

WDC JULY 19, 2022 Meeting NOTES

Marc Margulies, WDC President – Opened Meeting

- Welcomed everyone. Announced that Chris Fincham is stepping down as WDC treasurer.
 - Thank you to Chris Fincham and well wishes from Marc Margulies; proclamation from State Representative Aaron Michlewiz. Susanne Lavoie presented a plaque recognizing Chris's his service to the WDC and the City of Boston.
- WDC members will vote to confirm our new WDC Treasurer, Martha Laposata and WDC Vice President, Matthew Murphy. Voting members had been previously briefed on both candidates. WDC to go into executive session prior to the meeting's end.

Chris Fincham gave his farewell as the WDC Treasurer for 13 years

Boston Police A-1 Monthly Report

- Police Report by BPD A1 Office Darnell Toomer – Highlights:
 - In the Wharf District: 5 arrests (1 warrant, 1 Aggravated assault, 2 Domestic assault, 1 OUI) ,
 - Additional robberies, uptick in bicycle thefts,
 - Body found in water morning of July 16, behind Rowe's Wharf. wallet found on body trying to determine identity
 - Homeless encampments popping up on long wharf & behind chart house.
 - Outreach teams are going there to offer services
 - Additional night officers for the area– 8pm, midnight & 6am
- Question: should we call 311 or 911 to report marijuana use? Call should be through 911 to track reports and prioritize needs.

110 Boulevard Restaurant at 10 Broad Street – Carolyn Conway, Attorney

Kosta food provisions and Las Askitis would like to open a restaurant featuring imported foods.

Offering small plates, charcuterie with wines and spirits, specialty foods

- 3550 Sq ft restaurant with bar seating of 8 and table seating 102
- Transfer of liquor license, hours until 2am.
- No outdoor dining. No take-out. No entertainment at this time. At some point will try for a one-day licenses to see if the neighborhood would support that prior to committing to full time entertainment license
- Goal is to open next spring.
- Requests letter of support – vote required

Norm Meisner, Harbor Towers I Board Chair and WDC Board Members – Spoke on BPDA meeting tomorrow to make people aware

- BPDA Meeting on Proposed changes to FAR (floor area ratio).
 - Will make it harder to develop waterfront properties and make it harder for existing properties to make needed changes for climate resiliency.
 - Would like to request they push the meeting to fall and involve neighborhood.
 - BPDA is requesting zoning changes that would reduce the capability of the members of the WDC to make necessary changes to their properties to fight rising tides. WDC needs to take a stand. This will affect the CRFT work.

Climate Resilience Project – Derek Anderson, Arup, Associate – presenting the *Basis of Design Report* for the *WDC Conceptual District Protection & Resiliency Plan**

- Project overview, goals, and objectives to Wharf District stakeholders.
 - Solicit feedback on community priorities and preferences
 - Share knowledge on resiliency considerations for each waterfront property
 - Define design assumptions to use to develop district flood resiliency strategies
- Report includes: Engineering assessment built on prior work by city of Boston. Project steps Timeline. Design flood elevations, build to minimum but design so they can be elevated. Elevations of harbor walk and buildings and the potential impact of future storms.
- August 5 for preliminary comment period.
- For waterfront property owners we are looking starting workshops mid-September
- **Link to slide presentation is available at www.wharfdistrictcouncil.org**

State Street Renovations Project - Update , Matthew Murphy, WDC Vice President

- July 15 Meeting at City Hall with Council President Flynn & Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge & Mayor’s Director of Inter-governmental Relations Clare Kelly
 - Councilor Flynn advocated for the neighborhood and to listen to our alternative proposal for bike lane.
 - President Flynn wanted our concerns voiced to the mayor. Mayor Wu had a representative who said they would be given to mayor.
 - One of our biggest concerns is the data they are using.
- Our concerns were voiced and the conversation does continue .

Wharf District Neighborhood Summer Activities Updates

- Joanne Hayes Rines, FOCCP President on Christopher Columbus Park
 - Sunday night movies. 200 people came last Sunday
 - Next Sunday, July 24 the movie will be *Dirty Dancing*. Starts at 8:30pm
- Rescheduled: August 3 Meeting, with Brianna Millor, Chief of Community Engagement.

Executive Session for WDC voting members

Executive session vote

All three items were individually placed before the voting members, discussed, and voted on. All were unanimously approved. :

- Yes – Martha Laposata, Treasurer
- Yes – Matthew Murphy, Vice President
- Yes - Vote on a 110 Boulevard Restaurant Support Letter. (A copy is now on the WDC website.)

*** *WDC Conceptual District Protection & Resiliency Plan* – Starting with the gathering of information and understanding what is under each waterfront property along the Wharf District coastline, the Plan is comprehensive, connected solution for the Wharf District waterfront that will go beyond just protecting individual buildings.**
