

Spotlight on BRA Growing More Intense

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

Following last month’s Boston Magazine expose’ on the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Tom Keane, a guest columnist with the Boston Globe and former City Councilor and long-time Menino apologist, wrote an opinion piece praising

and defending the BRA. But he didn’t do Mayor Menino or his administration any favors. A former executive director of the Boston Society of Architects, Keane would understand the benefits of having a good relationship with the mayor and the BRA.

Keane’s column seemed itself to be all the reasoning needed for dismantling the BRA. He wrote, “The times may have changed but the BRA still has power, albeit with a bit of a wink and a nod.” He cited the mayor’s control of the permit and development process. He cited the political benefits that are taken advantage of. He cited the need for development to pass through quickly...and the list goes on.

In the last few weeks, candidates for mayor had differing opinions on the BRA. Rep. Marty Walsh has a favorable view of the BRA. In a June 21 interview with the JP Gazette,

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Why All The Focus?

Recently, we have been asked why we are focusing so much attention on the BRA? Transparency is the politically operative word these days. We are simply bringing transparency to an organization virtually dictating development and what the quality of life in South Boston as well as the entire city should be.

Over the last ten years, they have morphed from a community partner to an envoy for developers. Projects,

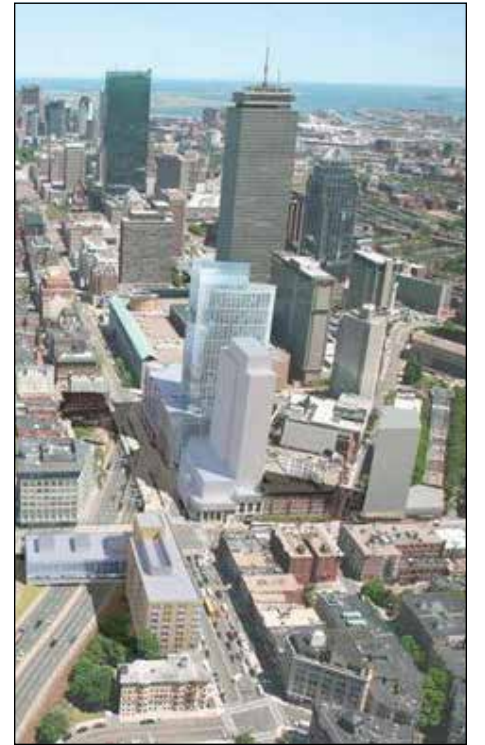
rightfully the duty of community organizations, are introduced at BRA run meetings under the guise of article 80 large project review. If the project is small they invoke “small” project review, all, seemingly designed to circumvent community review.

Recently, the BRA, as legally required, placed an ad announcing a “Public Meeting” for a project on First Street. The public notice failed to note the time or place of the meeting. Is that transparent?

Recently after 18 months of meetings between a committee of BRA officials and residents, the new First Street zoning was enacted.

The purpose of those marathon meetings was to create zoning that both residents and developers could use as a guide as to what or wasn’t allowed. This would remove incessant meetings pitting residents supporting existing zoning against developers seeking a variance or an appeal of the rules.

Already the first two projects proposed for First Street are seeking a variance and have BRA support. So much for the 18 meeting months and all the trees killed to print the First Street zoning and that’s why we’re writing about the B.R.A.



“If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led like sheep to the slaughter” - George Washington

Last week’s poll results:

88% of South Boston Today respondents call for a warrant sweep

With a major uptick in break-ins and other drug related crime that has hit South Boston lately, South Boston Today asked its readers last week the following question:

Given the large number of break-ins, both reported and unreported, do you think the police should do a warrant sweep, arresting all those in the area with outstanding warrants?

88% - Yes

12% - No

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Well, the results are in and as expected, Ed Markey will now be filling the US Senate seat left vacant by the departure of John Kerry. Each time Massachusetts elects a 'way out in left field' liberal to anything, my out of state friends; who find Bay State politics 'rolling on the floor' hilarious, contact me to harass the heck out of me. That used to aggravate me; I have to admit, but no more. I used to get ticked off that they would find the people we elect here so funny and then become the brunt of their jokes. It's been an adjustment, but I guess instead of getting mad at how so many elections turn out down here, rolling with the punches and seeing the humor in it is kind of a better way to go.

