



**WHARF DISTRICT
COUNCIL**
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NOVEMBER 12, 2019 (5-7 PM) Wharf District Council Meeting

POLICE UPDATE – BPD, SARGENT STEPHEN MOY

There was four incidents last month all related to late night bar activity around Coogan's including a bar fight, stolen purse and two robberies. The two robberies were of a patron leaving the bar and an employee exiting the bar after closing. The BPD has identified a group coming from outside the city that is targeting the neighborhood. In response they have added more patrols, worked with area businesses to improve lighting in certain areas and are working with the city to install more surveillance cameras. BPD has asked neighborhood residents to be more vigilant and travel in groups if they are out late at night while they work to resolve this issue.

BOSTONIA PUBLIC HOUSE LICENSE MODIFICATION - JOHN P. CONNELL, ESQ.

The Bostonia Public House has requested a letter of support to add a DJ to their existing live entertainment license. They intend to have a DJ on Friday and Saturday nights from 10PM – 1:30AM. Currently their entertainment licensed includes up to 5 live musicians.

COMMERCIAL WHARF LEGISLATION –MICHAEL LEON, ESQ & CHERYL DELGRECO, NEWRA PRESIDENT

Michael and Cheryl presented Commercial Wharf East legislation filed by Rep. Aaron Michlewitz regarding preserving the grandfathered use of Commercial Wharf which would allow unit owners to remain in their homes and preserve their residential communities. They asked the Wharf District Council for a letter of support since we are a neighboring Waterfront Council. The history of development, Chapter 91 and the legal history of the issue were discussed to give WDC a background of Commercial Wharf.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT – THADINE BROWN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Thadine presented an overview of the Community Preservation Act which acquires, creates, preserves and enhances open spaces, historic resources and affordable housing across the city of Boston. The funds are generated from a 1% property surcharge on property taxes and a 10% state match which totals around \$20 Million annually. A nine-member committee collects and reviews project proposals to make funding recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council which would then distribute those funds to approved projects.

Examples of some of the project proposals include:

- \$350,000 to help with major repairs to HVAC and other systems at the Old State House, one of the oldest and most visited sites on the Freedom Trail.
- \$315,000 to restore 17th and 18th century artifacts from beneath Faneuil Hall showing Boston's role in the transatlantic slave trade, work of local artisans and an emerging global marketplace.
- \$365,000 to repoint the brick on the Salah Hall building on Thompson Island used for STEM Education by thousands of Boston Public School Students

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STATE STREET PROJECT – ASHLEY BIGGINS, SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The WDC was presented with an update on the progress of the State Street Project. It is currently in the conceptual design phase and the data collection is complete (eg; traffic count/curbside use study). It has been determined that the sidewalks will definitely be repaired and potential future improvements include sidewalk dining, public seating, improved crossings and street lighting upgrades. The WDC has expressed interest in greater participation in any future focus groups or sub-committees regarding the project.

PUBLIC REALM VIDEO DRAFT PREVIEW – MARC MARGULIES, WDC PRESIDENT

Marc presented a draft of the Public Realm video and requested feedback for modifications.

Our next meeting will take place Tuesday December 17, 2019 from 5PM-6PM at the Hilton Hotel at 89 Broad Street followed by a holiday reception at Fin Point Restaurant downstairs from 6PM-7PM.