

SBANP Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Tuesday, January 9, 2023 @ 9:30AM
Goal	SBANP Meeting
Next Meeting	Tuesday, February 14, 2023 @ 9:30AM

Zoom Link:

Agenda

Karen Zirkle (Rep. Biele's Office): no updates

Any Questions call or email karen.zirkle@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2460

Mary Karski (Council Flaherty): Raising money for marathon teams

Any questions call or email Mary.Karski@boston.gov 617-635-4205

Donna Brown: Boston Planning Agency Board zoning numbers and want to keep the back untouched
If we lose this Paraclite property than it will be sold to the highest bidder

Notes

Tufts Community Benefit Program (3 year grant)

- [Community Health Needs Assessment 2022](#)

We petitioned Tufts and requested an extension to apply to their Community Benefits and Health Equity RFP after they reached out to let us know that they had not received a South Boston application. They granted us 2 days – we put a proposal together – including all of the components discussed in our smaller SBANP working group session – which you were part of.

[We were funded!](#)

SBNH will take the lead as the fiscal agent.

The project - ‘A collaborative response for child + family recovery’ will include an expanded and coordinated network of services to positively impact the health of South Boston – our children and families.

The work will include:

- Celebrating Families – a 16-week program for those impacted by substance abuse disorder
- Hope + Healing – providing on-going supports and connections, resources and referrals for families impacted by substance abuse disorder - through COASA
- Peace by Piece – an initiative at 4th church (supports to expand)
- Professional Development – monthly lunch and learn trainings offered to SB non-profit workers – trainings focused on working with a trauma informed lens to better impact participants

We will be posting a full-time position to coordinate this initiative (Salary with benefits)

-An email will be sent for those who want to be more involved in the initiative.

Organization Name	Agency Updates	Important Dates
<p>South Boston Neighborhood House</p> <p>(Mask Optional)</p>	<p>-CHILL program (snowboard learning) is beginning</p> <p>-20 Teens are planning a weekend trip to DC with Caitlyn and Cam</p> <p>-15 teens working for us during the school year</p> <p>-School Age has some participant spots available. Cooking, yoga and other activities available for kids</p>	
<p>Julie's Family</p> <p>(Mask Optional)</p>	<p>-No COVID cases so far with students or staff</p> <p>- Winter Fundraiser</p> <p>-Hiring a childcare staff</p> <p>Talked about their Spring Fundraiser coming up. More details are to come.</p> <p>Hired a new staff member/teacher Send candidates please</p> <p>They offer virtual GED classes and in person throughout the day programming.</p> <p>Daycare has a couple of openings and please share with your circle about our services.</p>	
<p>SPOKE</p> <p>(Strongly suggested to wear masks)</p>	<p>-Hybrid Programming since an uptick of COVID cases with the organization</p> <p>Uptick of COVID positive in the office and making is strongly encouraged</p> <p>New Hire: Program Director Autumn Cole and she gave some updates on the YouthSPEAK</p>	

	<p>Program. It is coming to an end and a showcase of their work will be happening soon. The kids are excited since it is 13 weeks worth of hard work.</p> <p>-SPOKE is developing an additional 1500 sq/ft for classroom space at Summer Street.</p> <p>-WeSPOKE Gallery</p> <p>New space won't be ready at Old Colony at early 2025.</p> <p>New show..next week Nick Jones at 6:30pm</p> <p>Relaunching hand to hand Social justice and bring it in to Boston public school and hoping to reducing incarceration</p> <p>Youth council and openings are available and it is paid (20)</p>	
<p>Boston Harbor Now</p>	<p>-Welcoming organization to bring material or doing a table at the Winter Warmer</p> <p>-Free books will be available at the events</p> <p>-Flyer will be sent to everyone soon.</p> <p>-Mini grant funding info will be sent you soon via email when more details are finalized</p>	<p>Winter Warmer Saturday, February 11, 2023 12pm-2pm</p>
<p>Gavin Foundation (Mask Optional)</p>	<p>No Updates</p>	
<p>Family Advocate for the South Boston Head Start (dominga.vega@bostonabcd.org)</p>	<p>Dominga Vega is new and welcome to the group. She is the advocate for the Old Colony side at West Broadway.</p> <p>Serve children from 9 months to 5 years old. She explained her programming which can be</p>	

	<p>reviewed with the link below: https://bostonabcd.org/allprograms/</p> <p>They have followed the EEC mask policy</p>	
<p>South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDC)</p>	<p>-Purpose for the Paraclete Building is to have 35 affordable senior housing units. Best way to suppose is to be at the meeting and show support.</p> <p>-Hopefully get support from Sister Margaret via letter or in person about the plans for the property. That is also for anyone in SBANP membership. They want to add an addition to the back and preserve the front of the property. It was decided before the property was bought and SBNDC intend to keep that agreement.</p> <p>Gardening is coming together and people are welcome to come and grow</p> <p>Working with small business Gillete grant: reenergize the grants committee</p>	<p>Boston Planning Agency Board Meeting for Paraclete Building (Senior Housing) Thursday, January 19th at 6PM via Zoom.</p>
<p>Fourth Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>Peace by Piece- Process trauma and grief through journaling and making art. https://www.fourthboston.org/peace/</p> <p>Expressive therapy programs will be revealed soon.</p> <p>-Thursday Teen Program (Frozen) (Thursday) -Teen Improv Class and Puppet Class (Wednesday) Info the website for upcoming events</p>	<p>Peace by Piece Monday, February 9th 7:30pm</p> <p>GodSpell</p>
<p>Laboure Center</p>	<p>Optional Masking</p>	
<p>Children Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse (COASA)</p>	<p>-Excited to begin work with Burns and Kathy on the Tufts Community Initiatives</p>	

	<p>-Week of addiction recovery month in February. More information will be shared soon.</p> <p>Skating rink...celebrate them</p>	
Youth Ambassadors	<p>Back in the office</p> <p>Young social works: working some small groups</p>	
<p>Mary Ellen McCormack Task Force</p> <p>(Mask Optional)</p>	<p>Smart from the Start: https://smartfromthestart.org/</p> <p>Boston College: Continuing their surveys and outreach to the community. The surveys have a small stipend component after completion.</p>	
Community Connections	<p>Gift cards are available. Please reach out if you know someone who needs assistance.</p> <p>Collabing with Community Partner Groups and hopefully the partnership will continue and enrich the community</p>	