So what does the Markey win say about many voters in this state? Well, there is much to consider. The man, by most accounts, does not live in the congressional district he was supposed to be representing for all of these 37 years; or for that matter even the state. He has made his home in his Chevy Chase, Maryland mansion and comes home during election time to campaign. Some say he is not too pleased about even having to do that. But this seems to be ok with the voters here because they keep sending him back. Yes, they keep sending a known no show back to Washington. My out of state friends find this to be especially hilarious. But again, rather than

get upset, I guess I too now see the humor in it.

Voters had two chances this year to elect far superior choices to Markey. In the primary it was Stephen Lynch. In the final it was Gabriel Gomez. Both of these candidates are known hard workers with tireless energy that would have brought a more common sense approach and new, fresher ideas to everything in the Senate. Oh, and both of them live in their districts. Instead, the tired old status quo candidate with the antiquated, outdated ideas and questionable work ethic was put there instead. That old saying "People deserve the government they vote for" rings true here. But again, it's better to laugh than to get upset. It is kind of funny when you think about it. A good analogy would be seeing a junior high school kid taping a 'kick me' sign on his own back. That too would be funny.

What is commonly called now the 'low information' voters have bought, hook line and sinker, all the ridiculous lines contained in Ed Markey's TV, radio and internet ads. In fact, many of them would recite them word for word when questioned as to why they would be voting for the man. The only thing Gomez was not accused of was causing solar storms on the sun and Global Warming. Oh wait; he actually was accused of the Global Warming thing in one ad. Another saying that fits here is 'repeat a lie often enough and some will think it's the truth.'

It can be said that probably nothing will ever change in Massachusetts as long as some elected officials know that they can just do what they want, take advantage of the voters, and disrespect the electorate. They do so by acting like it is we who work for them instead of the other way around. And still get voted

back into office. That they can keep getting away with this is in a sense, comical.

So when my friends from different states rib me about Massachusetts people voting to raise their own taxes until it hurts, giving driver's licenses and discount college tuition to illegal

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Suspect In Custody. House Break-Ins Have All But Stopped

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Things seem to have calmed down from last week as police report the arrest of what they say was the man responsible for approximately the majority of the house break-ins in South Boston. According to police sources, the suspect in custody, who was being held on an outstanding warrant for other crimes and lists a Braintree, Massachusetts address, admitted to 15 of the house breaks but officials think there may be more that he has not confessed to.

It's alleged that this man used a homemade burglary type tool that was able to get around even some deadlocks. He was also said to have been easily able to break in to apartments that were located on the 2nd, 3rd and even 4th floors. Often a thief will stick to first floor and basement apartments since they obviously tend to make the job of a burglar much easier.

The recent rash of house break took an unprepared community by complete surprise. It has been quite a while since there were a large number of reported break-ins here in South Boston. Often, that makes a neighborhood more attractive to criminals, who many times depend on the element of surprise. Though most of the break-ins occurred in the City Point area, it seemed that no place was off limits as far as the robbers were concerned.

Captain Greland, of our own local Area C – District 6 police station told South Boston Today that extra patrols had hit the streets when the outbreak of robberies began and that patrols are still on the job even though what they

believe is the main culprit has been caught. Captain Greland, along with other members of 'C-6' continues to stress the importance of securing homes. Protecting against other attempts by criminals, who make their livings stealing the possessions of others should be a major concern to all as well. The importance of neighbors making those 911 calls to police when they see something suspicious in their areas was also emphasized. It has been proven many times over that when there is a crime wave of any kind in South Boston, especially house breaks, neighbors working in cooperation with police in the form of making calls, filing reports and any number of other methods to assist is a winning formula.

