Safety, parking and development

By Michele D. Maniscalco

Approximately 40 people convened in the second-floor meeting room of the Div police station at 695 Harrison Avenue on Tuesday, May 16 to discuss public safety, alternate parking proposals, development plans by The Abbey Group for the Flower Market site and to meet former aide to Mayor Menino and District 2 city council candidate Michael Kelley at the Blackstone.

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Neighborhood Social Event May 22nd

The Fillet Block Neighborhood Association (PBNA) invites you to a neighborhood social.

Enjoy a night on the patio. Connect with your favorite neighbors and meet some new ones.

Monday May 22, 2017
6:30 - 8:30pm (Come for the entire time or just drop by for a few minutes)
Sister Solz - 45 Tremont St
Cash Bar. Light snacks.

Blackstone Square: The Paw-pular Place To Be!

As the weather warms and the days get longer, Blackstone Square promises to once again be the popular hangout for dogs and humans alike. It has been customary for the neighborhood to “lick the other way” on off-leash dogs in the park, but this has come under renewed scrutiny in light of recent incidents. The Parks Department has asked us to remind everyone that dogs should be kept on leads as required by law. We can all agree that every person has the right to enjoy the park undisturbed. If you have a complaint about dog activity (or any activity for that matter) in the park, you may call 311. For caselike...

Be a summer Super Teen

Boston Youth Ages 13-14 invited to enroll

Submitted by the Office of Mayor Walsh

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has announced the start of enrollment for Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) annual citywide BCF SuperTeens Program this summer. Youth ages 13-14 in the SuperTeens program will have the opportunity to attend weekly leadership development workshops, gain work experience in BCYF community centers and participate in field trips to Boston’s arts and cultural institutions.

“This program gives younger teens real work experience that will prepare them for future education and employment,” said Mayor Walsh. “They’ll also have the opportunity to make new friends, visit a variety of places in their City and attend workshops designed to empower them with important life skills.”

South End Students Earn Boston College High School Honors

Dylan Mollin, 2020, of the South End achieved High Honors for the Third Quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors freshmen median 3.6 quality point average and all grades “C+” or higher.

Noel Zacharias 2019 and Ryan Rolofso 2019 achieved Honors. For Honors a student needs a 3.2 GPA and all grades “C” or higher.

Boston’s new default speed limit is 25 mph.

Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on all City of Boston roadways will be 25 mph.
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Franklin Square Neighborhood Association (FSNPA) meeting.

Keller, currently a Bay Village resident, fondly recalled living in “every corner of the South End.” Bouncing around on his youth, Keller said that while his father worked days for U2 Airways and nights as a bartender, “My mother’s the force that drove my family and still is today.” Keller said his mother encouraged everyone in the family to work hard toward an upward trajectory.

That gave me a strong sense of entrepreneurship,” Keller said. Another trait Keller attributed to his upbringing was his drive to community service. “I always wanted to give back to the community,” he said. Having lived and worked in the neighborhood for over 20 years and having traveled all around the neighborhood talking to people over the past couple of months, I’ve learned that most people think we have nothing in common. In my experience, we have many things in common.” Keller cited neighborhood safety and support for the police, the cost of housing and maintaining good schools. “We all want the same thing,” Keller said. “It’s important to make sure we have good schools so that all kids get a good education regardless of what side of the tracks they are in.” Keller said he understands the vital role of small businesses, citing his own experience. “I understand the struggles that small businesses have, and I also understand how important these businesses are to our city.”

Keller noted that small businesses in the South End have told him that commercial rent is making it very difficult for them to remain viable. “Small businesses support the neighborhood by paying rent and by contributing to the uniqueness of the neighborhood,” he observed. Keller drew upon his experience with Metro, which facilitated him with many of the challenges facing the neighborhood and strategies for addressing them.

BSNPA president Eric Huang recapitulated the “business-friendly” sentiment at the group’s first meeting on its plans for a mixed-use, retail, cultural and open space that would operate on an 11-hour basis from 9 to 9 each day. Huang told attendees that, having taken their plans to community groups around the South End, the group’s next meeting would be the South End Forum recently that they found the neighborhood “very receptive” to their plan.

In small business news, Jenny Ellison, executive director of Washington Gateway Main Street, said that Arom os’s, the casual, Middle Eastern eatery under development at the corner of West Newton and Washington Streets, is expected to open in July. The owners of Arom os’s, she said, have submitted plans to the Planning and Development Agency. Boston Police Department (BPD) D-4 officer Chris Shidell was given a public safety update, reporting that a new activity is down in Villa Nova and the Lenox Street area, but may rise again during the summer. He urged

neigh bors with dogs to increase their presence in Franklin Square in order to stem crime and public drunkenness in the park.

