

ESNA - October 8, 2019 - Fall Meeting Notes

Marleen Nienhuis - President of Friends of South End Library

- Marleen Nienhuis has been FOSEL President since 2008. At that time the building was been used as a homeless shelter.
- There are 7 people on the Board and they are looking for more volunteers to represent the diversity of the South End's 28,000 residents and neighborhoods, and to provide input on future programming.
- The Library will be closed for 3 months starting end of October to improve the flooring and workstation lay out.
- Marleen took us through the main FOSEL programming as well as \$127 million in capital renovation of the BPL and its branches. See below:

Passionate about libraries? MAKE THE SOUTH END LIBRARY THE BEST IT CAN BE.

2019-2020
BPL
Programming Study

2020-2021
Programming Study
Public Feedback
Meetings

2021-2022
BPL
Design Study

2022-2023
Design Study
Public Feedback
Meetings

2023-2025
Final Design and
Funding Approvals

2025-2027
Library
Reconstruction

* Possible Timeline, Subject To Change

FOSEL PROJECTS

SOUTH END WRITES
Author Series

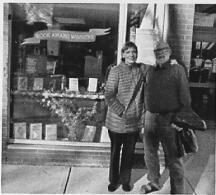

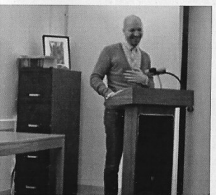
LOCAL/FOCUS
Tremont Street Window Displays

BOOK AWARD WINNERS
Parkside Window Displays

SUMMER JAZZ & BLUES CONCERTS
Library Park

EASTER EGG HUNT
Library Park

FOSEL NEWS
FOSEL Website & Mailchimp Newsletter

Boston's five-year city budget includes more than \$127 million in capital renovation funds for the BPL and its branches.

For the South End library this could include:

- a dramatic increase in library square footage
- a top-notch architect sensitive to community concerns
- additional windows on Tremont Street for exhibits and displays
- exciting new spaces for children, teens, adults and seniors
- a display area for images of the South End
- space to exhibit books by local authors
- flexible smaller rooms for tutoring and conferences
- a large space to accommodate community and cultural events
- an area equipped for culinary instruction and demonstrations by local chefs
- a browsing wall for newspapers and magazines
- a cafe
- a store for library-related crafts and gifts
- a green roof

Michael Tormey - Boston Transportation Department

- Michael Tormey is looking for neighborhood input on the Washington Street Silver Line Repainting project as well as related improvements. Below are his contact details. A website for residents to provide suggestions is still to be developed.

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WASHINGTON ST. SILVER LINE REPAINTING PROJECT

Where Northbound and Southbound
between Herald Street
and Dudley Station

When Spring 2020

COMMITTED TO IMPROVEMENTS

- *Dedicated funds* have been set aside for bus lane repainting projects throughout Boston
- The *Silver Line bus corridor on Washington Street* is a priority for the City
- This project seeks to *remedy existing challenges with near-term, localized improvements* through repainting

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT

We're identifying spot improvements to:

- *Transit operations*
- *Safety for people walking*
- *Parking activity*

The City has different tools to accomplish these, including updates to:

- *Pavement markings*
- *Signage*
- *Curbside regulations*

QUESTIONS/IDEAS? Contact Michael Tormey, BTD Transit Team
michael.tormey2@boston.gov

Alison Ryan (owner) and Brigid Williams and Garret Goodridge (HW Architects) - 3 Bond Street

- HWA presented their plans for redeveloping 3 Bond as well as the accommodation they are offering to abutters on issues that surfaced at the July 31 Abutters Meeting. They have offered the following to the owners of 1 Bond Street:
 1. To pay for an independent civil engineer (of John van der Stricht's choosing) in order to make recommendations on the installation and operational aspects of the BWSC approved water recharge system. Secondly, that you are waiting for John van der Strich to confirm which engineer he has selected, when that work will be undertaken and how much it will cost.
 2. To extend Benjamin Construction's roofing warranty from 1 year to 5 years. Additionally to use non-combustible Hardi Board materials for the shed dormer.
 3. To discuss and agree with John van der Strich the placement of the 2 condensers and the use of acoustic insulation blankets in such a way to minimize the impact on the quality of life of 1 Bond Street.

- HWA have offered the following to the owners of 1 Bond Street:
 1. To extend Benjamin Construction's roofing warranty from 1 year to 5 years. Additionally to use non-combustible Hardi Board materials for the shed dormer.
 2. To respect the easement associated with the rear of the property.

The architects were encouraged to confirm this offering in writing to their abutters ahead of the next Abutters Meeting which is expected early November before the November 12 ZBA Hearing.

Other Neighborhood Updates

- John McLachlan and Colleen Fitzpatrick provided an overview of the new ESNA email service.
- The current slate of Officers with the addition of Mary Chowdhury as Secretary was voted on and approved.
- Ringgold Park and Waltham Street Halloween are set for October 31

Next ESNA social is December 10, 2019 at the Eagle on Tremont