Just as important as reporting unusual activity is making sure your home is secure. Law enforcement strongly urge residents to lock doors and windows, and continue to take precautionary measures that will help keep any would be or potential thieves out. It's good news and the mark of good police work and neighborhood participation that they caught what is believed to be the main offender in this, the latest crime spree. But it's still not advised to let ones guard down because there is always that chance that the community; any community could be hit again with a new round of house breaks.

Police want residents to know that if you have any suspicious activity to report you can call their tip line at 1-800-494-8477. And of course, to report an emergency situation you can call 911.



BRETT RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

James T. Brett, President and CEO of The New England Council, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH. Pictured above is the President of Saint Anselm, Fr. Jonathan DeFelice (L), who is retiring after 24 years as President, and James T. Brett (R).

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Walsh said "You can't blow up an authority like that. It's too vital to the city." John Barros, former School Committee appointee argued that the BRA should be splintered into two departments: planning and development. City Councilors John Connolly and Mike Ross slammed the BRA for basically running an "inside job."

Look no further than the cozy relationship between the Mayor's office and the BRA director's office as reported yesterday not only by the Boston Herald but by the Boston Globe. The message that was conveyed through both reports is disturbing to say the least – if you don't like the way the BRA process is managed then go over their heads. Incredibly, the Mayor's office wants the public to believe that Kairos Shen, a highly regarded planning professional with a reputation for protecting the public interest, was misrepresenting the history of his dealings on the East First Street project with the developer, Gregg Donovan. Furthermore, Mayor spokes woman Dot Joyce wants the public to believe that the 20 year South

Boston developer is inexperienced in the ways of the zoning board process when his company openly promotes his ability to navigate it (or as he was quoted in the Herald article, "knowing the process"). Leaving aside that no community process was initiated prior to the BRA approval on June 13, the fact that developers are routinely requesting zoning variances to a laboriously agreed to First Street re-zoning* is evidence enough that the City had no intention to honor it. South Boston Today has learned that the YMCA, while interested in locating a facility in South Boston, has no agreement in place to locate at this particular site. Sources have told SBT that a Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) request was filed on some City and BRA meeting schedules, emails and other correspondence, and consequently there may be more to this story and others.

The bottom line is that the process is not a process when the judgment of the independent BRA is co-opted by getting "kicked up" to the Mayor's office under the guise of getting help "navigating

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Reading Between The Lines

“Zoning Board of Appeal”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
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With the alphabet soup of city development agencies, it's hard for the casual observer, sometimes, to make sense of them all.

There is Inspectional Services Department (ISD), Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), Public Works Department (DPW), the ZBA and the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA). Except for the BRA, all are answerable to City Hall as city departments. The BRA is more of a mystery. As a City Councilor recently stated, “we don't even know what their budget is and they don't have to tell us”. As pointed out in Part one of an ongoing series printed in last week's SBT edition, the BRA operates in a “Byzantine” fashion.

While confusing in their own right, these agencies have a clear purpose and function.

The Zoning Board appeals acts as its name implies. After one of the various City Departments denies, for zoning violations, a design proposal, the developer is given the right to appeal that denial before the ZBA. Generally speaking, citizens feel the ZBA grants far too many appeals or variances and developers feel not nearly enough. The ZBA members are appointed by the Mayor and just as the President or Governor those appointments are all key allies of their political sponsor and his or her philosophy.

In this case, the Mayor has set (some would argue unreasonable) goals of increasing housing stock and commercial development and of course, tax revenues. Matched against this are residents desire to maintain a quality of life in and around their homes. The ZBA then must negotiate a course between what is wise, needed development, and what is greed. Between what is a genuine concern for the neighborhood and what is NIMBY,

(not in my back yard) intransigence.

In this column's opinion, all too many times, variances are granted despite substantial opposition. This opinion is based on over twelve years of fairly regular attendance at ZBA hearings held every Tuesday. However this opinion would also disagree with describing ZBA actions as a “rubber stamp”.

