Death Investigation at Southampton and Topeka Streets

Submitted by Boston Police Department

At about 6:40 AM on Sunday, September 24, 2017, officers from the South Boston area responded to a radio call for a person shot in the area of Southampton and Topeka Streets, South End.

Upon arrival, officers observed a male victim who appeared to be in his 30’s suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Boston Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with information relative to the investigation is strongly urged to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at (617) 348-4443.

Community members wishing to assist in this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word TIP to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will strongly guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help in this investigation in an anonymous manner.

Blackstone/Franklin group meets with good neighbors

By Michele D. Maniscalco

The September 19 general meeting of the Blackstone-Franklin Neighborhood Association seemed to follow a general theme of welcoming good neighbors from the business community and surrounding associations.

With about 25 people in attendance, Andrew Brand of the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) presented WSANA’s concept of a Good Neighbor Policy for addiction treatment and homeless services; recently appointed Washington Gateway Main Street (WGMS) executive director Andrew Malloy introduced himself to residents and Jamie Golden of Barre 3 Studio.

Mega-Project: Exchange South End

By Sue O’Connell

Boston developer The Abbey Group has filed formal plans for its proposed $4 billion-plus redevelopment of the former Boston Flower Exchange (off Albany Street).

The development is known as Exchange South End and plans detail transformation into a life science, research and technology campus.

Exchange South End will be nearly 1.6 million square feet and contain four new buildings with

Credit: Courtesy Rendering

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Again, low turnout at South End polls for preliminary election

By Michele D. Maniscalco

While ballot figures by ward and precinct were not available at press time, Tuesday’s preliminary election for mayor and City Council Districts 2 and 7 seemed to draw light turnout in the South End despite spirited races with a wide variety of candidates to choose from in each council race.

According to the unofficial election results posted on the Elections page of Boston.gov, Mayor Martin J. Walsh will face off with District 7 city councilor Tito Jackson on

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Municipal Election: November 7
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A Fine Farewell for Mohr & McPherson

McPherson opened his first location in 1999 with then partner John Mohr. A 1,000 square-foot location on Concord Avenue in Cambridge, the first Mohr & McPherson served as more of a retail studio selling hand-crafted pieces by local artists. As the demand for more ethically inspired home furnishings continued to grow, so did McPherson’s vision. Eventually buying his partner out to sole ownership, McPherson began traveling the world to find new pieces to import back for his following of loyal customers. In just under ten years, he expanded his empire, opened a second location on Arlington Street in the heart of what was known as Boston’s “Furniture district”, and filled his showroom with stunning pieces from across the globe. “Back then, people wanted to outfit their homes with pieces that had history or told a story,” he claims, “and we had all of that.”

McPherson continued to operate in and around Boston until finally settling in for the store’s final chapter in 2007 in the South End — a neighborhood that quickly came of age around him. During the last decade, Mohr & McPherson saw a number of changes including the city’s financial crisis, the explosion of e-commerce, and the emergence of the mobile-dependent consumer. “We tried to change with the times and keep up with both modern and traditional trends,” states McPherson. “We changed our look, tried to expand our inventory, lowered our margins, and more,” he adds. “But what people are looking for now is to spend less for furniture and to do it online. It’s past time to move on.”

McPherson, who has been splitting his time between Boston and Napa, will look to lock the doors for good before the holiday season starts. So, as the summer comes to a close, McPherson plans a bitter sweet ending to his business and will use the upcoming months to sell the last of his furnishings at liquidation prices, give back to the Boston community, and ride off into the sunset.

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Winners Of The Fay Chandler Emerging Artist Awards Announced

Exhibition Features Original, Contemporary Works Of Art Created By Bostonians

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the winners of the third annual Fay Chandler Emerging Artist Awards. The awards were celebrated during a recent artist reception for the Fay Chandler Emerging Art Exhibition in City Hall.

"The Fay Chandler Emerging Art Exhibition and Awards allow us to recognize and showcase artists who live and create in Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "Their work inspires us, and we hope it will inspire future generations. Our goal is to continue to support the arts and provide a platform for these incredible artists to share their work with the public.

The winners include:

Myron Bellard, Best in Show Award
A Dorchester resident, Bellard was born in Trinidad and grew up in Cambridge. Bellard is a self-taught artist, who learned about the art by watching the movements and techniques of other artists. Working primarily in charcoal, his work can be described as contemporary art deco. Myron will be having a solo exhibition at the 9th floor Mayor’s Gallery at City Hall January 23 - February 28, 2018.

Keith Maddox, Over the Age of 50 Award
A resident of the Back Bay, Maddox is a mixed-media artist working exclusively with cut paper and collage, using the medium as a form of drawing, painting and even poetry/story telling. Maddox meticulously hand-cuts source material from works such as vintage children's books, selected for specific colors, line quality, paper and content.

Mark Tortorella, New to Making Art Award
Tortorella is a self-taught artist who lives in the South End with his wife and two children. Two years ago, after a successful career in finance, Tortorella decided to follow a lifelong passion for creating art and began working as a professional artist. Tortorella works primarily in oil paints on both board and canvas in the Trompe L’Oeil style.

