

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council
June 27, 2023 Minutes

JPNC Attendance: Renée Stacey Welch, Bernard Doherty, Michael Reiskind, David Baron, Lorenzo Bartoloni, Nicholas Chaves, Peter DeCotis, Sarah Freeman, Luke Mathew, Willie Mitchell, Peg Preble, Purple Reign, Alexis Rickmers, Leah Simmons, Danielle Sommer Kieta, Paige Sparks, Gert Thorn, and Ben Weber.

Other attendees: Kevin Leary, Louise Johnson, Marie Turley, Dana Gonsalves, Janet Galloway, Celeste Walker, Allan Ihrer, William King, Christine O'Toole, David Oldack, Kane Dimasso-Scott, Esther Belliard, Norma Mora, Mia-Jean Sicard, Alan Benenfeld, Jen L., Melissa Beltran (Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services), and Richard Heath (Boston Bulletin).

This meeting is the first meeting of the new JP Neighborhood Council elected at the neighborhood election held on June 24, The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm via Zoom by Michael Reiskind, as the only officer from the previous JP Neighborhood Council to be elected onto the present Council. He explained that he was only temporarily chairing the meeting until Council members feel comfortable electing new officers - either at this meeting or the next.

1. Election Results: Kevin Leary reported that the JP Neighborhood Council Election was held on Saturday June 24, 2023 from 10am to 4pm. After reading out the elected members and votes in each Area, he brought up a difficult issue: Alexis Rickmers was elected as a member in Area C, but she actually lives on Chestnut Avenue in Area B. The Ombuds Board, to be consistent with reality, is proposing that Ms. Rickmers be listed in Area B because that is presently her home. That would leave a vacancy in Area C; and they are proposing that the next candidate who did not qualify by being outvoted now be moved up as a member in Area C. That would be Bernie Doherty.

Mr. Leary noted that that leaves only one vacancy and it is in Area A. It is up to the Council to make the determination on how that's to be filled. That's the recommendation to the JPNC from the Ombuds Board to you.

Marie Turley, a member of the Ombuds Board, said that there was a very robust public process and the people that we are asking the Council to consider were people who ran in good faith and received very good votes. So we want to respect the democracy and the really engaged process. We think that this is a good way to both address the challenge that emerged after the vote and also to be in keeping with the tone of the whole election.

As background, Michael Reiskind mentioned that there is a bylaw that if somebody moved out of their elected Area or the Neighborhood Council area and had less than a year left on their term they could stay seated. And Alexis Rickmers did move out if Area C into Area B during her term and so stayed seated in Area C. Then when she ran this time somehow she ran as an Area C candidate when she was actually a resident of Area B.

Ms. Rickmers clarified that when she got on the Council, she filled a vacancy in Area C. And then she did move; She said she should have read the bylaws more in depth, but was not made aware that she had to change.

So at this juncture, it is just convenient to be able to place Alexis Rickmers as a Council member in Area B and then fill the Area C vacancy. Gert Thorn made a motion that the JPNC accept the recommendation from the Ombuds people. Seconded by Peter DeCotis. Dave Baron started by thanking Paige and the Ombuds people for this election which I thought was incredibly well-run. He did want to note that the people in Area C elected Alexis Rickmers as their representative. The people in Area B did not. They didn't have a chance to vote for her. Only the people in Area C had a chance to vote for her and they voted for Area C. He felt that the bylaws are kind of loose about what area you are from. He said that Michael Reiskind mentioned a couple of the provisions about being able to serve out your term. Also vacancy appointments make an effort to put people in the right area where they live, but we're not super strict about it. This worth something that we're really looking at like if it were a court case, people would say, well, the will of the electors, the will of the voters should be given the most weight. People of Area C elected Ms. Rickmers. I do note that no one in Area B voted for Ms. Rickmers. Marie Turley said that David Baron's point raises some questions about bylaws and tightening, them which is important to flag for the new Council. We're really trying to look at given what people knew, what choices did they make, and how could we solve this problem. So I think that what we're really saying is that Area B had a vacancy and someone could fill it, and in this case someone who now lives in B could do that. And you could resolve an unexpected kerfuffle when everyone worked so hard. So I feel like the proposal addresses the immediate issue and that long term I think we need to look at the bylaws and work with you to make them more strong.

Ben Weber.- Dave Baron's point is good, but I prefer to see Alexis Rickmers represent the Area where she lives and to allow the people in area C to have somebody appointed that who lives in that Area so we could meet the purpose of having these different areas in the neighborhood.