About two years ago, I testified as a representative of SVLENA (St. Vincent's Lower End Neighborhood Association) at a ZBA hearing. In a routine procedure, just after a case is presented, but before the Board votes on it, the Chairman will ask if anyone wishes to speak in favor and in opposition. Again, in a routine manner, folks line up, wait their turn, identify themselves or organization and quickly voice their support or opposition and sit down. On this day, I did that, sat down and was surprised to hear Chairman Shortsleeve asking me, “Mr. Mahoney exactly what are St. Vincent's Groups Boundaries?”. I answered him, sat again and was further surprised to hear Asst. Chairman Monahan ask “Brian why does SVLENA stop at A Street?”

The background for both questions is that South Boston is the hottest real estate market in the country. Forty Six percent of that development happens in the SVLENA area of operations. For the last ten years, virtually every Tuesday ZBA hearing would have at least one project where SVLENA would be taking a position and testifying on it. What Mr. Shortsleeve was ensuring was that SVLENA was actually the organization for that community and not a shell for some developer.

Similarly, Mr. Monahan was concerned that SVLENA might be giving a “free pass” or “looking the other way” on development in the Broadway Station area. The answer to his question was simply that residential

developments SVLENA had supported years earlier were now built and filled leading to new residents and the West Broadway Association now handling development meetings in that area. Both questions were based (hopefully), not on some distrust of SVLENA by the board members but on a desire, on their part, to make sure the community process was followed.

This anecdote can surely be matched by others with a complete different experience.

Some one, I'm sure, can tell a story of an approval, in the face of

overwhelming opposition that left them scratching their heads. That will be true also, but it will only underline the point that each case is on its own merits and no outcome is guaranteed.

Despite the blemishes and there are many, the ZBA is still the one agency where a common citizen can still at least make their own case without a lawyer or some other representative. An individual may not win but they will be heard. Whatever policy or philosophy is followed in any City Department in the final analysis starts in the Mayor's office.

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Arrest Made for Child Harassment at Broadway Station

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Last Thursday, June 20th at approximately 1:45 in the afternoon a 12 year boy was the victim of what police say was 'Enticement of a Child' by a 68 year old adult male at the Broadway MBTA station in South Boston. After reviewing the station video footage and taking the statement of the alleged victim, Anthony Peppe was arrested on Friday, June 21st.

MBTA Transit Police Lt Richard Sullivan told South Boston Today that Peppe kept approaching the boy several times offering him cash and other promises if he would go with him. The video also shows that a male bystander saw what was going

on and came to the boy's aide and convinced Peppe to leave the child alone and that he should also leave the area. According to Lt. Sullivan, the boy then got on the next train and got off at Andrew Station where he immediately informed Transit Police what had just taken place at Broadway Station and gave a detailed statement.

Peppe, who gave his address as the Pine Street Inn on Harrison Avenue in Boston was taken in to custody the next day and was arraigned at South Boston District Court. Further investigation and a check of Mr. Peppe revealed that he was no stranger to the criminal justice system with more than 100 prior arrests for various

crimes. Said one officer interviewed – "It's amazing that one man could have time to actually have been arrested over a hundred times but here was living proof that it can be done."

Other MBTA officials offer that most areas the 'T' travels through are relatively safe and that Authority police and other agencies work hard to keep incidents of crime and harassment at low levels. But it's always wise to be cautious when traveling by bus, trolley or subway or for that matter using any mode of transportation to any location; especially children who travel alone. But caution is advised for any age group no matter what area they travel through. Though the 'T' police do an excellent job, they cannot be everywhere all the time. Using basic common sense, when traveling anywhere, is always the smart way to get around.

For more information regarding 'T' Stations, connecting routes, safety, rules and regulations and other issues regarding the MBTA you can log onto its website at www.mbta.com

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immigrants, forcing tax payers to shell out money for sex change operations for convicted murderers and regulating businesses to the point that they are fleeing this state and taking jobs with them, and all the other whacky ideas that are spawned here; I'll just let them have their fun. And when they are laughing so hard their sides are splitting at all the nutty, moonbat ideas hatched in certain Bay State cities and towns like Cambridge, Amherst and Brookline, well, I guess I'll just laugh along with them. Because when you think about it, we really must appear silly to those on the outside looking in. They find us quite entertaining. What goes on here would probably make a good TV sitcom.

