

MEETING NOTES



Wharf District Council Meeting
Tuesday June 20, 2023 5 to 7pm

Norman Leventhal Center, [30 Rowes Wharf](#)

(At Rowes Wharf Plaza, go past Starbucks, under the Rowes Wharf Arch, take a left. The ^{2nd} door on the left.)

Join In-Person Also on Zoom

President Marc Margulies – Opened the meeting.

Boston Police District A-1 Update

- **New A-1 Police Captain Sean Martin spoke to the group**
 - Quality of life issues: Encampment on Long Wharf moved out
 - There is an increase in packages being snatched off door fronts
 - Continuing to deal with shoplifting @ Macy's
 - Matthew Murphy, Boston City Cruises, commented on "Fake Monk Mafia". Captain Martin said if on public property, please report it on 311. If on private property, the City can't do anything about it.
 - Joanne Hayes-Rines, FOCCP, noted that during clean up at the Crescent Garden in Christopher Columbus Park, 11 needles were found.

Welcome two new Wharf District Council Members

- Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston
 - Chris Crompton, General Manager, & Tim Carr, Asst. GM,
 - Chris Compton stated next year will be 40th Anniversary in Boston
- State Street Provisions Restaurant, 255 State Street, operating since Dec 2015
 - Patrick Lee, Partner Grafton Group

Matthew Knowlton, Director of Operations, Boston Duck Tours in attendance. Boston Duck Tours are a delight to the residents, businesses, and visitors in the Wharf District.

WDC-CRFT Climate Resiliency Project Final Report Overview by Derek Anderson, Project Manager, Arup

- Key Issues
 - 1% storm surge event (1% chance in any given year)
 - Future Tidal Flooding (2021: 7 flood days, 2022: 11 – 18 days, 2050: 50-70 days)
 - Assets exposed to flooding – \$3.9B in infrastructure at risk
- Evaluation Criteria
 - Effectiveness
 - Feasibility
 - Adaptability
 - Social Equity & Access (maintaining & improving access)
 - Environmental & Additional benefits

- 6 project areas
 - Fort Point Channel: Raise Harborwalk/Elevated Dock
 - Northern Ave: New breakwaters – floating docks
 - Rowes Wharf: New Wall
 - Harbor Towers: New flood protection
 - Central Wharf/State Street: Elevated Harborwalk
 - Long Wharf/CCP
- 3 resiliency Zones
 - North Zone (CCP to Harbor Towers)
 - Central Zone
 - South Zone
- Storm Water storage systems & pumping
- Benefit to Cost Ratio (BCR) = 3.2

BPDA and Parks & Rec Dept are conducting its own study for:

- Long Wharf Sub-district flood resiliency plan
- Fort Point Channel Storm surge barrier
- Northern Ave Bridge integrated alternative

Trade Restaurant, 540 Atlantic Ave –Live entertainment license (DJ only) – Attorney Lesley Hawkins, Prince Lobel

- Add a disc jockey to allow for control of the ambiance of the music. No interaction with patrons.
- No seating will be removed or re-arranged
- No changes to operations
- Request neighborhood support letter

Update on City of Boston's State Street Renovations Project

- WDC and Wharf District businesses are still negotiating with the City of Boston to stop 1 traffic lane/1 permanent bike lane.
- WDC has submitted an alternate proposal to the Chief of Streets

Matthew noted: There is a proposal for bike lanes on Milk Street. The City needs to come before the WDC with this proposal.

Wharf District Neighborhood Public Areas – Concerns

- Long Wharf & Central Wharf Plaza Maintenance
 - Aquarium & Parking Garage were supposed to do a Spring Cleaning, has not happened
 - WDC working with the BPDA on this

Additional topics:

- Joanne Hayes-Rines, President, Friend of Christopher Columbus Park
 - [Post-Independence Day Event for Children, July 8, 2023, 12:00 – 3:00](#)
 - [Sunday night movies July 16 – August 20, 2023](#)
- Matthew Murphy: Boston City Harbor Cruises
 - [SPECIAL LIMITED TIME OFFER - From June 22 to 29, kids under 12 ride FREE on the Provincetown Ferry! No coupon codes necessary - choose the date from the booking calendar! \(Limit 5 free children per adult ticket purchase.\)](#)

- Susanne Lavoie: Wharf District Council Neighborhood Volunteer Project on the Greenway:
 - June 15, 2023 clean-up was a success

Executive Session – Voting

- Trade Restaurant request for letter of support: Board agreed to provide a support letter
- 3 Accounting Firms bid for WDC: Vote was for Weiner & Rice

Next WDC Meeting Tuesday, July 18, 2023