

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Farnsworth House, 90 South Street

Revised Agenda

1. Introductions.
2. Review/approve minutes of the January 24, 2016, Council meeting.
3. Representative Liz Malia to discuss State House matters in recent months and what she foresees for the rest of 2017 and Q & A.
4. Announcements:
 - 4.1 Council vacancy (Area A: one) and interviews; election; and,
 - 4.2. Other announcements.
5. Committee Reports/Recommendations:
 - 5.1 Executive Committee recommends that
 - (a) The Council, pursuant to Article 14 of the Council by-laws, VOTE at the March Council meeting, to amend Article 7 of the by- laws by:

Striking out the following:

Environment, Parks and Energy Committee: The Environment, Parks & Energy Committee works to promote and protect open space in Jamaica Plain, raise awareness of green issues in Jamaica Plain and advises on neighborhood energy issues. Responsibilities of the Committee include fostering community around parks and green space; networking with other existing organizations and programs related to maintaining and protecting open space and the environment; advocating for parks and open space and advising on matters related to environmental sustainability, protection and restoration,

and by substituting therefor the following:

Environment, Parks & Energy Committee: The Environment, Parks & Energy Committee networks with other organizations and programs and engages in the following activities: (1) Advocates for a range of environmental issues in Jamaica Plain and comments on, raises awareness on, and promotes matters related to, sustainability, environmental protection, the urban forest and urban agriculture; (2) Advocates for the protection and creation of parks and open space in Jamaica Plain and fosters community around parks and green space; and, (3) Advocates for neighborhood energy efficiency, renewable energy, and other carbon reduction issues.
 - (b) The Council, pursuant to Article 12 of the by-laws and for "good cause shown"¹ within the meaning of said Article 12, VOTE to "consider removal"² of Bruce Marks as a Council

¹ "...'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...."

² 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

member.

5.2. Public Service Committee report.

5.3. Zoning Committee report and recommendation that the Council VOTE to approve variances allowing at:

- (a) 25 Amory Street (Jackson Square Site III), new construction of 44 residential units in four-story, 47,900 square foot building for affordable rental housing;
- (b) 28 Cornwall Street splitting of existing first floor unit into two individual units and convert from three-family to four-family occupancy - no exterior modifications; and,
- (c) 11 Dane Street, construction of 145 sq. ft. first-floor addition to rear of existing single-family residence; and,
- (d) 12 Hubbard Street, extending living space into basement to create new unit - building to remain zoned as a two-family; work includes new kitchenette and egress.

5.4. Housing & Development Committee report and recommendation that the Council VOTE:

- (a) To send an Article 80 comment letter to the BPDA re: The project proposed for 1785 Columbus Avenue by a partnership of Watermark Development and Horizons for Homeless Children, noting that the developer: (1) will continue community outreach and is open to considering additional changes/suggestions; (2) will contribute community benefit beyond the DIP linkage funds; (3) will pay reasonable pay and job standards; (4) will ask the general contractor and subcontractors working on the project to bring on an intern for job training, and to give job preference to parents involved with Horizons for Homeless Children; (5) will explore ways to work collaboratively to improve the job opportunities for people who will be working in the offices at this site, and for the parents involved with agencies located at this site, and will meet with the community about that.

An additional comment to be included in the comment letter is that this project highlights the need for thoughtful traffic planning for the area around Amory Street near Jackson Square, an area that is scheduled for much development over the next several years

- (b) To send a letter to MassDOT Secretary Pollack requesting that full funding for the Arborway Yard facility be included in the FY 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program.

5.5. Environment, Parks & Energy Committee report.

(6) New business.

(7) Adjournment.

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."