Fay Chandler was a Boston philanthropist and advocate for the arts. As an artist who started her career later in life, she serves as the inspiration for this exhibition and to the artists of all ages. The awards are funded by a generous donation from the Galilee Fund in Fay Chandler’s memory.

The show comprises 48 works by artists who were selected by a distinguished jury from an open call that drew 140 applicants. In addition to a cash prize, each winner will also be granted a one-year complimentary membership in the Fort Point Artists Community and will be granted an Artist Certification by the City of Boston. Organized by the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture, the Fay Chandler Emerging Artist Exhibition features fresh, original and contemporary works of art created by Boston artists. The exhibit will be on display at Boston City Hall and the Scollay Square Gallery through September 29, 2017.
Tuesday, November 7, with Walsh netting 34,869 votes or 52.53 per cent over Jackson’s tally of 16,232 or 29.05 per cent and competitive Robert Cappuccio with 7,775 or 12.60 per cent and Joseph Willey with 5,280 or 9.06 per cent, with 100 percent of precincts reporting.

In the District 2 race, South Boston resident Edward M. Flynn, son of former mayor and ambassador to the Vatican Raymond Flynn, led the race with 5,083 votes, or 56.41 per cent over longtime South End/Bay Village resident Michael Kelley, with 2,860 or 31.74 percent of the vote.

South Boston-based web designer Corey Dinosopolous came in third with 594 votes, or 6.64 per cent. In District 7, Kim Jarey led with 1,592 votes or 25 per cent, followed by Rufus Faulk with 719 votes, or 11.17 per cent and Denice Joubert with 504 or 8.05 per cent. The top two contenders in each race will face each other in the general election on Tuesday, November 7.

Outside the Cathedral High School gymnasium, a room packed for Tito Jackson for mayor, the moon holding a poppy and the little boy holding a large Tito for Mayor sign.

Nearby, community activist and sports coach David Eastmond held a sign for Ed Flynn. Eastmond lives outside District 2, but lived on Northampton Street during Raymond Flynn’s mayoral tenure. “I know [Ed Flynn’s] father, and his father is a decent man even though he was from South Boston. That doesn’t make him a bad guy. But Flynn is a decent guy, and the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree. [If Ed Flynn] can find one of his father’s shoes, he’s a good man.” South End resident Mike Gilroy held a sign for Joseph Schaats, the South Boston-based, retired mental health specialist and veteran who was voting for the District 2 seat. Gilroy said, “He’s probably the most progressive candidate in the race and he has interesting positions on the Blabol and the opiate crisis.”

City Councilor at Large Ayanna Pressley stepped by the Cathedral High School gymnasium around 7:00 PM to greet poll workers and voters and to gauge turnout. Pressley was warmly greeted by Eastmond, who has been her friend since she first came to Boston.

Explaining her visit, Pressley said, “At large candidates are not on the ballot, we’ll be on the ballot in November. I knew that anyone coming to vote today is a superwoman, and I wanted to make sure I am engaging people and engaging people, listening to them and reminding them when at large candidates will be on the ballot because there was a lot of confusion about that. Also, I wanted to get a feel for and see for myself whether we would meet the deep predictions about turnout or whether we would defy them. Given the number of people who have asked me, especially post (November 8, 2016), ‘What can I do?’ (Feed, help), my answer has always been, ‘Vote.’ Especially now, that you know your representatives on the local, and state level share your values on racial, social and economic justice and ensure that you are electing people that will actualize those values on a municipal level.” She continued, “I have some signs today in Roxbury that said, ‘I vote in every election.’ That’s what we need more people to do. There are people who will vote in every federal election and vote for president who won’t vote on the municipal level when the issues are on the fore of people’s minds, whether it’s development and gentrification, the state of our public schools, public safety, accessibility, climate change. Those decisions are being made at the municipal level. So I wanted to see if I would exceed expectations on voter turnout.”

Pressley observed from speaking to poll workers that some voters were confused because they came to the polls planning to vote in the District 2 race but discovered they were not in District 2. There was some confusion on district boundaries and Pressley expressed a desire to look into the matter further. The deadline to register for the November 7 general election is October 18.
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which recently made its debut at 151 Washing-
ton Street, gave a brief introduction of her
staff and services.

Board introduced herself to BWSNA as a
twenty year resident of the Winchester Square
area who has noticed a marked increase in
drug activity and related crime over the past
two years. Board is a member of the South
End Forum, Working Group on Addiction,
Recovery and Homelessness, which seeks to
work with city officials and treatment providers
on stemming illicit activities in the Melrose
can 22 neighborhood and Mass Ave. (MassCon)
hub of addiction and homeless services.

Board explained that WSANA members
met with representatives of the shelters and
drugs and found that while some had good
neighbor policies to address the negative
behaviors of some clients, those policies were
not consistent among the different service
providers and “there was a lot of finger-pointing”
among the shelters and the methadone clin-
ics. The working group is trying to formulate
a more coordinated approach on the part of
service providers to address the issue. Board
also wants to see an increase in the number of
shelter beds in the area.

