



NORTH END/WATERFRONT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Nazzaro Center
30 North Bennet Street

June 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Reports

- President's Report - ***Mark Paul urged residents to call John Meaney (ISD) 617-961-3422 or Mayor's Hotline 617-645-4500 to report rodent sightings.***
- Reports from City Hall
 - Nicole Leo, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services - ***No Report***
 - Kathy Carangelo-McIsaac, Councilor Sal LaMattina's Office - ***No Report***
- Membership Committee - ***NEWRA membership is now 317 members. New members are making additional donations when signing up which is appreciated. There were 60 members in attendance.***
- Clean Streets Committee - ***"10 Minutes With A Broom" campaign is ongoing. The Committee urges all residents to report anything from rodent sightings to trash violations to the Mayor's Hotline and to be sure to get a tracking number. Next meeting June 16 at Mariners' House (change of location due to election) at 7:00 pm.***
- Zoning, Licensing and Construction Committee, including update on Battery Wharf applications.
Fairmont Battery Wharf - Patio seating has been approved by the Licensing Board at Bldg.3 (associated with Sensing Restaurant), 80 seats with a 10:00 PM closing. The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) has not issued a formal decision on the Commercial Street valet application, but BTD recently installed Resident parking signs at all four of the Commercial Street spaces. A full ZLC written report was distributed at the meeting.

Zoning and Licensing Applications

111 Salem Street, Joseph Bono has applied to the Licensing Board to transfer the malt and wine with cordials license to the first floor space formerly Trani Ice Cream to operate a new 40-seat restaurant and outdoor patio with 14 seats at the rear of the establishment. Mr. Bono plans to purchase the license from Finale Desserterie, which had planned to open in the building formerly Martignetti's Liquors at 66 Cross Street. In 2008, NEWRA voted to support transfer of this license to Finale from an East Boston location. No change to the closing hours in the license, which are 11:00 PM Sunday through Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday.

Transfer of license to 111 Salem St:

Vote: 30 support, 12 oppose - NEWRA supports the application

Patio at 111 Salem St:

Vote: 10 support, 39 oppose - NEWRA opposes the application

Key concerns: noise impacts to abutting residences

Al Dente Restaurant, 109 Salem Street, Joseph Bono has applied to the Licensing Board to amend the existing malt and wine with cordials license at the existing 40-seat restaurant to include outdoor seasonal patio for 14 patrons at the rear of the establishment from May through October between the hours of 11 AM to 11 PM.

Patio at 109 Salem St:

Vote: 7 support, 37 oppose - NEWRA opposes the application

Key concerns: noise impacts to abutting residences

20 Parmenter St., Joseph Perroncello has applied for Board of Appeal zoning relief to construct a one-story addition to the existing building known as the North End Union, not exceeding the 55-ft. height limit in zoning. The building is under complete renovation with construction of a basement parking garage, conversion to retail on the first floor and apartments above, and building addition fronting on Hanover Street.

Vote: 32 support, 15 oppose - NEWRA supports the application

Statements from Candidates for 3rd Suffolk District State Representative

8:20 PM – 8:40 PM

June 16th Special Election - The special election for the 3rd Suffolk District State Representative is Tuesday, June 16. The candidate from each party will be given an opportunity to briefly address the neighborhood. The candidates are: Democrat Aaron Michlewitz, Republican David Trumbull and Independent John Keith.

Democrat Aaron Michlewitz and Independent John Keith gave statements. Republican David Trumbull was not present.