Verde", at 711 Centre Street for a Seven-Day Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License with a closing time of 1:00 am, with David Doyle as manager, with the proviso that alcohol be served with food only or to patrons while waiting for a table.

4.3. Zoning Committee:

The Zoning Committee recommends that the Council VOTE to approve the granting of zoning relief for the following projects:

- (1) 55 Green Street (construct new two-family residence with off-street parking);
- (2) 192-194 Amory Street (finish attic space and create opening between third and fourth floor, expanding existing third unit; no change in occupancy);
- (3) 40-42 Chestnut Square (construct two rear decks); and,
- (4) 405 South Huntington Avenue (renovate existing six-family; no change in occupancy).

4.4. Housing & Development Committee:

The Housing & Development Committee recommends that the Council VOTE:

To send a letter to the BPDA thanking the agency for responding to the Council's September 30, 2016, letter requesting the addition to the JP/Rox Plan of "clear reference to the continuing existence and validity of the [Memorandum of Understanding] for the Arborway Yard," by the inclusion by the BPDA of appropriate language in the further revised JP/Rox Plan document, and to confirm the location of the acreage specified in the MOU.

4.5. Environment, Parks & Energy Committee:

The Environment, Parks & Energy Committee recommends that the Council VOTE:

To send a letter to Massachusetts DCR Commissioner Roy requesting that DCR give due attention to the proposal by Jamaica Plain community members and Councilor O'Malley to establish an off-leash dog park within the Southwest Corridor Park, recognizing that the establishment of a successful off-leash dog park requires Identification of a viable site and development of a realistic plan for the maintenance and regulation of the park.

5. New business.
6. Adjournment.