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ANC News

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

Announcements

New Lesley Community Representative

In April, ANC corresponded with Lesley University regarding the departure of Bill Doncaster, Director of Public Affairs, who attended Council meetings for nine years. President Joseph Moore responded, detailing reorganization at the University and a desire to sustain the lines of communication, especially with regards to the construction of Lesley's new art center on Mass. Ave.

Alison Harris, Lesley's new Director of Communications, introduced herself at the May Annual meeting and confirmed details about the upcoming construction.

She stated, "As someone raised in North Cambridge, I believe the new Art Institute of Boston will be an asset to the community. The new building will be state of the art and I think it will be a positive, completed in a fashion that's respectful to the community."

Ms. Harris confirmed that the church will be moved to the opposite side of the lot in the fall,

once a foundation is created. A new four-story building will be constructed and joined to the church via a two-story glass connector. The church will become the Art Institute of Boston library, with the upper level converted to studios.

Learn more online at www.lesley.edu/artsconstruction.

New Grant Will Fund Public Art on Mass. Ave.

The Mass. Ave. Master Plan, streetscape recommendations and standards set by the community and city for the Ave. between Cambridge Common and Porter Square, will see the first changes to the Ave. this summer when the city creates a demonstration block on the westerly side.

"The city has allocated the money and awarded the contract," explained Stephen Diamond, ANC Meeting Chair and ABC Board Director. "While we don't have the construction schedule yet, we've been told the work will

NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



JUNE 11 - 7:30 PM

Maud Morgan Arts
20A Sacramento Street
2D Studio, 2nd Floor

Agenda:

- Introducing City Council candidate **Marc McGovern**
- Discussion of **ethanol trains** in Cambridge with City Councillor **Minka vanBeuzekom**
- Update on **neighborhood electrical outages** with **NSTAR**

begin this summer.”

In the spring, ANC received a \$25,000 grant from the Cambridge Agassiz Harvard (CAH) Fund for art and a historic marker to be installed on the new demonstration block.



Three semi-finalist artists will be paid \$500 each to create proposals, and one finalist will receive a commission of \$20,000 for design and fabrication of a work of art.

A team consisting of neighbors from Agassiz, Neighborhood 9, Lesley and Harvard Universities, businesses on the Ave., and the Cambridge Arts Council will be involved in this process. They are planning to announce the selected artist by August 15th.

Appreciations

Hull Fulweiler, Clerk of the Agassiz Baldwin Community Board of Directors, extended gratitude towards George Hein and Anna Eckert Bryne, two out going Board Directors.

In addition, Mr. Fulweiler introduced Susana Segat, a new candidate on the slate for 2013. Finally, Mr. Fulweiler thanked donors Pests Pies and Tavern in the Square, Porter for contributing refreshments to the meeting.

2013/14 Board of Directors

The council voted unanimously to approve the 2013/2014 Board slate, listed below:

Officers for a one-year term:

- Andrea Walsh, Co-chair, Eustis St.
- Miriam Goldberg, Co-chair, Frost St.
- Hull Fulweiler, Clerk, Howland St.
- Gao Wen Shao, Treasurer, Fayette St.

Directors for a two-year term:

- Stephen Diamond, Frost St.

- Hull Fulweiler, Howland Street
- Wendy Prellwitz, Wendell St.
- Susana Segat, Wendell St.
- Gao Wen Shao, Fayette St

Upcoming ANC Meeting

The June ANC meeting will include a discussion of recent electrical outages with NSTAR Community Representative Bill Zamparelli.

Additionally, the Council voted to contact Senator Elizabeth Warren and the Cambridge City Council regarding safety concerns surrounding a new plan for ethanol trains to travel through Somerville, Cambridge, Chelsea, Revere, and Boston.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation’s (MassDOT) ethanol safety study and related documents can be found at: bit.ly/1aF9ovw.



ABC WELCOMES RED DAY VOLUNTEERS

Prepared by Ellen Friedman , community member

A crew of about twenty-five realtors and associates from the Cambridge/Somerville office of Keller Williams Realty spent the rainy morning of May 9 beautifying the gardens of Agassiz Baldwin Community.



The agents donated not only their labor –cleaning up the winter debris, pruning, planting new plants, and mulching– but also plants and other materials for the project. Marathon Moving donated the mulch, which Cambridge Bark and Loam provided at a discounted price, and Mahoney’s Garden Center gave a discounted price on plants and supplies.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the local realtors chose landscaping ABC as their Red Day project, a service initiative in which Keller Williams Realty agents throughout the United States and Canada are asked to donate their time and resources to improving their local communities.

The project was coordinated by Dino Confalone and Ellen Friedman, a long-time Agassiz resident and former ABC Board Director. The agents were fortified by coffee and delicious bagels and cream cheese imported from Brookline by ABC Community Liaison Phoebe Sinclair.



PLAY DAY INDUCES PLAYFULNESS

Celebrate arts and community at the third annual Play Day! This year's event is being described as "A Community Party" and features:



- West African music from Mohamed Kalifa Kamara
- Large foam Imagination Playground blocks perfect for toddler-sized structures
- A photo booth with Cambridge photographer Dennis O'Reilly
- A raffle and a silent auction for prizes donated by local businesses
- A collaborative mural and all-ages art activities at Maud Morgan Arts

- Popcorn, and refreshing watermelon and lemonade
- Balloons for everyone!

What: 3rd Annual Play Day! A Community Party
When: Saturday, June 15, 1:00-4:00 PM
Where: 20 Sacramento Street, back yard, rain or shine
Who: YOU! Come to this FREE event

Play Day! A Community Party is sponsored in part by Century 21 Avon, Cambridge.


Check out photos from last year's event on our Flickr feed: bit.ly/play-day-2012.

NEW AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD PATH BOOKLET


A new Agassiz Neighborhood Path booklet has been published with support from the Cambridge Agassiz Harvard (CAH) Fund. Neighborhood volunteers led by residents Catherine Weller and Cushing Giesey, helped research and write descriptions for four separate walks of about an hour each.

Designed to delight and enlighten, the paths identify 43 historic places and 28 types of trees. Printed copies are available at 20 Sacramento St. and can be downloaded from our website at: bit.ly/agassiz-path.

Happy walking!



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Community Calendar

June 2013

Tuesday, June 11	7:30-9:00 PM	ANC Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Maud Morgan Arts, 20A Sacramento St., 2D Studio All are welcome, please join us!
Wednesday, June 12	6:00-7:30 PM	ABC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St, 2nd Floor Public welcome
Saturday, June 15	1:00-4:00 PM	Play Day! A Community Party 20 Sacramento St., back yard

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The Whistler newsletter, ANC meetings, and ABC Board meetings are in recess during July and August. Newsletter publication and meetings will resume in September 2013. We wish you a safe and splendid summer!