The motion on the table is to accept the recommendations of the Ombuds Board regarding the Area B/area C issue on Alexis Rickmers and have the next highest candidate move up to fill the vacancy in Area C. That was the recommendation. Passed 18-0-0. So, Alexis Rickmers is seated as a neighborhood council member in Area B and, Bernie Doherty is suited as a member in Area C.

Bernie Doherty wanted to thank the Council members and said he did not have any idea about this. And here he is the senior officer again. Mr. Doherty said he would let Michael Reiskind continue to chair the meeting.

2. Introductions: The newly-elected members of the JP Neighborhood Council were asked to introduce themselves, say where they lived, and maybe say give a brief one sentence statement. The reporter from The Bulletin introduced himself. Melissa Beltran, the new Jamaica Plain liaison from the Office of Neighborhood Services (replacing Tiffani Caballero), introduced herself.

3. Approval of May 2023 minutes: Motion by Bernard Doherty to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2023 meeting.

Seconded by Renée Stacey Welch. Passed 17-0-1.

4. Announcements:

4.1. Community announcements:

- Paige Sparks said that the City's Inspectional Services Department is warning homeowners of fraudulent repair companies going through the neighborhoods of West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain and surrounding areas. The companies are scamming specifically elderly homeowners into hiring them to making unnecessary and costly repairs.
- Centre Food Hub (First Baptist Church) at 3702 Washington Street is in search of delivery drivers and other assistants.
- Sarah Freeman announced that there is an updated Bottle Bill going through the legislature. It's been many years of effort without success trying to make mini-bottles and non-carbonated drink bottles carry a deposit so there will be less litter. There will be two hearings tomorrow - one for the House and one for the Senate.

4.2 Council Vacancies: The interim Chair announced that there is only one vacancy on the Council - a vacancy in Area A. Nominations from the community are encouraged and can be taken today, or in July or August, for a vote to fill the vacancy at the August meeting. Purple Reign nominated Esther Belliard of 25 Amory Street.

5. Overview of Council functions:

Paige Sparks gave a brief overview of the workings of the JP Neighborhood Council. The Council is made up of 20 cCouncil members, five from each of the three Areas and five At Large. The Neighborhood Council makes recommendations regarding development and other public interest issues in our shared neighborhood. We advocate on behalf of the neighborhood with government agencies. We have three officer positions. One is the Chair who presides over the JPNC meetings and the Executive Committee meetings and is responsible for calling all of the meetings of the JPNC and preparing the agendas. The Vice Chair acts as the Chair in the Chair's absence. They are also responsible for taking attendance and notifying the Chair if there are members who are consistently absent. The third officer is the secretary who writes the minutes and oversees communication on behalf of the Council. All three officers are ex-officio on all Council Committees. Ex-officio is just Latin for "by virtue of their office". As officers of the Neighborhood Council, they're allowed to go to any committee meeting and to vote as a Committee member in any of the standing Committees. There are five Working Committees of the Council. Four of them are active. There's Housing & Development, Outreach, Parks+, Public Service and Zoning. All of the information about what each of those does in detail is on the website. The Chairs of all of those Committees plus the officers make up the Executive Committee. The Working Committees meet between one and two times per month on average for about two hours. In terms of expectations, Council members should attend and participate regularly in the JPNC Committees and meetings - both the full monthly meetings, which is this one, and to serve on one of the Working cCommittees. In terms of what to expect during those meetings, most JPNC monthly meetings are run roughly the same with agendas that follow the same general pattern, but it's up to the Chair to determine that; they start with introductions of members, then agenda items, old business, new business, and the next meeting schedule. Generally, we speak when we are called up upon by the Chair, so you can raise your hand virtually - or physically if you can't find it. At the beginning of each meeting we introduce ourselves by name and address. There are some things that I would recommend new Council members familiarize themselves with and perhaps old council members as well; they are the JPNC bylaws and the JPNC website, which has a lot of information, including the descriptions of the Committees, members biographies, past meeting minutes, and a full list of the meeting calendar. There's a Google Calendar that you can join. The website is updated once a month at the beginning of the month for those meetings. New Council members will be added to a JPNC Google Group, so that you get the agendas and things along those lines.

