

## Monthly Meeting Agenda

June 13, 2017

Project Place Common Room (1145 Washington Street)

### 7.05 Ed Flynn - Candidate for Boston City Council District 2

Platform:

A lifelong resident of South Boston and 25-year veteran of the United States Navy, he has built a strong coalition of supporters across the entire district, including the South End, Chinatown, Bay Village and South Boston.

Ed Flynn is a lifelong resident of South Boston, where he has been deeply involved as a youth sports coach, veterans' advocate, and community activist. In addition to being an active Boston Public Schools parent at the Josiah Quincy School in Chinatown, Ed is a member of the Cityside Neighborhood Association, South Boston Citizens' Association, Ward 7 Democratic Committee, and VFW Fitzgerald Post.

Ed served on active duty in the Persian Gulf on two deployments and overseas in the Navy Reserves, helping to coordinate disaster relief in Haiti. Ed and his wife, Kristen, are raising their children, Caroline and Stephen, in South Boston.

*"I am humbled and excited about the support building for this campaign," Flynn said. "It's clear that voters are responding to our message of unity as we seek to improve our schools, make our streets safer, and maximize economic opportunity for everyone in Boston. Our district is among the most diverse in the city and it's an honor to be connecting with so many people who are supporting our efforts."*

Other keynote platforms:

- Investment in public schools, transportation and safe streets
- He would stand up to developers, will work hard to go to bat for the neighborhood
- Inclusive thinking (parade issue was brought up)
- Harvard and BU and other non-profit institutions need to pay property taxes

Comments made to Ed Flynn at meeting:

- Ed (a local South End resident) mentioned that it is impossible to find affordable housing in the city. Complained about BRA being in part responsible. He also mentioned parking prices and availability being an issue.

### 7.30 Roman Fayngersh - Owner of "Wine Gallery" 519 Tremont Street

519 Tremont Street - Wine Riot location

- Applied for a transfer of license from Wine Riot to Wine Gallery.
- Looking for a vote of non-opposition from the Eight Streets Neighborhood Association

- To be clear, the location is still fully owned by Wine Riot, Roman Fayngersh will use the Wine Gallery name through licensing but will wholly own the establishment if they get approved
- Looking to position this liquor store as a unique proposition with a wine tasting area, a coffee bar and a communal table.
- Coffee won't be offered in the early stages because they want to get liquor offering right, they will be selling wine, spirits and beer (They are applying for a full liquor license)
- Focus on support for local producers
- Proposed hours for liquor sales 12noon - 9pm, Coffee bar component will be open earlier (TBD)
- Selection, choice and cost savings are some of the benefits we can expect

Question from the floor:

What due diligence have you done?

Answer: We're not prepared to divulge our due diligence at this point as we fear this valuable information would support our competition. We do however feel confident in the due diligence we have done.

Pricing due diligence which they were willing to share:

- 6 pack of Bud, \$9.50 down the street, they sell the same for \$7.50

Motion to send a letter of non-opposition to transfer liquor license from wine riot to wine gallery was passed

Motion to have Michael draft a second letter of non-opposition for the coffee bar licensing

### **7.50 Patty Collyer and Charlie Barbato - 4 Milford Street Lodging House**

4 Milford Street Lodging House Application

Unknowingly they were not licensed properly and are now seeking to rectify the situation.

Residents of their lodging are long term, they will not consider Air B&B

Their lodging rates are below market value for those who have been living there for some time and any new renters will be at market value.

Has applied for a Lodging Houses (Fraternity/Dormitory) License to be exercised on the above - 4 story building with 2 rooms in basement, 2 rooms on first floor, 2 rooms on second floor and 2 rooms on third floor.

Have been responsible neighbors for 20+ years, Gayle a local South End resident for many years and a regular Eight Streets Neighborhood Association member endorses the owners/manager

ESNA voting result: Send a motion of non-opposition to their Lodging House License Application

## 8.00 Friends Groups Updates

- Watson Park is on the South End Garden Tour on June 17. Fundraising will be taking place by selling postcards of the park, lemonade and cookies. Please consider a donation.
- Ringgold Park and Berkeley Community Gardens are also on the Garden Tour.
- Peters Park update
  - Old Dover hosted a Peters Park fundraiser and raised over \$3,000 to support the park.
  - A recent park clean-up was aided by Capital One Ink Block supplying us with food and drink, The Pine Street Inn providing us with an army of gardeners and both Old Dover and The Friends of Peters Park brought their own members to support a very successful park clean up

## Other Business

### Get ready for the the Lapin Fête de la Musique on June 17

Ringgold Park will host live music from 3pm to 5pm as part of this free annual festival hosted by the Community Music Center of Boston.

FORP representatives will be on hand to answer to any questions you have about the park and welcome new members. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving this beautiful neighborhood resource.

- **June 23 Dwight Street Stoop Party:** Whether you live on Dwight Street or live nearby please do consider visiting Dwight Street on June 23<sup>rd</sup> between 6 - 7:30 to meet your neighbors. Look for the balloons and introduce yourself. This social event has been gaining in popularity because they're fun and usually involve a drink or two and some snacks.

## 8.15 Frenchie, 560 Tremont Street

A motion of non-opposition was passed to the application by the owners of 560 Tremont Street for a sidewalk seating area contingent on the property and restaurant owners respecting the footprint guidelines provided by the City of Boston and the precedents set by abutting cafés and restaurants (e.g. Caffè Nero at 564 Tremont Street and Stephi's at 571 Tremont Street). The owners of Frenchie stated at their City of Boston Abutters Meeting and at their September 2016 presentation to the ESNA that they would respect the sidewalk footprint set by those precedents.

## 8.30 Adjourn

**Next Meeting: Tuesday September 12, 2017 - Project Place Common Room (1145 Washington Street)**