Shidell also added that D-4 community service officers have been transferred to the Schools Unit and D-4 hopes to have someone to replace them this summer, possibly from among the new recruits. Asked about parking in Franklin Square, Shidell said they mostly find older individuals rather than youths hanging in the park and drinking. Responding to a question, Shidell observed that there are fewer needles in Franklin Square lately.

Huang has been working with the South End Forum Task Force on Parking on a plan to rework parking in the South End. He noted the task force’s recommendations, formulated in January of this year. The proposal would bring additional metered parking spaces to Washington Street, the Blackstone and Franklin Square area, overnight resident parking at several meters on Harrison Avenue and visitors and resident parking space, ranked with signage, on unmeteded lots of Government Avenue.

Huang explained that the forum’s aim was to come up with a parking plan that would be “less piecemeal and more holistic” to the needs of various areas of the South End. He also said that while Washington Street was initially intended to be all metered parking, for the benefit of businesses, the area of the Stag Brewery was changed to resident parking. The new plan would establish metered parking along the Square from 8:00 AM-8:00 PM, with no restrictions overnight and no exceptions. With the influx of new businesses to that area, it would be beneficial to establish metered parking there.

Addressing concerns about transparency and seeking public input, Huang said that the task force has been “transparent,” posting updates on social media. Despite the low attendance, Huang called for more to accept the parking plan and to sign up. Huang will present the plan to the Boston Transportation Department for consideration.

Andrew Pruhon, founder of the BPSNPA college book and supply school, reported that this year’s Head of the Town event is scheduled for May 14th and will be held at the hi, day and evening destination for neighborhood groups and the development being proposed by the city at the corner of West Newton and Washington Streets, is expected to open in July. The owners of Arom os’s, the casual, Middle Eastern eatery are under development at the corner of West Newton and Washington Streets, is expected to open in July. The owners of Arom os’s, she said, have submitted plans to the Planning and Development Agency. Boston Police Department (BPD) D-4 officer Chris Shidell was given a public safety update, reporting that a new activity is down in Villa Nova and the Lenox Street area, but may rise again during the summer. He urged
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Homes, which seeks volunteers to host the
families and friends visiting patients in local
hospitals, explained the mission of the program
and the parameters for volunteering. Hosts are
expected to provide a place to sleep, bathroom
access and linens, and, if possible, beverages
and light breakfast for guests. Heatherton said
volunteers host can set a schedule such as staying
out during periods when they will be away
setting timelines when guests can be in the
home and determining their guest capacity.

"Since it's a volunteer opportunity, we've
found that it's best that it always be directed
by the host," Heatherton said that Hospitality
Homes offers 24-hour staff support for hosts,
check-in with hosted community building
events for host households. Those who wish to
support Hospitality Homes in other ways can
join the Community Connections volunteer
program, offering a meal or help with facility
liaison in some other manner such as bringing
snacks or get-well cards to families visiting
patients. Heatherton concluded, "I realize
that space is limited in the South End, but this
is a really fabulous way to build community
within the community in a way that is unique
and very special." Heatherton urged residents
who are interested in participating to visit the

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dog bites or unruly dogs, please call 911. To
be more involved in the dog community, join
The Square Dog Facebook group. The dog
committee of Friends of Back Bay and Franklin
Square is working to create a set of guidelines
dog activity in the parks. To provide input,
please email friends@blackstonefranklin.org

South End Spring Stroll

Washington Gateway Main Street invites
South End residents to sign up to participate
in the Spring Stroll, scheduled for Friday, May
13th, 4-9 PM.

Favorite local South End stores will
be open late and offering some great deals!
Pop into one store and you might find wine
or cheese or other delights from a neighbor
down the street.
The evening is sure to be a delight and
something for everyone!

Youth Build Boston Job Fair

Youth Build Boston and Starbucks are
partnering for a day of service at Jim Rice
Field on May 19th. Following YBB will host
job skills coaching sessions and a job fair at
the Mandela House Community Room.
Businesses looking for staff this summer are
welcome to table.
http://www.youthbuildboston.org/

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![Image of Callie Cassidy, Paul English, and Lynda Downie](image)

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Community Music Center

Lapin Fête de la Musique
Activities, music and entertainment!

Community Music Center’s 5th annual Fête de la Musique is taking shape and is going to be an epic event filled with music, food and activities for all ages. Join us from 3:00-6:00 pm on June 17th for a memorable afternoon celebrating the summer solstice and the retirement of the Music Center’s Executive Director, David Lapin.