5.1. Election of New Officers: The only requirement as to the bylaws is that new JPNC officers have to be elected by the second meeting after the Election; in this case by our July meeting. Peg Preble nominated Renée Stacey Welch to be Chair of the JPNC. Seconded by Dave Baron/Purple Reign. Gert Thorn nominated Bernie Doherty to be Vice-Chair of the JPNC. Seconded by Renée Stacey Welch. Bernie Doherty nominated Michael Reiskind as Secretary-Treasurer of the JPNC. Seconded by Renée Stacey Welch. Motion by Purple Reign to elect the slate of the three nominated as officers of the JPNC. Seconded by Gert Thorn. Passed 17-0-1. Renée Stacey Welch asked that Michael Reiskind continue to be the chair for the remainder of the July meeting.

6. Committee Reports/Recommendations:

6.1. Zoning Committee (ZC): David Baron said that the Zoning Committee met on May 31 and June 21 and heard six proposals, all of which need votes tonight: 1) 162-172 South Street, a petition by Sweet Pea & Sage LLC (Gerald Dudley) (as agent for Gulizar Calisir) for a change of occupancy from office space to flower shop. This is for the storefront at 166 South Street. Because flower shop is a change in use, there's a conditional use permit needed for some reason. There was no opposition. The people have always dreamed of opening a flower shop. The recommendation of the ZC is to approve with the proviso that the change of occupancy is for this applicant and this business only. 2) 25 Burr Street, a petition by Spring Park Condominium Trust (Kurt Hakansson, condo owner) to widen curb cut for a driveway. It is actually an existing condition that they're trying to legalize. They park their cars in an area which could be considered the front of the house, which is frowned on by City agencies; but they've been doing it for a long time. Actually the front of this house does not face Burr Street; it really faces Spring Park Avenue. None of the neighbors opposed it. The recommendation of the ZC is to approve. 3) 35 Rockwood Street, a petition by Julie Kuhn to renovate and upgrade an existing deck - railing and decking - to composite materials and PVC railing; existing pressure-treated wood framing of deck and existing footings to remain unless found to be damaged/rotted. This came out of a long process between neighbors, a rear neighbor on Rockwood Terrace and the homeowner about what to do with the deck. The deck needs to be replaced. There was a detailed agreement

between the neighbors. The neighbors came and spoke in favor. The Jamaica Hills Association voted not to oppose. The recommendation of the ZC is to approve. 4) 21 Louders Lane, a petition Samantha Morrison-Ma and Liqian Ma to construct second-floor addition on existing structure and footprint; modify structure of roof; renovate and remodel existing residence; add solar panels to existing solar panels on roof. This involves building a second floor addition The rear neighbor had some questions about it and suggested that the applicant might want to put in some buffering such as trees or arbor vita, but there's really no space to do that, so the neighbor said that he understood and would do it himself. The Jamaica Hills Association voted not to oppose. The recommendation of the ZC is to approve. 5) 150 and 152-152H Chestnut Avenue, a petition by Oliver Bouchier, Jeanette Daria Reagan, Jeff Cronin to create a curb cut and two off-street parking spaces, modify passageway/walkway. Here are two neighbors, each filing separate requests for zoning relief for a driveway that has some easement aspects where they're crossing onto each other's property. They are trying to create a third off-street parking space where there are two now. There was some question about whether this is going to succeed at the Zoning Board of Appeal. The applicants are going to put in permeable pavers and are are committed to making it look attractive. There was no one in opposition. The recommendation of the ZC is to approve. 6) 25 Neillian Crescent, a petition by Craig Bida and Holly Ramer to construct new vestibule in front of dwelling. The Jamaica Hills Association voted not to oppose. The recommendation of the ZC is to approve. Sarah Freeman asked whether there were tree impacts on the Chestnut Avenue double driveway. No, but there was a shrub affected. There are no trees there now; it's a it's a walkway. Motion by David Baron to approve the recommendations of the Zoning Committee on 162-172 South Street, 25 Burr Street, 35 Rockwood Street, 21 Louders Lane, 150 and 152-152H Chestnut Avenue, and. 25 Neillian Crescent. Seconded by Bernie Doherty. Passed 18-0-0.

The next Zoning Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00pm via Zoom. On the agenda will be a request from 31 Rodman Street to expand to add two condominium units, and 361 Centre Street (Blessed Sacrament Church building) 55 affordable rental units with community space and 22 off-street parking spaces.

6.2. Housing & Development Committee (H&DC): Renée Stacey Welch said that the Housing & Development Committee met on June 20 via Zoom. 920 Centre Street, the Monastery of St. Clare's, is going to be coming on their agenda soon for discussion. There was a lot of interest; a couple of community members have been talking about what it will look like and how much affordable or low income housing there will be. Ms. Welch was asked by My'Kel McMillen, who is Councillor Lara's Director of Constituant Services, to join an Impact Advisory Group (IAG) for this project. Ms. Welch said she will let the group know if she's being asked to join that group.

