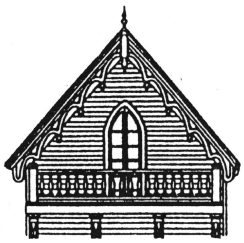

Bigelow Neighborhood Association
Meeting minutes
Wednesday, Mar 19, 2025

Present:

Peggy O'Keefe, co-president

Robby McClellan, secretary

Barb LaForge, treasurer

Next meeting planned: May 6

BNA agenda for March 19, 2025

1. Matching grant update
2. Website update
3. Springs cleanup
4. Annual Meeting/block party planning
    1. August or September (Note from Jennevieve: I thought we already had the date– 1st Tuesday in August is National Night out and I can coordinate with Rebekah from the city on this)
5. PARTNER ORGS:
    1. Other neighborhood meetings updates
6. PUBLIC WORKS
    1. Graffiti cleanup
    2. Mural
    3. Traffic improvements
    4. Zoning concerns
7. HOLIDAYS
    1. Caroling planning
8. FUTURE/MISC: Historic signage, street banners, bulk mailing to residents, garden and park improvements, orchard

Meeting commenced at 6:10pm

1. Matching grant update
    1. Robby has submitted neighborhood grant application to the city: answer to come from the city in April
2. Website update
    1. Sections still to add/update: Safety page, News page, Annual Events page
    2. Safety: Barb and Peggy will track down updated phone numbers for all safety and community outreach that residents would need access to. Include graffiti email and messaging that including photos and dates will expedite the process.
    3. Frequently Asked Questions: Figure out what the most frequently asked questions are about preservation, restoration, historic code, zoning, safety, etc?
    4. Restoration/Preservation page: Robby to submit request to OHC for content after all other pages are complete
    5. Historic Code: Check with Michelle about what information to include here
    6. Add photos of board members
    7. "New Resident" page
    8. More photos throughout of both modern/historic times
    9. Board/officers to review next draft before next meeting
    10. Robby to implement any revisions and then transfer domain
3. Bigelow Springs Park cleanup
    1. Springs cleanup date is May 3, 10-12pm
    2. Jennevieve to update flyer, which will be printed and posted around neighborhood, and Robby will use information for the email
    3. Email to go out two weeks before – Around the 16th
    4. City parks rep is already good to go, she will show up to speak, and will bring tools
    5. Consider adding Procession to the email
4. Annual Meeting/block party planning
    1. Jennevieve would like to have the block party on August 5th to coincide with National Night out. Jennevieve will contact Rebecca from the city for barricades, and figure out what the latest possible date is to provide the city with the picnic location.
    2. At this meeting: Collect member dues (consider making paying members eligible for a raffle prize – must be present), capture more email addresses, advertise the new website
    3. Ways to engage new residents – bring materials/card/pamphlet to realtors to give to new neighborhood residents. Consider having materials as a "welcome package" - gift basket and information?

5. PARTNER ORGS:
    1. Keep ear to the ground for upcoming ONNA, CNA, and city council meetings. City Council has several meetings, sometimes multiple per week – Jennevieve to reach out and ask which meetings would be most relevant to a neighborhood association representative.
    2. Collaborate/connect with Bigelow House Museum – Peggy will touch base with Karen and/or Ron to strengthen this relationship.
6. PUBLIC WORKS
    1. Graffiti on Olympia Ave: Only remaining options are to report as code violation or write letter from neighborhood. Residents not interested in painting/powerwashing. Jennevieve will ask Rebecca for advice on recourse. Any options with historic board?
    2. Traffic improvements and zoning to be discussed at future meeting.
7. HOLIDAYS
    1. Caroling planning – discussed at future meeting with Debra
8. FUTURE/MISC: Historic signage, street banners, bulk mailing to residents, garden and park improvements, orchard

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm