MEETING NOTES

October 21, 2015

25 Attendees signed in

Agenda as distributed although the order was adjusted slightly since Samuel Chambers was late.

**1.  PRESSED   Ashley and David****ashley@pressedboston.com****813.727.8185**

* They've had a location in Beacon Hill on Charles St since January
* They live at 407 Shawmut vic Blackstone Sq.  "We're invested in the S. End"
* Mainly Juices and popsicles. Healthy food. Mostly vegan. Little to no cooking done. No fryer.  BH location was not required to have any vent.
* See menu in packet they distributed.
* Won Best of Boston Juicer
* They compost waste
* All trash kept inside. No dumpster.
* Crime & Street Concerns:
	+ Will setup lighting and cameras as needed
	+ In BH, cooks arrive 6am.  Hours 7am-6pm. Weekends 9-6.  Might consider slightly later hrs if  SE customers prefer dinner time.  BH is busy at breakfast.
	+ Deliveries usually around 7. They are open to front door or rear via ramp.
	+ Refrigerators and AC will be inside. Should not make noise.
	+ No current plans for sidewalk seats.
	+ Containers/plates etc., have logo on them.
* **REQUEST**:  They will need a zoning variance for restaurant with takeout.
	+ In BH, they have a letter negotiated with Neighborhood Assoc regarding cooking on premesis, trash, alcohol (none), etc.
	+ **QUESTION: The biggest question among the attendees was, if  restaurant/takeout zoning is approved, how does that carry over to any potential future tenants. in other words, could a burger place move in and benefit from the same restaurant/takeout zoning?**
	+ Sam Chambers from Mayor Office said he'd look into it.
	+ TIMING: Recycle is moving out by end October.  Pressed is looking for neighborhood approval and ZBA hearing ASAP (hoping within weeks)
		- Sam Chambers is working on abutter meeting (flyers within 300') for Oct 27th
	+ Next Step: We owe them next steps

**2.   INTRODUCTION:  Samuel Chambers.**samuel.chambers@boston.gov  617-635-4517

**3.   TREMONT 647 ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE   BRIAN HAMMERER  (GM)**

* This year they've had 2 temp entertainment licenses, May and August.  One guitar/singer and a 3 person opera group with elec piano. Believe those were in conjuction with city-wide Music on Main st events.
* They had no complaints during those periods.   No noise violaitons in 18 yrs of business
* They are strong supporters of the neighborhood, including purchasing wreaths and more.  (Scott confirmed this)
* Plan is for acoustic music. Maybe singers. Maybe keyboard.
* Potentially as late as midnight. Maybe not that late.
* The stereo is currently louder than expected entertainment.
* No microphones expected to be used.
* They expect music to be bi-weekly or monthly. Not daily.
* A question was raised;  if an entertainment lic is granted, is it transferable to any future business?     Accordig to Brian, an entertainment lic must be renewed annually.
* Comment by upstairs neighbors:    Restaurant has been 'respectful' so far (in the past few months).   Charlie also did not think the lic would be transferrable to a new biz.
* Brian said they're willing to discuss restrictions on the lic, and maybe a letter of agreement to outline stipulations.   They have 'no desire' to be bad neighbors, or to become a night club.
* NEXT STEPS:   They have not yet applied for their lic. They want neighborhood support first.  I said it's not final but that we'd likely have another meeting in the next 6 weeks or so and maybe continue discussion then.

**4.  FOMU at 655 Tremont**:    Although we don't yet have a formal proposal, Scott noted that Fomu is a vegan ice cream shop looking to move into 655 Tremont St. Since we only learned of this recently, there was not time to include a formal agenda item.

Jon Pucker (owner of the space) was in attendance offered the following:

* FOMU has a current location in JP.
* FOMU would only use one side of the space (corner).  Space will be split.
* No cooking on site
* Issues we asked them to consider
	+ Trash
	+ Delivery schedule
	+ Parking  / Double parking problems

**5.  DISCUSSION AND INFORMAL VOTE**:   A member suggested an informal vote/show of hands for/against the 3 zoning proposals.

PRESSED:   There was general support. No "no's" vocalized.   Some concern for what becomes of zoning if/when Pressed leaves. Sam Chambers said he'd look into it.

TREMONT 647 Entertainment: There was general support.  No "no's" vocalized.  Concern that hours be limited and not later at night.

FOMU:  Not enough info.

**6.  NEXT STEPS re Zoning:**

* A member raised the suggestion that we contact Beacon Hill Neighborhood Assoc to get feedback about Pressed, and JP to get feedback about FOMU. Larry Turka said he'd reach out to BHCA.  Jesse  (617) 722 1673  from Sonja Chang Diaz' office offered to connect us with JP if we need it.
* Told all parties that we don't have a firm plan, but expect next steps over the next 4-6 weeks.  Pressed in particular is in a rush for a decision and their ZBA hearing sooner than that.

**7.   CRIME / SECURITY:**

* Nicola and Caimin were the primary speakers.Both are actively orking with BPD / D4 on these issues.
* (some no longer meet that definition) congregate at Convenience Store on Pemberoke/Tremont and near Yumee Chinese.
* Neighbors / businesses working with BPD
* Camera put up pointing towards Convenience Store but not sure it's having much effect
* 911 operators sometimes helpful, sometimes dismissive.  Loitering or even public drinking are not high priority for BPD
* Meeting next Tuesday, 6:30, D4.
* PBNA should help to publicize these meetings. Need a bit more interest from neighbors.  (I think nicola will send Nancy an entry for the next newsletter)
* Asked Sam Chambers to weigh in from Mayor's office.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

* Discussed to expect elections soon.
* Discussed Treasurer report and alley maint.
* Noted haz waste collection on Saturday.
* Nancy, on the next newsletter, please ask members to provide [this flyer](http://pilotblock.org/images2/PBNA%20Welcome%200514.pdf) to any new neighbors who have moved in since Summer.
* Recommend the PBNA Board flyer homes for the next meeting (elections) and occasionally during the year)
* Not mentioned  / Forgot:   Halloween is coming soon. See everyone out there.