The Subcommittee on the Arborway Yard: The MBTA did have a public meeting on June 22 on the 15% design for the Arborway Yard. The meeting was supposed to be on Zoom, but at the strong recommendation of the Subcommittee on the Arborway Yard it was held in-person. Ms. Welch was very proud of the group for all of their outreach because we had a very good turnout at English High. The Committee had some concerns around the size, the design, and the MBTA came back with some facade changes that didn't really answer what we were asking of them. Originally there were 8 acres that was supposed to be given back to the community for community uses. It is now down to 6 and a half acres. There is a salt yard that the City has that was going to be part of this development. This would have allowed the MBTA bus yard to be developed in a different area.

But this Pole Yard/Salt Yard hasn't been given back to the development, because they can't figure out where to put salt.

It causes development to be pushed a little further west to Washington Street and over the Stony Brook culvert.

We're asking of the MBTA is to follow the original Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). They're going completely away from the promises that were made. We are asking for the community process to continue. They don't want to.

They just want to build what they want to build. At our next meeting, we're going to be asking Chris Osgood, director of policy for Mayor Wu, to show up at the meeting.

Alan Ihrer said that by the Department of Public Works (DPW) keeping the Pole Yard/Salt Yard site, it displaces the facility towards Washington Street and totally lays waste to the planning options that we have for that section of the site. It's just going to turn it into the most mundane boring standard sort of housing that we already have on Washington Street that's not serving community needs like a grocery or pharmacy. There won't be room for 'Complete Streets' on Washington Street and it just devastates what we could do there. The Mayor is the problem here, the Mayor and the DPW and the MBTA. We were ready to work on mitigation on a 2022 plan and then just this January the City they come back with "we need this Salt Yard". It really is going to impact the affordable housing and any housing there. It should be very doable, because the Mayor ran on a promise to make the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) accountable to the community and the community's needs.

Ben Weber said he is an attorney and we could be enforcing the MOU If anyone knows anything about enforcing MOUs or they tried in the past maybe you can reach out to me.

Sarah Freeman asked a procedural question about the JPNC's letter to the Mayor many months ago without getting a response How do we follow up? What's the protocol? Does it have to get a full vote here once the letter went out already? Or can we just resubmit it or send it to media? How do we make use of that and try to get some answers.

Bernie Doherty thought the fight is mainly a political fight; we need to get the Mayor engaged. Bring her to the table, bring our City Councillors to the table, bring our State Representatives. Get them involved and point out to them what the real impact is going to be of this massive structure and facility on all of Forest Hills and wWashington Street. Here we are going to have 200 electric buses in the site with potentially dangerous batteries. We have another massive problem coming up in Forest Hills and that is going to be the use of the Shattuck Hospital site and that is coming very quickly. We need to also put some energy and effort into revolving those issues.

Danielle Sommer Kieta said that Plan;JP/Rox relies heavily on the Arborway Yard coming online to meet its affordability goals. Any significant changes to the area or number of units that can be built there will impact the amount of portability overall. I think there is a possibility to hold the City accountable.

Willie Mitchell said he was at the meeting with the MBTA and it seemed like there was an awful lot of conversation on the the Salt Yard. On Saturday, I was at Stop & Shop parking lot and I was approached by a couple of people and they wanted to talk about the salt and how it is against the law to have salt in the open like that. Salt is supposed to be and under a solid structure. Typically, salt yards are usually buildings. In Jackson Square, there's a building there. Salt is not normally left outdoors because salt evaporates. I cannot for my life figure out why anybody would want salt near the Arborway bus yards if it were to result in corrosion of the metal of the buses.

Ms. Welch said that the Committee will continue to push community involvement.

Next meeting of the housing and development Committee is July 18. We will be asking, Mr. Osgood to be there.

The next Arborway Yard meeting is July 24. Everyone needs to join these meetings because it's about low income housing, and a series of things. They are very informative.

6.3. Public Service Committee: Michael Reiskind reported that the Public Service Committee met on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00pm via Zoom. The Public Service Committee deals with a lot of issues: all public works issues, all transportation issues, all public safety issues, and under public safety they deal with licensing - restaurant and alcohol licensing matters. Licensing issues go to the Public Service Committee and then we support or oppose the issue - usually at the Licensing Board or the other agencies up at City Hall.