On another subject, it was reported this week that US officials will try again to break the hunger strike being conducted by the terrorist prisoners being held at GITMO. The question still being asked by many Americans is "Why?"

With all the controversy over what the IRS has admittedly been doing to discriminate against so many Conservative groups, Churches and other organizations that hold views that the White House does not approve of, Americans are also asking "Why?" Why is the IRS going to start giving \$70 million dollars in bonuses to its workers? And if the discrimination isn't reason enough not to give out bonuses, what is? We are still being told that there is a money shortage because of the Sequester?

And finally, speaking of the IRS, it was reported late last week by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) that the IRS sent, are you ready for this, 23,994 tax refunds totaling a combined \$46,378,040 to unauthorized alien workers who all used the same single address in Atlanta, Georgia. Yes, you read right. They all used the same address, all 23,994 of them. Here again, you just have to laugh.

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Violent Crime on the Rise in Boston City in Crisis, Leadership needed.

This week, Boston Magazine brought to light the frightening uptick in gun related crime in the city of Boston titled: Yes, Boston is in a Gun-Violence Crisis.

Here are the highlights of the article: "During the worst years of 1990 to 1995, the average was 1.2 (shootings) per day; during the nine "Boston Miracle" years that followed, the

average was 0.5 a day. Then trouble returned, and it went back up to around one a day for a while. For the past four years, 2009-2012, it has stayed steady between 0.6 and 0.7 per day—not as good as it could be, but well below crisis level."

The article then compared the city's recent history to our current situation. "...Boston's level of gun violence

breaks down quite simply: during relatively non-violent times, the city averages one shooting victim every other day; during crisis times, the average hits one per day. (The number does vary a little during the calendar year, but not nearly as much as you might imagine.) Well, in the 66 days since the Marathon, Boston had 67 shooting victims. The deaths in Roxbury make it at least 70 in 67 days."

Even using Boston Police Department's own data, which some argue they manipulate to their benefit, the city has been averaging a shooting per day since March. That's about a quarter of the year, which is a good sample size, and the summer is just starting.

South Boston in particular has seen an increase in both reported and unreported home invasions. These have the potential to be very dangerous and violent crimes. So what is causing these crises?

In 2011 Paul Kix wrote an article

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John Connolly Leads in First Poll of Mayor's Race

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Boston Magazine published poll results from a city wide poll that was conducted on the mayor's race and was released last week. Boston Magazine has confirmed the results of the poll, which was commissioned by the Connolly campaign.

Here are the results:

Undecided: 34%

1. John Connolly: 16%

2. Felix Arroyo: 10%

3. Dan Conley: 8%

4. Marty Walsh: 6%

4. Charles Yancey: 6%

4. Charlotte Golar-Richie: 6%

7. Rob Consalvo: 5%

7. Mike Ross: 5%

9. Bill Walczak: 3%

10. John Barros: 1%

Candidates Charles Clemons and David Wyatt were not listed on the poll results. The poll carries a margin of error of 4 percent.

According to sources, these results of the first publicly reported poll, commissioned by John Connolly, interviewed 700 Boston residents for approximately 15 minutes each. The individual questions are not available to SBT, but the analysis by SBT is as follows.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Connolly has the highest percentage, but, it is considered likely to be fair in that he has been out campaigning earlier than the others and has had high recognition because of

his previous citywide campaigns. Felix Arroyo makes sense as the next highest since he has had citywide recognition and not just himself but his father over many years. Although Dan Conley is higher than the rest of the field, it is likely attributed to his recent public appearances during the Marathon, as well as being a county wide officeholder. However, the difference between him and all the rest except for John Barros is not that significant. As district officeholders, Walsh, Yancey, Consalvo and Ross reflect their relative level of recognition. Golar-Richie, the only woman in the race may have benefited from that reality. Walczak's percent is much higher than expected. Barros has quite a bit of work to do.

