- Curley House Halloween Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council
November 25, 2025 Minutes

JPNC Attendance: Renée Stacey Welch, Bernard Doherty, Michael Reiskind, David Baron, Carla-Lisa Caliga, Peter DeCotis, Sarah Freeman, Willie Mitchell, Purple Reign, Danielle Sommer Kieta, and Gert Thorn.
Elected at the meeting: Eryn-Ashlei Bailey, David Brewster, Aiko Miller, Alessia Shelley, and Bianca Terry.
Other attendees: Alcurtis Clark, Holly DeMelo, Bridget Lee, Sarah Beth Menck, Nick Chaves, Andrea Grimaldi, Syniyah Walker, Kane Scott, Bryan, Bonnie Delaune (Office of City Councillor Ben Weber), Caroline Peters (Office of Neighborhood Services), and Richard Heath (Boston Bulletin).

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Renée Stacey Welch.

1. Introductions: The members of the JP Neighborhood Council introduced themselves. The chief of staff to City Councillor Ben Weber, the liaison from the Office of Neighborhood Services, and the reporter from The Boston Bulletin introduced themselves.

2. October 2025 minutes: Motion by Bernie Doherty to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Peter DeCotis. Passed 9-0-1 (1 came late).

3. Introduction of Council Nominees:
Renée Stacey Welch announced two resignations from the JP Neighborhood Council - Nick Chaves and Esther Belliard. These create two more vacancies. She then invited community members who submitted JPNC interest & biographical forms to introduce themselves and be considered to fill Council vacancies. There was a good amount of Council discussion on the nomination process and when appointments to the JPNC can be voted on. Article 13 of the JPNC by-laws can be interpreted in different ways. It was agreed that there are presently five vacancies that may be filled by vote today and the additional two recent vacancies may be voted on in December.
Eryn-Ashlei Bailey, 19 Kenney Street, said that she has been in Jamaica Plain for four years and is a past member of the SPARK Boston Council (a City group for 20- to 35-year-olds to play a greater role in the City). She founded the Kenney-Evergreen Neighborhood Association and helped get a $350,000 line item in the City budget for the Jefferson Playground. Motion by Purple Reign to elect Eryn-Ashlei Bailey as a Council Member in Area A. Seconded by Willie Mitchell. Passed 10-0-0 (1 left early). Eryn-Ashlei Bailey took her seat on the Council.
David Brewster, 17 Gartland Street, said that he has been in the Boston area for three years and was a Brookline Town Meeting member. He is interested in transit matters. He lives in the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) area and has been active working with them. Motion by Purple Reign to elect David Brewster as a Council Member in Area B. Seconded by Carla-Lisa Caliga. Passed 11-0-0 (1 left early). David Brewster took his seat on the Council.
Alessia Shelley, 17 Bowditch Road, said that she has lived in Jamaica Plain her whole life and wants to give back and make and impact. She is interested in parks and wants to make them safe and accessible. She is presently a community member on the Zoning Committee. Motion by Purple Reign to elect Alessia Shelley as a Council Member in Area C. Seconded by Peter DeCotis. Passed 12-0-0 (1 left early). Alessia Shelley took her seat on the Council.
Aiko Miller said that she has lived in Jamaica Plain three years. She is involved in LUCCE and ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development). Recently she was involved with the proposed development of the gas station property at Centre Street and Lakeville Road. She volunteers at many events. She is interested in joining the Outreach Committee and the Zoning Committee. Motion by Purple Reign to elect Aiko Miller as a Council Member in Area C. Seconded by Carla-Lisa Caliga. Passed 13-0-0 (1 left early). Aiko Miller took her seat on the Council.
Bianca Terry, 110 Heath Street, #175, said that she has lived in Jamaica Plain for 27 years. She is active in JSLOVS in Jackson Square. She lives in Area A, but can be nominated to fill a seat in Area B. Motion by Purple Reign to elect Bianca Terry as a Council Member in Area B. Seconded by Carla-Lisa Caliga. Passed 14-0-0 (1 left early). Bianca Terry took her seat on the Council.
Alcurtis Clark, 36 Gartland Street, said that she was born and lived on Gartland Street for 40 years. She has been on the Steering Committee of the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) for four years and a member for six years; she has just stepped down from the Steering Committee and David Brewster has joined. She is presently on the Zoning Committee as a community member. She is most interested in affordable housing, especially in the Washington Street corridor. She feels that developers don't care about quality of life issues and neighbors should become well-versed in community affairs. Since all five available JPNC vacancies have been filled, Ms. Clark can only be nominated at this meeting. A vote to seat her can be made at the next meeting. Motion by Purple Reign to nominate Alcurtis Clark as a Council Member in Area B. Seconded by Carla-Lisa Caliga.
There was a suggestion that an amendment to Article 13 of the by-laws be considered to clarify voting for vacancies. David Baron, Michael Reiskind, and Peter DeCotis volunteered.

