



## MEETING NOTES BC NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL May 9, 2012

**Setti D. Warren**  
Mayor

*Candace Havens*  
Director  
Planning & Development

### **Members**

*Ald. Lisle Baker*  
*Ald. Stephen Linsky Johnson*  
*Stephen Bart*  
*Gloria Gavis*  
*Thomas Keady*  
*Candace Havens*

**Council Members Present:** Alderman Lisle Baker, Ward 7; Gloria Gavis, President of the Chestnut Hill Association; Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development; BC Administration: Tom Keady, VP Governmental & Community Affairs

**BC Representatives:** Jeanne Levesque, Director of Government Relation; Bill Mills, Director of Community Affairs

**Others present:** Alderman Ruthanne Fuller, Ward 7

1. **Stokes Hall Updates.** Jeanne gave an update on the schedule, which is headed for completion in October 2012. Move-in will be complete by December 2012. Dry wall and painting is underway and the site work outside is being coordinated with the utility project, described below.

2. **College Road Utilities Project.** Approvals for undergrounding have been granted and the work will begin following University commencement ceremonies. The BC staff will meet with neighbors in advance of the work. Since undergrounding involves coordination with NSTAR, Comcast, RCN, the Fire Department and IT, it has been a major undertaking. NSTAR must also obtain approvals for their work and Jeanne expressed concern about the timeliness of their request for approvals so the project is not delayed.

3. **Pedestrian Signal at Beacon Street.** The Beacon Street bids have come back and a contractor was selected. Jeanne also noted the mast arms and box will be located on BC property, at the City's request. Bob Waddick and Joe Herlihy have completed the documents needed for granting of an easement, which have been sent to the Mayor's office for approval. Candace and Ruthanne offered to assist in getting the paperwork to the Clerk's office for docketing at the soonest available meeting date. Lisle suggested that the University and City coordinate efforts to educate students and the general public about the new HAWK (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) signal in advance of its operation. Ruthanne suggested putting out the mobile LED sign board to alert people about the change when the time comes. The University agreed to work with Jim Danila in advance to plan for this.

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#### 4. Events:

- a. **Commencements, Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. The University will put out LED Board signs in advance to let people know of the event. Bus shuttles will be in operation to assist with the graduation of around 2,200 students. After the main ceremony in Alumni Stadium, students will be dispersed to various locations for individual degree ceremonies. The event will be held outside, rain or shine. The commencement speaker will be Bob Woodruff from ABC News.
- b. **Law School Commencement, Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>**. 300+ students will graduate at the Law School ceremony starting at 10:30 a.m. in Conte Forum. Vicki Kennedy will be the speaker.
- c. **Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Joshua Kraft, President of Boys & Girls Club is the keynote speaker at the breakfast. Rosemary Korchmar, Newton North High School student will sing with the Love Tones. The Newton South jazz band will also provide entertainment. The event is being renamed for former Mayor Ted Mann.
- d. **Reunion Weekend, June 1-3** A number of reunion activities are planned over the weekend, including a 5k road race in the morning and an evening barbeque and music on the Boston side of the campus on Saturday. Guests will depart by Sunday afternoon.

#### 5. Neighborhood Parking

Council members commented that parking in the neighborhood by University employees has been well managed recently. Lisle Baker noted a single car near his home on Suffolk Road that appears to be owned by a faculty member and provided license plate information to Tom. However, on balance, all remarked at what a quiet year it has been and commended the University representatives for their efforts in this regard.

**6. Other business.** Tom Keady described the long process for design and funding for the proposed new center platform BC Green Line station at Commonwealth Avenue and Lake Street, which remains \$2 million short. He was reassured by state officials that design work would continue; however, the final source to complete funding has not yet been identified.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Candace Havens, Director  
Department of Planning and Development