What stands out first is the spread between Connolly and the rest of the field at this moment in time, although as the campaign ensues, that gap will likely close as money is spent. Dan Conley is positioned to have an effect from that standpoint. Next, given their demographic profiles, the surprising ranking of Charles Yancey, as well as that of Walczak, will have an effect on Golar-Richie and Walsh, respectively, in securing their bases. Ross is well known in the middle of the City but will have a lot of work to do to make progress. Consalvo is the sleeper at this time and will need to raise more money to insure that he can compete with the better known citywide officeholders. At 34% undecided, there is room for any one of these candidates to grow.

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the bureaucracy". And it calls into question the legitimacy of any proposal. The recent joint Massport-BCEC deal to build another hotel on Massport property, which both agencies intend to benefit from, will likely come under scrutiny. Was the community in favor of this proposal? Was the impact assessed? Will the BRA have any questions or give any pushback? The Boston Business Journal article sounded as if it's already a done deal.

As many others have noted in print and otherwise, this is exactly what is wrong with the BRA. If this is the point Keane was trying to make, he made it loud and clear.

The SBT planned series on the BRA will be reviewing the public process regarding the First Street re-zoning.

This Week's Poll

If the mayoral election were held today who would you vote for?

Felix Arroyo • John Barros • Charles Clemons
Dan Conley • John Connolly • Rob Consalvo
Charlotte Golar-Richie • Mike Ross • Bill Walczak
Marty Walsh • David Wyatt • Charles Yancey

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in Boston Magazine titled - Tom Menino: Meddling While Boston Burns. In it, he describes in detail how both the Police Department and the School Department have been politicized and controlled by Mayor Menino for years. Aside from the normal problems micromanagement creates, the mayor is now not in full capacity.

The city appears to be facing the reality of a lame duck, absentee mayor, who has his own personal health issues to deal with. Rather than address the ongoing crisis, where lives are at stake, whatever attention the mayor's team has available - as indicated by the Boston Globe and Boston Herald articles yesterday - is spent focusing on real estate development.

This city is facing a crisis, and needs a leader to steer us out of it. This is an important issue that should be discussed along the campaign trail this summer as candidates court Boston voters. Let's hope Boston's next mayor has his or her priorities straight. The city's safety and future lie in the balance.



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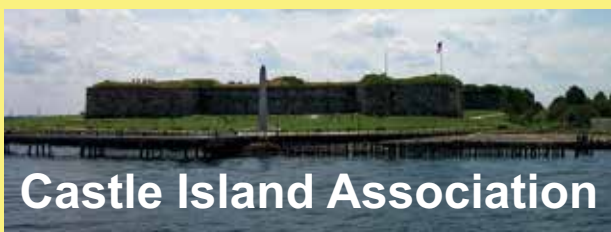
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11:30a - Drop off @ Castle Island
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The St. Vincent's Lower End Neighborhood Association (SVLENA) monthly meeting Wednesday June 14 was devoid of the usual development proposals and instead welcomed four of the Mayoral candidates for a brief introduction.



The first to speak was Dorchester community activist and leader Bill Walczak. A resident in Dorchester since the 1970's he has made his presence felt founding the Codman Square Health Center and a Charter School, as well as serving as President of the Carney Hospital. He presently works for the Shawmut Design and Construction. He focused, as did all four, on the issues of education and development. He is a supporter of charter schools as his record indicates. He also expressed a willingness to severely reduce or restructure the BRA. A position which resonated with the folks in attendance.

The next speaker was State Representative Marty Walsh also from Dorchester. The former president of a Dorchester Civic Association impressed the crowd with his straight talk and familiarity with the community meeting process. He emphasized his labor experience as a factor in his ability to negotiate with unions, especially the Teachers, regarding his support for charter schools. He credited his sixteen years of legislative experience for preparing him to be Mayor. He too

would restructure the BRA to make it more responsive.

