

BFSNA Minutes for Jan 16, 2018 meeting:

Elizabeth from A/C Hotel group:

Opening March 1st with 205 rooms. There will be a special residents rate. Send your request to the president of A/C Hotel. A/C Hotel produced an updated map of the South End including walking trails (Ink Underground), the new buildings around SOWA and Ink Block. They want to promote tourism in the South End and could not do it with no updated materials readily available.

A/C Hotels are a Marriott B rank hotel and they also added 65 parking spots in LAZ lots (self park).

Mark LaCass from the Harrison church development:

Filed a notice of project change on Dec 26 2017. The notice was published in the Boston Herald. The public meeting will be held at D4 on Jan 25, 2018. Immediate plan of action:

They have spent 6 months deconstructing the church to make way for new floor plates, footings and pillars. They have overseen the de-consecration of church structure and all things of value have been given to Boston College: all the Artwork was cataloged and the Altar to name a few of the items.

They will be digging basement footings soon.

Utilities, conduits and infrastructure is already in. Floor plates are constructed of steel and light gauge metal and the installation is about to begin.

The plan for 63 residential rentals and 40 parking spaces has been converted to 63 condos and 45 parking spaces and are all subject to zoning approval. The parking spaces are in James Court adjacent to the church. Ron Simon was mentioned but I forget the context.

The 2003 Development Plan included 10% affordable housing which has translated to 6 units.

Representative from Ed Flynn's office introduced herself and provided his phone number for any items we want to escalate to him: 617-635-3203

Security Briefing by Officer Francis: he provided the D4 direct 911 number: 617 343-4457

On the 4th Monday of every Month except Dec, there is a standing D4 Security and Crime Meeting the public is encouraged to attend. 6pm monthly.

On March 6th (and the 1st Tuesday of every other month is the South End Forum hosted by Steve Fox in the SE Library. They will be tabling the Alexandra Hotel and BPDA's agreement to combine 2 parcels of adjacent land for the development.

Needles: Jennifer (community member) wants Boston Public Health to come and talk to us about the needles project in Orchard Gardens.

Strollers and bicycles: you cannot tie them to stop signs. Bob (community member) felt that instead of fines and enforcement we should try an Education Campaign to help us be a better community and it could include items like: Don't wear your backpack on a bus, Space Savers, Stroller parking and Bike Parking.

IAG gave update on mitigation funds for Blackstone and Franklin Squares according to the BPDA / BRA phases:

1st 50K when building permit granted

2nd 50K when certificate of occupancy is granted

Murray and Derek from a neighboring association updated us on their private end of life sewer line and their fight to have the city repair it. It is cost prohibitive for the residents to cover the 100's of thousands of dollars it would cost to replace it and it has to be replaced.