Board recalled the Old Dorset Neighborhood
Association’s (ODNA) discussions some
years back with the Pine Street Inn, which
resulted in Pine Street Inn adopting some of
the requirements that were explained to residents as
they attended the shelter, set up a hotline
to receive complaints and hired a
lieutenant police officer and a security
staff to investigate complaints of negative behavior
and to do outreach with the subject of the
complaint.

Board said that the enhanced neighbor-
hood relations, decreased the numbers
on the police and increased neighborhood support
for Pine Street Inn. The working group hopes to
have police, providers, neighbors and business

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work together to define expectations and roles
for addressing negative behavior in the Mass/
Con area. Board pointed out that in addition
to the Boston Medical Center (BMC) and Boston
Police Health Commission have security staff with arrest powers, and the vision
is for a hotline to Pine Street Inn that would
reduce the stress on the police and not result in
unlawful enforcement, but outreach workers.

Board said that the city suggested installing
the call-in hotline to facilitate gathering
information on incidents with 911 dispatching the report-
ers from the participating providers such as
BMC and BPHC. Board told BWSNA that
he has support for the plan from WSANA and
the Chelsea Drugs Neighborhood Association
and hopes BWSNA will support the effort as
well. She said the working group then
plans to convince BMC and Boston Health Care
for the Homeless (BHCHP) to commit resources to
the Good Neighbor program. Board explained that
the state police would also be involved in
incident reports at the Connectors.

Regarding funding, Board said the hope
is to target the city, addiction service providers,
the homeless shelters and BHCHP to provide
financial support. One woman in the audi-
cence suggested drawing the pharmaceutical
companies into the conversation as a source of
support for combating drug-related issues. BWS-
NA voted unanimously to support the WSANA
and Chelsea Square in supporting the concept
but not necessarily the program.

Malloy, who took his place as executive
director of WCOMS in August, succeeding
Jennifer Effros, is a South End resident who
worked in development at Project Place for
4 years, becoming development manager there
in 1998.

In his remarks, he gave a historical over-
view of the Main Street organizations,
explaining that the Main Street program was
spawned by the Trust for Historic Preservation
and was brought to Boston in 1995 by then-city
councilor Thomas M. Menino, with WCOMS’s
inception coming in 1997.

“We really want to make the Washington Street business corridor a better place for our business and our residents. My charge is just making it the center of economic life but also the center of social life,” Malloy said. Specifically, he pointed to the recent events WCOMS sponsors such as the Summer Solstice and American Therapy, a Franklin Square installation with an artist and a listening booth to hear residents’ concerns for themselves and the country. Malloy also toasted WCOMS’s partnership with Project Place, which provides workers to pick up trash along Washington Street twice a week, resulting in almost 900 pounds of trash removed each week.

Golden introduced herself and Barre’s
35 services to the crowd. “Opening week has
been amazing! It’s not just for women; we
have a list of men who are fully engaged and
are founding members,” Golden announced.
Golden told the audience that Barre offers
classes for children as well as adults and classes
are seven days a week, with weekday sessions
starting as early as 5:45 AM.

In a separate development at the city
level, City Councilor at Large Annissa Essaibi Geoghegan, and City Councillor Don Wonhee Kim announced that the city is proposing a five-year budget plan for the Neighborhood Health District of the Commonwealth that includes mental health services for residents of the South End.

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commercial, technology, and life science
research space, a 30,000-square-foot, pub-
licly accessible park. Building C would be
the tallest of the project’s four buildings at
232 feet. Developers plan 288 underground
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Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is currently enrolling youth participants, age 6-17, for the annual BCYF Citywide Swim League.

Every year, over 300 young swimmers participate in the BCYF Swim League. In addition to improving swimming skills, participants make new friends and enjoy visits to other BCYF swimming pools in Boston.

The league is developmental, and serves as an introduction to competitive swimming, so experience on a swim team is not necessary. Participants will be tested to make sure they are able to swim one length of the pool. The regular season meets are held once a week beginning in November. The Championship Meet will take place in March.

To sign up to participate, e-mail or call the contact listed below. For more information, contact Antonio Rosario, BCYF Aquatics Manager, at Antonio.Rosario@boston.gov or 617-635-4900 ext. 2180. Team enrollment will continue through November or until each team reaches capacity.

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Location: Dorchester House, 1333 Dorchester Avenue, BCYF Madison Park Community Center, 55 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury, BCYF Holland Community Center, 85 Olney Street, Dorchester. Contact: best.orcas@gmail.com

BCYF Blackstone Community Center

50 West Brookline Street, South End. Contact: Marcus.Thomson@boston.gov; 617-635-5162

BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center

20 South Street, Jamaica Plain. Contact: Ramon.Espinosa@boston.gov; 617-635-5195

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55 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury. Contact: Cheryl.Jerry@boston.gov; 617-635-3206

BCYF Quincy Community Center

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The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since last year’s launch of PLAN: Dudley Square the RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on the initiative.

All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held the first Monday of the month at the Dudley Branch Library at 65 Warren Street. PLAN: Dudley Square workshops are typically every third Monday of the month; location varies.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood. To find out more information or subscribe to email updates for the latest event notifications, please visit bit.ly/planDudley.

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