

## **ESNA - April 9, 2019 - Meeting Notes**

### **Community Music Center of Boston**

- Mr. Lecolion Washington, Executive Director, and Sarah Spinella, Chief Advancement Officer, gave an overview of +100 year history of this community institution.
- CMCB is active in 15 Boston neighborhoods. Many of its programs are in schools, not in the Cylcorama building. They teach ~3,000 students a week.
- Fête de la Musique is scheduled for June 22. They will likely focus on fewer (5) parks with culturally inclusive bands. Last year 2,500 people attended. The goal is to be more aggressive in promoting CMCB with neighborhood businesses and partners, and to raise more awareness and money.
- They handed out copies of their 2017 Annual Report, 2018-2019 Performance Calendar as well as sponsorship levels for Fête de la Musique.

### **27-29 Dwight Street**

- Mr. Noberto Leon (architect) presented on behalf of the building owner (Ghita Akkar).
- The proposal is for a 4th floor rear deck/balcony.
- An Abutters' meeting was hosted by Faisa Sharif on March 11.
- A motion of non-opposition was passed contingent on receiving copies of letters of support from abutters.

### **Trash**

Michael Almond provided an overview of a number of options - which were then discussed:

1. Night time pick up (e.g. before 1.00 a.m.). Apparently this is what they do in New York City and Chicago. The benefit would be that trash is not on the street for so long, trash crews would not be competing with morning traffic, or with other municipalities in disposing waste. The downside is the disturbance to sleep and a South End pilot a few years ago was apparently resisted by residents. Changes would require a change to the city-wide ordinance.
2. Defer the 5.00 p.m. ordinance to say 9.00 p.m. The benefit would be that trash is not on the street for so long and more people would potentially put their trash out in the morning. The downside is the impact on hospital staff, EMS and other shift workers. Changes would require a change to the city-wide ordinance.
3. More enforcement on trash picking. Apparently a non-starter since resources are not available, although Faisa Sharif said that Code Enforcement was tracking trends and being more responsive.
4. Light-weight, collapsible barrels to concentrate the trash into smaller areas, and potentially reduce trash scavenging and rat feeding. Discussed at South End Forum meeting.

Downside is that residents would have to purchase them, bring them in and store, and they would become insanitary over time. Maybe there is a disposable option?

5. Keep on hammering away with fliers and neighborhood persuasion by talking to our neighbors.
6. Underground trash containers. Mike Messina shared a photo from a recent trip to France.

### **Other Neighborhood Updates**

- Berkeley Community Gardens: John McLachlan said the recent annual spring clean up was a success and that the garden is open again.
- Peters Park: Michael Almond provided an overview of the improvements. There were some questions relating to the location of trash barrels and the grading of drains.
- Ringgold Park: Emily Ryzak provide an overview of a recent meeting with the Parks Department:
  - Trash barrel at the Waltham entrance will be removed
  - Trees will be trimmed in the next 6 weeks
  - Unfortunately there is no power supply in the park to facilitate an electric outlet
  - The Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 4 and Love Your Block for May 4.
- Watson Park: Linda Reisert said the Friends were working on replacing the fences that run along the Shawmut Avenue side of the park, and that a landscaper has been engaged to develop plans for the park. Mulch has been ordered for Love Your Block on May 4

**Next ESNA meeting is May 14, 2019**