

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

October 17, 2023, Meeting

The Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was held both in person and audio online via Zoom.

Bob Binney called the meeting to order.

Membership Matters

Meeting minutes approval

July meeting minutes. We did not review in September meeting.

September meeting minutes.

Bob motioned to vote to approve.

Voted to approve.

Announcements

Membership

Eligible for associate membership- Anthony Baez.

Anthony is moving into Ward 3, and so we did not take a vote for Ward 5 membership.

Executive Committee Nominations

It was determined that we have a quorum to vote.

Bob made a motion to open floor for nominations.

Kenzie Bok was nominated.

We voted to approve Kenzie Bok to the executive committee.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance: \$7613.24 as of 10/16/2023.

- Members paid in 2023: >\$73K in dues (33 paid members).

-2024 membership dues are due by March, but technically April, due to re-constituting committee.

- \$60 for members; \$25 for new members; \$25 for students.

- Anyone with a hardship can reach out to Rob or Bob.

- When dues are paid after 1/1/2024, they will be credited for 2024 dues *If pay ahead, note that the payment is for 2024 or it will be credited to 2023.

- Any use of Ward funds needs to be approved by committee. Because Bob will be away, Kenzie made a motion for getting approval authorizing the Treasurer to spend money for specified candidate support as long as the balance does not go below \$6,000.
- Diane Berry seconded the motion, the motion is carried.
- Dues payment: <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/boston-ward-5-democratic-committee-1>

Overview by Jay Livingstone: Bill to Expand Historic Beacon Hill District (w/Rob Whitney)

- At the State House H No.4076.
- Expand the historic district of Beacon Hill neighborhood.
- Originally was only the south slope: facing the Common, then then the flat was added.
- Has been a gap of 40 feet, was passed by City Council, approved by the mayor, Jay Livingstone put forth a bill to expand. Hearing took place today; there was great support.
- Rob motioned for the committee to vote to endorse the bill, Hilary seconded.
- Unanimous approval.

Creation of Sub-committees

- Speaker Sub-Committee: responsible for researching and recommending monthly speakers. Need leader; Hilary, Pat and Bob will assist.
- Social Media Sub-committee: responsible for maintaining Ward 5 presence; most pressing is Instagram.

Future Speakers

- Looking to have someone head a sub-committee to find and book speakers.
 - Anyone interested, contact Bob.
- Social media coverage: Anyone interested in managing the social media for the Ward, contact Bob.

Ballot Questions. We should have pros and cons on the most important questions.

So far: Gig Workers; Standardized Tests; Mushrooms; Rent Control.

Congress. Someone to speak to the uncharted waters of the House of Representatives.

Other Items/Events

- Poll Dressing: Endorsed Candidates -Kenzie heading up.
- Ward 5 Information Table at the Hillfest; Pat to give summary.
- Events for our Endorsed Candidates (Noted that Pat created Palm Cards for distribution).
- Report on: Convention September 23rd.
- Minority status for veterans, was passed (Robert's Rules of Order prevailed).

-Brought up PDA. Back Bay Neighborhood Association addressing affordable housing. Not getting the councilor support expected.

Meeting is adjourned.

Attendance

Members	Guests
<p><u>In Person</u> Bob Binney Hilary Bacon Gabrieli Katherine Gallivan Jay Livingstone Kenzie Bok Mark Mantell *Patricia Amend Joshua Calianos</p> <p><u>Online</u> Sharon (Shari) Franzetta Patrick McDonough David Crossman Diane Berry Sandra Singer Abigail Gabri Rob Whitney Sharon Hucu Suzanne Comtois Sharon Smith</p>	<p><u>In Person</u> Kelly Zelman</p> <p><u>Online</u> Sandra Singer Bernice Broyde</p>