

ESNA - May 14, 2019 - Meeting Notes

Ms. Faisa Sharif - Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services

- Faisa Sharif took us through the Mayor's budget for 2020-2024. See below:

SOUTH END AND BAY VILLAGE, WE ARE INVESTING IN YOU!

Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024

A \$6.5M INVESTMENT

in equitable and accessible open spaces and parks, including:

- **\$4.2 million** for the South Bay Harbor Trail to design and construct an important link in the City's greenway.
- **\$2 million** for improvements to Titus Sparrow Park, including improvements to the playground, tennis, and basketball courts.
- **\$370,000** for improvements to Peter's Park.



A \$6.6M INVESTMENT

in safe, reliable and equitable street and transportation infrastructure, including:

- **\$2.5 million** for the redesign of Tremont Street from Herald Street to Melnea Cass.
- **\$2.2 million** for road reconstruction improvements to Harrison Avenue between East Berkeley Street and Herald Street.
- **\$1.8 million** for roadway improvements to Washington Street from East Berkeley Street to Herald Street, and Traveler Street between Washington Street and Harrison Avenue.
- **\$150,000** for improvements to Massachusetts Avenue from Harrison Avenue to Melnea Cass Boulevard.



A \$5M INVESTMENT

at the Blackstone School for interior refurbishments to classrooms, security measures, and fire alarm work.

A \$1.6M INVESTMENT

to conduct a feasibility study of the Carter School.



Safety improvements will be made at the intersection of Arlington Street, Isabella Street, and Melrose Street.

\$9.4M INVESTMENT

- **\$3 million** for facility programming and design work for the construction of a new Engine 3 fire station.
- **\$732,000** for an interior reconfiguration project at the current library.
- **\$5.6 million** for renovations & upgrades to the Woods Mullen and Southampton Street shelters.
- **\$150,000** for an engineering study to identify methods to eliminate storm water pollution.

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- Faisa Sharif also circulated a letter on the Long Island Bridge and requested support and signatures. The letter was subsequently posted on our Facebook page and via the ESNA mailing list.
- Emily Ryzak requested clarity on the street permitting process specifically the annual B&G Oysters closure of Waltham Street. There is no requirement for any organization that wants to close a street or block to consult with any neighborhood association! The application goes through Dept. of Sports, Tourism and Entertainment (STE) which then oversees input from ISD, BPD, DPW, Licensing etc. to ensure everything is in place. All liaison with NA's is voluntary, although they should be "flying" the appropriate streets in advance. We talked about how well Paramount Films worked with the neighborhood through this process and how poor the communication was from B&G Oysters. The Waltham Street closure for Halloween will go through STE as well. Faisa Sharif will work with STE to ensure the same standards are applied for all events.
- There was some discussion on AirBnB. Use 311 for any concerns and to ensure locations have registered with the City of Boston.
- Much frustration was voiced over the City's new trash contract. Faisa Sharif encouraged us to contact Chris Osgood <https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/chris-osgood>

Other Neighborhood Updates

- Berkeley Community Gardens: John McLachlan said that the garden is open again.
- Peters Park: Michael Almond provided an overview of all the on-going improvements.
- Ringgold Park: Emily Ryzak provided an overview of improvements:
 - Trash barrel at the Waltham entrance has been removed
 - Trees will be trimmed on May 25
- Watson Park: Colleen Fitzpatrick said that a landscaper (John Pate) has been engaged to develop plans for the park for the Community Preservation Act (CPA) application (note that available funds will be reduced versus the first year).

Next ESNA meeting is June 11, 2019