Live music will be performed at King’s Park, Union Park, Freda Garcia Park and Childs Hassan Park. At the same time, there will be a block party on Warren Avenue between Babson and Clarendon Streets with food, music, bouncy houses, face painting, balloon twisting and more!

Rain location: Blackstone Community Center

StringFest – Students from the Boston Public Schools who receive string music instruction through the Music Center will visit our South End location for a concert and extended learning opportunities. The day concludes with a pizza party!

May 25 at 11:30 am.

Early Childhood Music Celebrations

Join our early childhood students as they perform on their beginning instruments!

May 20 (2:00 pm), May 22 (3:00 pm), May 24 (3:00 pm)

New England Viola da Gamba Society

The New England Viola da Gamba Society will give a free presentation in Allen Hall from 10:00-1:00 PM. They will perform for our Intensive Study Project seminars as well as anyone in the Music Center community who would like to hear some wonderful chamber music. The event will conclude with a short master class for a student trio. June 3rd (1:00-2:00 pm)

John Kleshinski Concert Series

The French Connection: Thursday, May 18
7:00 pm, FREE
This concert will feature the connections and influences between teachers and students among French composers. Guest artists are Nadia Boulanine and Nadia Boulanine and are among the great teachers whose works will be performed.

Community Music Center of Boston’s Artists in Residence, the Caramay Trio, is comprised of Sharron Leventhal, violin; Jonathan Miller, cello; Randall Houghton, piano.

34 Warren Ave, Boston, MA 02116

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Sponsored by Concerts and The Foundation for BCYF, program goals include providing hands-on work experience and/or service experience for each youth, engaging youth in high-quality leadership development workshops based on BCYF’s Youth Development Outcomes, and developing creative writing skills by teaching youth to share personal learning experiences in writing.

All SuperTeen Summer camp must complete an application and return to the following BCYF community centers:

BCYF Hennigan, 200 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain
BCYF Madison Park, 55 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury
BCYF Quincy, 835 Washington Street, Chinatown
BCYF Sullivan, 2749 Washington Street, Roxbury
BCYF Tobin, 1431 Tremont Street, Mission Hill
BCYF Vine Street, 358 Dudley Street, Roxbury
For a full list visit BostonCOW/BCYF

The SuperTeen program will run seven weeks, beginning on Tuesday, July 5 and ending on Friday, August 10. The teens will work Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants must be at least thirteen years old on or before July 5 to participate and will receive a stipend at the end of the summer for successful completion of the program. The application and other information can be found on BCYF’s website at BostonCOW/BCYF.

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Call Jeff at (617) 464-7280 ext. 202 or email: sales@southernews.com.

Community Workshop

PLAN: DUDLEY SQUARE

MONDAY, MAY 15
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
65 WARREN ST
Dudley Branch Public Library
Roxbury, MA 02119

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Macy’s workshop will ask participants to prioritize both housing and economic development goals for city-owned land in Dudley Square using benchmarks established by the community in previous engagement workshops. Feedback from the workshop will be reflected in the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for 6th land that will be produced later this year. Throughout the evening there will be opportunity for attendees to engage in productive dialogue with City of Boston team members and each other on elements of the material being shared as part of the workshop.

PLANS: Dudley Square is an "Initiative to think strategically about the types of uses and the scale of development best suited for the future of Dudley Square and Roxbury. The goal of this study are to provide an inclusive community engagement process, create an updated vision with the community, and establish an Implementation plan that will lead to the issuance of RFPs for publicly-owned parcels in Dudley Square."

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Friends of the South End Library

Next week, Tuesday, May 23rd, at 6:30 PM, Mel King, the iconic South End activist, former state legislator, poet and author, will talk about his life’s work. He will be introduced by our esteemed State Rep., Byron Rushing. Mel King’s recently re-issued book, Chains of Change, will be available for purchase and signing. Seating is limited. Details will be posted on our website shortly.

The latest LocalFocus installation at the South End Library’s Tremont Street window features the South End Knitters. The remarkable urban artists have taken the domestic acts of knitting and crocheting into the streets, celebrating color and fiber, and transforming our streetscape with their artful and humorous creations.

Finally, the exhilarating talk by longtime South End resident and foreign-affairs expert Stephen Kinzer on May 9 was further enhanced by the gracious introduction by Kinzer’s admiring and friend, WBUR’s OpenSource radio host, Christopher Lydon. The local luminaries each talked about their personal heroes of that era (Williams James for Lydon and Carl Schurz for Kinzer), passionately detailed in Kinzer’s book, The True Flag: Theodore Roosevelt, Mark Twain, and the Birth of American Empire. For details, click here.

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