

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council
Tuesday, August 30, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Farnsworth House

Agenda

1. Introductions.
2. Review/approve minutes of the July 28, 2016, Council meeting.
3. Announcements:
 - 3.1. Council vacancies (Area A: two; Area B: one; At-Large: one) and interviews; elections;
 - 3.2. Sara Tajik of Renew Boston, the mayor's program to help residents save money by saving energy;
 - 3.3. Collin Fedor, Rep Sanchez's office, seeking support for request to new Commissioner of DCR to hold community meetings re: the status of three DCR projects: (1) Perkins/ Parkman Drive Accessibility improvements; (2) Centre Street improvements from VFW Parkway to Murray Circle; and, (3) Arborway improvements from Kelley Circle to Murray Circle; and Speed limit signs along the Arborway; and,
 - 3.4. Other announcements.
4. Confirm Priscilla Yang and Peter Steiger as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Environment, Parks & Energy Committee.
5. Committee Reports/Recommendations:
 - 5.1. Zoning Committee;
 - 5.2. Housing & Development Committee;
 - 5.3. Public Service Committee; and,
 - 5.4. Environment, Parks & Energy Committee.
6. New business:
 - 6.1. Adopting as policy of the Council that the chairs of the Council committees who intend to request at the next full Council meeting votes on committee recommendations, shall furnish electronically to the members of the Executive Committee prior to the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee, the text of each such proposed vote, for inclusion in the Council meeting agenda to be published in advance of the Council meeting.
 - 6.2. Adopting as policy of the Council that Council members are expected to attend one or more community or association meetings in their respective areas each month.
 - 6.3. Referring to the Executive Committee in accordance with the by-laws the following proposed amendment of the by-laws:

Striking out the second paragraph of Article 12 and by substituting therefor the following (proposed changes indicated in bold):

Members, officers and committee Chairs **and committee members** may be removed by the Council only for good cause shown. "Good cause shown" shall include, but not be limited to, absence from three consecutive regularly scheduled Council **or committee** meetings, persistent non-participation in committee work, or absence from more than five regularly scheduled Council **or committee** meetings in the prior twelve months. Following the presentation of reason or reasons for removal of a member, officer or committee Chair **or committee member** at a regular Council meeting, the Council shall vote on whether to consider removal. If the member being considered for removal is not present at that meeting, written notice of the Council vote shall be delivered to the member or sent via registered or certified mail within ten days of the Council meeting. After any vote by the Council to consider removal of a member, officer or committee Chair **or committee member** the individual who is the subject of the vote shall be given an opportunity to resign at or before the next regular Council meeting. Removal of a member, officer or committee Chair **or committee member** shall be by a two-thirds vote of those present at the following regular Council meeting provided there is a quorum present at the time of the vote.
7. Adjournment.