

Jewelry District Association  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2017

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm by President Salisbury.

2. Police Report: **Lt. Smith** commented that his unit had to deal with the first felony of the new year, a road rage incident in which someone lost two teeth. And a pizza delivery man got robbed at Cathedral Square. Also an uptick in thefts from autos. "The perpetrators know that for the most part, the victims won't go to court, so there's no case; they count on people not pressing charges." **McClure**: You're working with Boston police on club activity? **Smith**: Dorchester underage kids hang around outside our clubs looking for action. **Dana**: Police presence on weekend nights in the District has been very visible. **Smith**: Undercover cars, too.

**Lt. O'Connor**: The new parking garage has an emergency box with a blue light operating on it; but the box isn't connected to anything. It should be covered up until it's operational. The one at the substation across the street is active. In an emergency that's the one to use.

3. **McNally**: We're looking to break ground at mid-year or early September for the hotel and Innovation Center on Parcels 22 and 25. The pedestrian bridge is underway. We hope that the Baccari project will get going in the summer on the east side. Garrahy garage should begin in the 3d or 4th quarter. And work is starting on getting 1 Ship St. ready for temporary quarters for the Johnson & Johnson people. Soon we'll have 1,000 people in South Street Landing, living, working, studying.

So, with all this activity and new people coming in, I wanted to get input on a temporary 3-5 year use idea. Call it the Food Emporium, a food operation. A restaurant facility, for lunch, take-out; ideally multi-seasonal. But restaurant owners don't like to build things. So we might do it. **Llcisko**: Patio, place for drinks after work on the river; maybe work with the Box Office designers to create some excitement. **McClure**: Might make sense when people have moved into new buildings. **Silverman**: In late summer, there should be a couple hundred people in South Street. **Laurelli**: What happened with the Shooter's farmer's market? There's a great one in Toronto. Do a survey on a grocery store? **McNally**: That's in our sights. If we put out an RFP entrepreneurs will emerge. **Salisbury**: There are six restaurants within a few short blocks. And wouldn't it be better to put this place on Parcel 14 instead of 18 where it would face the transformer yard and the parking garage?

**McNally**: The 195 Commission meeting is Wednesday the 18th at 2:30. Fane proposal will probably come up. **Blake**: Plans available? **Llcisko**: No changes. **Salisbury**: We're waiting for real plans. **McNally**: Still a moving target.

4. Committee Updates:

- A. Planning & Zoning: **Blake**: At the upcoming annual meeting of the Providence Preservation Society on Jan 25, CiTY WALK is getting an award recognizing "special initiatives or commitment to preservation values in the previous year by an individual, organization, community or group in specific categories." CiTY WALK will be recognized in the Community Involvement category..

B. Quality of Life **Steele**: Cold hard reality. Euphoria not actually closed; starting all over at the DBR. Called City Council office daily, asking about action on the Pine Report. Mayor's sitting on it. City Council can't act without him. Up on Atwell's, at ICE, complaining residents just had to pay for a second site map to correct city's "bad" work. **Salisbury**: the City Council has done nothing. After three years, I see absolutely no point in continuing this useless effort.

**Steele**: I'd like to introduce a new business member of the JDA and an amazing new restaurant on Richmond Street: **The District**. We've just opened, for lunch and dinner from 11:30 on. Kitchen closes at midnight. Sunday brunch. Our idea is to serve the lunch crowd really fast. Our pizza oven can turn out 90 pizzas an hour! We have a private room upstairs for 15-20 people.

C. Infrastructure & Membership **Salisbury**: No reports.

D. **Salisbury**: Also, on the new restaurant front, Lucy Brown's is aiming to open in the Spring at 195 Chestnut in the newly rebuilt space used by Leo's, the Atomic Lounge and Prov. It's owned by the proprietors of the Congress Tavern.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05

Respectfully submitted by Lewis D. Dana, February 8, 2016.