On the first, item, the Committee recommended to oppose the request of the Green Basket Market on Green Street for a retail package store wine and malt beverages license - that is, a beer and wine package store license - with a closing hour 10 o'clock. There was a good amount of discussion on this. The main consensus for people who attended was to oppose this convenience store adding a beer and wine package store license mainly because it's a block and a half away from a similar convenience/package store at Washington Street and Green Street. There was a good amount of discussion about competition allowed or denied. The committee voted with a ratio of 2 to 1 to recommend opposing the license.

Paige Sparks said she is in support of this applicant receiving a license. The business owner made reasonable accommodations to the neighborhood and their concerns. And so while she usually would go along with the Committee's recommendation, in this case she would be voting against. Willie Mitchell said that beer and wine licenses are popping up all over the place and you don't have to go too far to satisfy your needs. They're on top of each other and it just creates more opportunities for things to happen. Motion by Michael Reiskind to oppose the request by Hansvahini Corp, doing business as "Green Basket Market", at 186 Green Street for a Retail Package Store Wine and Malt Beverages License, with a closing hour of 10:00pm, with Devangkumar Patel as manager. Seconded by Gert Thorn. All those in favor to accept the recommendation to oppose. A vote yes is to oppose. Passed 12-3-3.

Next one is the little more complicated one, but it's just a seasonal rear patio for the restaurant, Casa Verde, at 711 Centre Street right near Burroughs Street. They have had this rear patio for three years, but it's been temporary under Covid emergency regulations. Those rules are expiring so they want to make this permanent. The JPNC can also put a proviso on the zoning relief so that it runs only with this business and if the business changes hands, they have to come back for new zoning relief. If the applications passes, it will allow them to serve outdoors on the adjoining parcel at the rear of 713 Centre Street and to allow the landlord of 713 Centre to have a zoning relief. The rear patio request is just for 24 patrons. Motion by Michael Reiskind to support the request by 711 Centre, LLC, doing business as "Casa Verde", at 711 Centre Street to amend the description of the premises of its existing Common Victualler 7-Day All Alcohol License, **and also** to amend the Certificate of Occupancy of Arborview Realty Trust, owner of 713-715 Centre Street, to add an outdoor seasonal patio (in the rear) for 24 patrons from March to November, with closing hour of 11:00pm, with the proviso that the change of occupancy is for this applicant and this business only, 711 Centre, LLC, doing business as "Casa Verde". Seconded by Bernie Doherty. No outdoor music requested at this patio this one. I received 45 letters by the way on this issue. All in support. Passed 18-0-0.

The third request is for what's known as the BU Bistro at 3840 Washington Street in Forest Hills south of Ukraine Way on Washington Street. Until recently it was Simpli Bar and Bites. It is across the street from the Commonwealth Bank. The change of ownership for the restaurant license (common victualler - C.V.) automatically transfers because it is a restaurant without alcohol. Those restaurants change automatically. But they are asking for rear patio and a front patio. The front patio has 10 seats and the rear patio has 46 seats. In addition, they also, ask to continue having an entertainment license for recorded music only at the outdoor seasonal patio in the rear. So there was a lot of discussion about the outdoor music. As a general rule, the city does not approve music outdoors, but this is a very special case. The rear patio has been approved for outdoor music for the former owner because the back of that rear patio faces the Amtrak and commuter rail tracks. That's their immediate abutter. There are no neighbors. since upstairs of the restaurant, it's all office space. The committee also recommended approving an entertainment license for recorded music on the outdoor seasonal patio in the rear with hours of 6am to 4pm on the patio itself. The request for the two patios had to be voted on by the Licensing Board earlier this month and so was sent to the JPNC Executive Committee, so the patio itself has been already approved. This request is just for the entertainment license for recorded music in the rear. Willie Mitchel commented that the rear butts up against the commuter rail and Amtrak line and they make a decent amount of noise, so I don't see a problem with that. It's not gonna bother anybody. The previous owners have had an entertainment license for the rear patio, too. There were no issues or violations. It's not for any live music This is just recorded music. Motion to support the request by B.U., LLC, doing business as "B.U. Bistro", at 3840 Washington Street for an Entertainment License for recorded music on the outdoor seasonal patio in the rear with the hours 6:00am-4:00pm. Seconded by Bernie Doherty. Passed 18-0-0.