4. Committee reports/recommendations:
4.1. Zoning Committee (ZC): David Baron reported that the Committee met on Wednesday, November 5 and Wednesday, November 19. There were four issues considered and all need votes tonight. **1) 2A Rossmore Road (also known as 3520 Washington Street)**, a petition by Boston's Boxer Club, LLC. (Colleen Beaton, manager) as agent for 2 Rossmore Rd L.L.C (Thomas Santa Maria, manager), for use of the property as a two-family residence with a commercial

boxing gym. This is a change from a conditional use as a two-family residence with a tavern. A boxing gym is not in the official use tables. The local Stonybrook Neighborhood Association is not opposed. There are some issues with the building, but the property owner is amenable to the community concerns. The ZC voted to recommend approval. **2) 49 Oakview Terrace**, a petition by William and Alessandra Michener, for a full interior renovation of a single-family home. This is a proposed renovation by folks who are living at a different address on Oakview Terrace. There were seven letters in support from the neighbors. The ZC voted to recommend approval. **3) 174 Forest Hills Street**, a petition by Lutheran Home of Jamaica Plain, Inc., doing business as Laurel Ridge Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center, to infill the existing porte cochere to create a new therapy and private dining space. This property is an existing non-conforming use. The porte cochere has not been used for emergency vehicles because of low clearance. This area will be the new front door and there was a request to add an awning to make this entrance more visible. The ZC voted to recommend approval. **4) 6 Brookside Avenue**, a petition by Crowd Lending Development LLC/8 Brookside Dev., LLC, to construct a new three-story single-family home with roof deck via headhouse and two parking spaces in the rear. There are lots of dimensional variances being requested. The local Egleston Square Neighborhood Association (ESNA) noticed that the first floor design has a notch on the driveway side to create more space for parking and this results in less living space. They recommended that the notch be removed, make the parking tandem, and create more living space. The owner welcomed the suggestion. The ZC voted to recommend approval with a proviso to expand the first floor to match the second- and third-floor footprint and convert the side-by-side parking to tandem. Motion by Willie Mitchell to accept the recommendations of the ZC on 2A Rossmore Road, 49 Oakview Terrace, 174 Forest Hills Street, and 6 Brookside Avenue. Seconded by Purple Reign. Passed 15-0–0 (1 left early). The next Zoning Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3 with 6 Chilcott Place on the agenda - a proposal to expand with a 20' by 22' addition (meeting subsequently cancelled). The next meeting after that will be on December 17. On the agenda will be Allandale Farm's proposal to add a greenhouse, retail space, stable and chicken coop.

4.2. Public Service Committee: Michael Reiskind reported that the Committee met on November 4. On the agenda was a general discussion on package stores and other alcohol-related businesses in the neighborhood. It was a wide-ranging discussion and many feel that there are too many package stores and other alcohol-related uses coming to the neighborhood.

Mr. Reiskind also shared and reviewed the streets list from 2025 (attached at the end of these minutes). This is a list of requests from the community to the Transportation Department and Public Works Department for repaving of streets, restripings of crosswalks, and other street issues. The list indicates the request, when it was first sent to the City, and whether it was completed. Requests in black were completed in 2025 and those in red italic were not done. 6 out of 21 requests were done, which is more than 28% - above average for the JP Streets List.

The next Public Service Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2. On the agenda will be a request from The Jeanie Johnston Pub at 144 South Street for later hours for their all-alcohol license and entertainment license.

4.3. Housing & Development Committee (H&DC)/Arborway Yard Committee: Danielle Sommer Kieta said that the Housing & Development Committee met on November 18. There was a great presentation by Joe Bamberg, Chief of Planning, Construction, and Development for the Boston Boston Housing Authority (BHA) on the renovation of the Doris Bunte Apartments at 1990 Columbus Avenue in Egleston Square. It is a unique 20-storey round building which is not very efficient. This BHA building will be renovated into 164 units (one fewer than now). There are presently 105 studios, 52 1-bedroom, and 8 2-bedroom units. All current tenants will remain. They will be subject to be under 80% AMI (Area Median Income) income eligibility. New residents will be subject to 50% AMI. The project will have improved landscaping. There was also discussion of various bills moving through the legislature.

