SBANP Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Tuesday, June 9, 2026 @ 9:30AM
Goal	SBANP Meeting
Website	https://www.sbanp.org/
Next Meeting	Next Meeting is October 13, 2026

Agenda

- Lydia Polaski, City of Boston - Neighborhood Services will join us to provide a detailed update re: Boston Happenings... All things Soccer, Sail Boston, 125th Celebrations - the impacts on South Boston and what we should be aware of --

- Agency Updates

Notes
Lydia Polaski, City of Boston
FIFA impact on Boston

-Full closures (no through traffic, between the post office on Dorchester Ave & Atlantic Ave near South Station): **June 13, June 19, June 29, July 9**

-Partial closures (restricted to certain lanes, still open but limited): **June 16, June 23, June 26**

Purpose of the street closures

-These closures help manage heavy fan flow from: Cisco and The Lawn on D toward South Station.

-If volumes are lower than expected, there may be rollback/adjustments, but the city is "operating out of an abundance of caution."

Lydia Polaski provides an overview of FIFA watch parties, including dates and times, and the proposal to extend bar and restaurant closing hours to 3 AM.

- Lydia explains the process for applying for the 3 AM closing time and the importance of community engagement in the licensing board.
- Discussion on the impact of FIFA watch parties on South Boston, including potential noise and transportation issues.
- Lydia outlines the transportation impacts of Sail Boston, including parking restrictions and public viewing areas.
- Kathy and other participants ask questions about specific dates, transportation closures, and community watch parties.

3am closing proposal

-There is a proposal to extend bar/restaurant closing hours to 3am during the FIFA period.

Who can apply:

-Any bar or restaurant (regardless of normal closing time) can apply for the 3am close for the FIFA period.

Process/community input:

-Applications will be approved in bulk by the Licensing Board (not a hearing for each individual location). There is no formal community hearing per establishment.

-Lydia advised that if the community is worried about a specific area, email the Licensing Board with concerns about that specific part of the neighborhood.

-Several local businesses have submitted requests to enhance their FIFA viewing experiences:

Cisco Brewers (Seaport Boulevard & Pier 4 Boulevard)

-Larger outdoor viewing screens.

-Additional smaller screens within cabana areas.

-Extended operating hours until midnight.

Lolita and **Pink Taco**

-Requests to install televisions on outdoor patios where TVs are not currently permitted.

June 15
South Boston Community Development Foundation grant application deadline.

Agency Updates

Organization Name	Agency Updates	Important Dates
South Boston Neighborhood House		**125th Anniversary Block Party** July 14 *All Welcome
Julie's Family	They're continuing to enroll adults in high-school-equivalency classes and support with next steps toward employment or college. HiSET testing is usually held the first Monday through Wednesday of the month; for July, it was shifted to Wednesday–Friday, July 8–10. **August 13th –** Julie's summer session ends	**July 8–10 (Wed–Fri)** July HiSET testing dates at Julie's
Boston Harbor Now		**Moakley Park Clean Up**

		June 27 **Pitch Day** **July 18** **Community Cruise** **July 30th** **6:30 pm- 8 pm** **Summer Nights** July 15–August 19 (Wednesdays) 5:30–7:30 p.m.
South Boston En Accion	Mercy mentioned West Broadway soccer field: The field had recently opened, and Mercy encouraged everyone to visit. -Community Unity block party: It was shared the event flyer in the meeting chat. -Kimberly Parker garden dedication: Mercy said they had hoped to hold the ceremony during the block party, but the garden beds were scheduled to be installed the following Monday. The group was deciding whether to make a small tribute during the party or hold a separate ceremony afterward. Mercy said she would update the group when plans were confirmed.	
South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDC)	If you want to participate in Street Fest then contact Ginger Deshaney.	**Street Fest** September 19th
Fourth Presbyterian Church	**Learn more about Summer Meals Program** https://www.fourthboston.org/summer-meals-programs/ Register for Summer Meals: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxLs0q7TltQbN4HNCt3iTTTGb-7duW3ztAy1eITZXmedqTZg/viewform	**Summer Kids Program** July 6th

St. Monica-St. Augustine Catholic Church	-Has a cookout near the side of the church	**St. Monica's Cookout** July 21 5pm-7pm
South Boston Community Health Center		Teen Summer Gardener - South Boston Community Health Center | SBCHC