The next Public Service Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00pm via Zoom. This date is one week later than the usual first Tuesday of the month because of the Fourth of July holiday. On the agenda will be a licensing request from Chauncey Liquors at 3100 Washington Street in Egleston Square for a transfer of its All Alcohol Package Store License to a new owner at the same location.

6.4. Outreach Committee: Paige Sparks said that the Committee met on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

The Outreach Committee has been, consumed with election things. I want to say thank you to all of the candidates and all of the volunteers, and the Ombuds Board. And deepest apologies to Alexis Rickmers and to everyone affected by item that we addressed earlier.

We had 21 candidates running this Election, which is up from 11 last cycle and is the highest number we've had in the last ten years. There are about 246 voters and 46 volunteers who signed up. We also had the highest number of votes in At Large, Area B and Area C for the top vote getting candidates for past 10 years.

In addition, two Areas had contested races. If anyone has suggestions for improvements, please feel free to contact Paige Sparks. Feedback will be welcome at the next Outreach Committee meeting on July 12, both from the Ombuds Board and from volunteers.

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00pm via Zoom. (The Committee usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month, but due to the July fourth holiday, we are going to cede our position to Public Service.)

6.5. Parks+ Committee (Environment, Parks & Energy Committee): Alexis Rickmers reached out to the City to have the Parks + Committee host its own parks clean up, because up until now we've been partnering with other events like Love Your Block and the Muddy River Clean Up.

Nick Chaves gave a summary of the last meeting. The last Parks + meeting had pretty low attendance, Paige Sparks and Sarah Freeman and myself. We had Open Streets over this past weekend, so I hope folks were able to participate. Hopefully it's something that continues for years to come. I know there's expansion, especially with Open Newbury Street.

Some of you may know about the Mayor's and the Boston Transportation Department's bike project in terms of connecting different parts of the City's bike network. There are several projects in JP including Green Street, Eliot Street, McBride and Boylston Street.

On June 29 from 4pm to 7pm at the JP Branch Public Library there is going to be Open Office Hours for the bike lanes project. It's a way to learn more about the project, how the different streets will be impacted and ask any questions or provide any comments to folks from the City. I attended a walk-through that the City conducted along Boylston Street a few weeks ago. Basically there were folks from the city's Transportation Department, including a transportation engineer.

The Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) is in the middle of an Arborway Parkways Improvement Project.

There's a lot of information online. The link is: www.mass.gov/service-details/arborway-parkways-improvement-project

The other topic discussed was the signage in the Park around Jamaica Pond indicating to folks if you're on a bicycle, this is your path and if you're a pedestrian, this is your path. They are quite small and they're not located at every entrance or exit. We're in talks with the City and Jamaica Pond Association and other groups. There's also been discussion about expanding bike lanes around the Pond to improve the bike network and prevent cyclists from using the pedestrian path.

There was a question about funding to maintain Franklin Park. They had heard that there was no funding available at the moment. We need to make sure that there is adequate funding for Franklin Park or any of those services to make sure that people have a safe environment. If somebody could check on that, it would be appreciated.

Tiffani Caballero, who had been our liaison at Neighborhood Services, has moved over to the Parks and Recreation Department as a community liaison there.

The next Parks+ Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30pm via Zoom.

7. Old Business/New Business:

- Esther Belliard had a question on her nomination to fill the Area A vacancy and whether she now has a the right to vote or not at JPNC meetings. Can she continue to attend the meetings. and what is the next step?

Esther Belliard was reminded she can't vote as a member of the Neighborhood Council before any election to fill the vacancy. She was nominated at this meeting, but to allow for community outreach, there is a two-month waiting period and there won't be an election for the vacancy until August. But since Ms. Belliard was a member of the Housing and development Committee, it'll be up to the Housing and Development Committee to appoint their new committees and she will probably get re-nominated as a committee member of Housing and Development.

- This is a good time to remind people that the former Committee Chairs will be allowed to act as interim Chairs of the Committees until nominations for new members and Chairs are taken. The dates of Committees will probably still be the same, but the Committees and the Committee Chairs should nominate from an open field and create a new schedule and create new committee vice chairs and committee members as they wish. That will happen, during the month of July.

- Dana Gonsalves said that as of Friday, June 23, the JP Neighborhood Development Corporation's (JPNDC) new address will be 284 Amory Street, building K. That's a temporary move during the renovations.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.

Minutes submitted by Michael Reiskind

Next scheduled JPNC meeting: Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00PM via Zoom.

Next scheduled JPNC Executive Committee meeting: July 20 at 7:00PM (moved to 7:30pm) via Zoom.