The next Housing & Development Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 16. On the agenda is the 3326 Washington Street development. It is expected that the number of affordable units will be reduced.

4.4. Parks+ Committee: There was no Parks+ Committee meeting in November. Bernie Doherty and Gert Thorn are working on the ongoing issue of bicycle/pedestrian conflicts around Jamaica Pond. The key access point is at the Perkins Street/Chestnut Street entrance. Maybe put up barriers or bollards, in addition to much better signage.

4.5. Outreach Committee: Renée Stacey Welch reported that, because of a lack of a Chair, the Outreach Committee will be meeting as part of the JPNC Executive Committee only. There will be no separate Outreach Committee meetings.

5. Old Business:

5.1. Community Announcements:

- Alcurtis Clark said that the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association will be conducting their annual holiday stroll on Sunday, December 7 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. There are three stops: meet at the JP community room at 141 McBride Street (Extra Space Storage); then walk to the Christian Science Reading Room at 3512 Washington Street; then stroll to 2A Rossmore Road (Boston's Boxer Club).
- Caroline Peters reported that the annual holiday tree lightings "Enchanted Trolley Tour" will be in Jamaica Plain on Saturday, December 6. The Hyde Square event will be at 2:00pm and the JP Soldier's Monument lighting is at 3:00pm.
- Bonnie Delaune said that Councillor Ben Weber will be holding a coffee hour jointly with Councillor Enrique Pepén on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00am to 10:30am at Oda Bar & Bites, 3840 Washington Street. She also said she would be going on maternity leave soon and Michael Fishbein will be interim chief of staff.
- Danielle Sommer Kieta said that there will be a Boston Women's Holiday Market on Saturday, December 13 at Night

Shift Brewing in Everett, as well as on Saturday, December 20 at Time Out Market, 401 Park Drive, Fenway.

6. New Business:
- Holiday Meeting Schedule Adjustment: There was discussion on dates for the full JP Neighborhood Council meeting in December. The regularly scheduled December meeting is two days before Christmas; after discussion it was decided to move the meeting earlier in the month to Thursday, December 18 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Minutes submitted by Michael Reiskind

Next scheduled JPNC meeting: Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 7:00PM via Zoom.
Next scheduled JPNC Executive Committee meeting: Sunday, December 14 at 11:00AM via Zoom.

Jamaica Plain
Street List
November 2025

Work to be done	Agency responsible
These items were requested twelve years ago (in April 2013)	
Resurface Goldsmith Street (from Custer Street to Centre Street)	Public Works
Resurface Louders Lane (from #48 Louders Lane to #84 Louders Lane)	Public Works
These items were requested eleven years ago (in April 2014)	
Replace yellow center line on Elm Street (Green Street to Sedgwick Street)	*Transportation*
Replace yellow center line on Lamartine Street (Lawndale Terrace to Green Street)	Transportation
These items were requested six years ago in April 2019	
Resurface Pond Street (from Arborway to Rockwood Street)	Public Works
Resurface School Street (from Weld Avenue to Walnut Avenue)	Public Works
Replace crosswalk across Arborway Service Road (at Centre Street)	DCR
Add crosswalk across Centre Street (at 891 Centre Street)	*Transportation*
New items	
Resurface Mozart Street (from Chestnut Avenue to Bolster Street)	*Public Works*
Resurface Day Street (from Bynner Street to Marmion Street)	Public Works
Resurface Spring Park Avenue (from Centre Street to Chestnut Avenue)	*Public Works*
Resurface Chestnut Avenue (from Sheridan Street to Centre Street)	*Public Works*
Resurface Cranston Street (from #13 Cranston Street to Sheridan Street)	*Public Works*
Resurface Lamartine Street (from Lawndale Terrace to Marlou Terrace)	*Public Works*
Resurface Green Street (from Amory Street to Washington Street)	*Public Works*
Resurface So. Huntington Avenue (from Heath Street to Huntington Avenue)	*Public Works*
Resurface Seaverns Avenue (from Centre Street to Elm Street)	*Public Works*
Replace yellow center line on Pond Street (from Rockwood St. to Brookline line)	*Transportation*
Move white speed bump chevron at #50 Eliot Street to correct location	*Transportation*
Resurface old tree pit in sidewalk at 19-21 Prince Street	Public Works
Resurface (Old) Prince Street (from Perkins Street to Pond Street)	Public Works