


## SBANP Monthly Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 9:30AM
<b>Goal</b>	SBANP Meeting
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.sbanp.org/">https://www.sbanp.org/</a> 
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 9:30AM

### Agenda

- **City Councilor Ed Flynn will be joining the meeting to share updates and details related to this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade.**
- **There will be time for program updates and members to share information -**

### Notes

#### **City Councilor Ed Flynn: Parade March 15th @ 12PM**

-Ed Flynn discussed the parade route changes, starting at Andrew Station to improve safety. He emphasized zero tolerance for public drinking and aggressive police action on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The parade will start at 12 PM on March 15. Lydia Hamilton Polaski highlighted upcoming multimedia content for residents. Concerns about public urination and underage drinking were raised, with plans to involve BHA and police.

-Burns Stanfield raises concerns about parking rules during the parade, with Councilor Flynn offering to coordinate with the transportation person and Captain Conroy for specific solutions. The group discussed the importance of early closure of bars and restaurants and the role of the city's licensing board in ensuring compliance.

-Ed Flynn discusses the involvement of MBTA police in confiscating large jugs of alcohol and the challenges of transporting alcohol legally on trains. Mercy Robinson reports incidents of public urination in the West Broadway development, with police being called multiple times to address the issue. There was discussion on the importance of holding people accountable for public drinking and other inappropriate behavior.

-The road race will continue its outreach with residents to ensure smooth operations, and the breakfast will be held at the Iron Workers Hall.

-A press release to inform the public about the new parade route and other important details will be created and shared soon.

Erin LaMonica

-Updates the group on the resource directory, mentioning the use of Vistaprint for printing and seeking feedback on the guide's accuracy. Kathy and Erin discussed the importance of having a print version of the resource directory for community events and new residents.

<https://www.sbanp.org/copy-of-resources>

### **Erin Murphy's Office**

Mary Karski from Councilor Murphy's office shares the councilor's newsletter, which includes updates on various community initiatives and meetings.

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### **Lydia Hamilton Polaski**

-She shares information about the city of Boston's energy saver program and the Age Strong cost-saving clinics for seniors. Encouragement for residents to take advantage of these resources to reduce energy bills and access other cost-saving opportunities.

She also discussed the mayor's executive order regarding federal engagement in the city of Boston, with Lydia offering to provide more information via email.

- Sets guidelines for how the City of Boston engages with federal government entities.
- Describes how the City will “govern ourselves” in this area.
- Clarifies what the City can and cannot do, and what is within or beyond the City’s control.

### **In Memory of Kimberly Parker**

-Everyone said a few words about Kimberly and that members went to her funeral. Recognition of Kimberly Parker's passing and the community's response, with a dedication of a community garden to her memory

**Next Meeting:** Potential visit from Congressman Lynch’s office

- Targeted for the April membership meeting (no exact date mentioned)

### **Agency Updates**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Agency Updates</b>	<b>Important Dates</b>
<a href="#"><u>South Boston Neighborhood House</u></a>	-The annual event, The House is Where the Heart is, will be Friday, March, 20, 2026.  -General Admission tickets and	Next Mobile Market: Wednesday, February 25 @ 1:30PM - Ollie Preschool, 1187 Columbia Road - All are welcome!

	Golden Raffle tickets are available now. Encouraged everyone to come and support.	<a href="#"><u>The House is Where the Heart Is</u></a> Friday, March 20, 2026
<a href="#"><u>Julie's Family Learning Program</u></a>	The "spring gala" is honoring Billy Higgins.	<a href="#"><u>Spring Gala</u></a> April 9, 2026 @ 6PM (UMASS Club Boston)
<a href="#"><u>SPOKE</u></a>	<p>-She shared that Spoke Art is about to move into their new space in a development (starting in March, with a slow move-in).</p> <p>-The association would love to visit the new space and suggested looking at the calendar for an April or May meeting to host a membership meeting there and "celebrate the new space."</p>	
<a href="#"><u>Boston Harbor Now</u></a>	<p>-Boston Harbor Now announces the Winter Warmer event on February 28th and the upcoming Boston Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program starting in April.</p> <p>-Special CPR training for doulas, child care providers, and healthcare workers, with a \$35 cost for certification.</p>	<a href="#"><u>Winter Warmer</u></a> February 28, 2026  <b>CERT Program Begins in April</b> Registration <a href="#"><u>Click Here</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>South Boston En Accion</u></a>	-The tenant task force for West Broadway development (West Broadway Apartments + West Broadway Homes) voted to dedicate their community garden to Kimberly Parker in her memory, with a future unveiling planned.	
<a href="#"><u>South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDC)</u></a>	<p>-Donna Brown updates on the McDevitt senior homes project, with groundbreaking expected in the spring and ongoing efforts to clear out building inventory.</p> <p>-Introduction of Matt, a housing</p>	

	<p>counselor who provides support to seniors with housing applications, with a focus on South Boston residents</p> <p>-Erin LaMonica inquires about the sale of inventory, with Donna Brown explaining the challenges of coordinating the sale and that they are dedicated to sell or donate as much as possible in the building.</p> <p>-Donna Brown discusses efforts to save the stained glass windows from the McDevitt building, with coordination needed for safe removal and storage</p>	
<p><a href="#"><u>Fourth Presbyterian Church</u></a></p>	<p>-Janine Warrington announces a free February break camp at the Fourth Church, open to children aged 4 to 12, with activities including music, art, and PE.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>February Break Day Camp</u></a> Feb. 14-20 (Ages: 4-12) 8:30am–12:30pm <a href="#"><u>Register Here</u></a></p>
<p><a href="#"><u>St. Monica-St. Augustine Catholic Church</u></a></p>	<p>-Services on parade day may be impacted depending if parking is available that Sunday. Service at 10:30am is questionable while 12:30pm will most likely be canceled. Encouraged to follow up with Councilor Ed Flynn’s office.</p>	