City Councilor John Connolly is a parent of children attending Boston Public Schools and cited his previous time as a teacher in giving him, arguably, the most insight into



education. While he too supports charter schools he doesn't want to abandon public schools but wants to improve them. He would do a complete overhaul of the BRA noting he is unable, right now, to even learn their budget.

The last candidate to speak was District Attorney Dan Conley a former city councilor from Hyde Park. He put the crowd at ease by in time for the start of the Bruins game. Turning serious, he stated he too supported charter schools in order to give parents choice. He would keep the BRA in tact but with major changes and oversight including a forum where he would gather input from community organizations and incorporate it into the regulations. He also pointed out his years of executive leadership running the District Attorney's office.

This is obviously a brief thumbnail sketch but all four were impressive and demonstrated the capability to handle the Mayor's job.

Other candidates will be present at the July meeting and as always, all neighborhood residents are invited to attend.

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141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 320 Condo	\$774,500	6/14/13	5	2	1454
161 Tudor St UNIT 1 Condo	\$640,000	6/14/13	5	2	1450
115 M Street Two Family	\$620,000	6/20/13	10	2	2502
147 K Street Single Family	\$590,000	6/14/13	7	2	1200
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335 West Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$568,000	6/14/13	5	2	1348
495 East Fourth Street Two Family	\$565,000	6/24/13	11	3	2400
470 East Sixth Street Two Family	\$560,000	6/21/13	8	2	1614
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150 West Ninth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$402,000	6/21/13	4	1	820
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A Thank You Letter from Skip Adams and Family

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The following is a letter by Skip Adams to the people of South Boston and to all the other loyal customers from all the surrounding areas expressing

appreciation and for a wonderful working relationship and so many lasting friendships

To our many South Boston friends,

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be part of the community for so many years. Adams Auto Transmission started as a 2 bay operation in the Sunoco Gas Station. After graduating from Franklin Tech with a dream and the support from my father, Will Adams, we went in on a non-franchised transmission center. Our concept was to give bargain prices and 1 and 2 year guarantees – unheard of in that day's market. We went around to the local garage and gas stations and car dealers and explained our plans. After 10 years of being in the transmission business, we were able to buy the Sunoco Gas Station itself. This was a milestone in our lives as neither I nor my father even owned any real estate.

The next challenge was to keep up with electronic age of transmissions. Our transmission business expanded and we added more technical help. Building a more quality product, my brother, John Adams, a fine mechanic entered the business and added even more technical help and

expertise to the company. After 15 years in South Boston, we expanded our business by adding more space at our Harrison Ave location. This made us one of the largest transmission centers in Boston.

As I look back at this dream, the most enjoyable thing was getting to know and having the people of South Boston welcome my family as friends and neighbors. The many meetings with the South Boston Citizens Association, the banquets, the parades, awards nights, helping to get convertibles for the awards winners to ride in in the parades, joining and having a mooring and locker at the South Boston Yacht Club – quite a privilege

for a guy from the Columbia Station area will always be great memories that will last forever. In addition, we wish to thank all of the many businesses and city and state agencies that helped us along the way by showing the trust and confidence in our work as they would send customers our way as well. I think and hope I had more friends from servicing the auto needs of customers than I had in my own neighborhood. Thank You! Thanks! Gracias! for giving me a successful and very, very happy life knowing and befriending the many wonderful people of South Boston for over 50 years.

Skip Adams and the Adams Families

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The Artists' Studio

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Dan McCole

Wanted - writers, painters, singers, photographers, performers, all type of artists.

This year ... 2013 ... the South Boston Arts Association is celebrating its tenth anniversary and for these past ten years we have had considerable success in coaxing people to come out of their cellars, and attics, and away from their late night creative works at their kitchen tables and share their efforts with others.

And there are still some out there who haven't been lured into the association's creative nest. Young ... or mid-lifers ... or those of us that have lived long enough and read a lot of daily newspapers ... that's who I am talking to ... the old-schoolers.

The rest of you can read something else on other pages if you wish. But you could read this ... it could do you some good. You could end up leaving something creative behind when you leave this vale of tears.

Too many times you hear of someone who writes, or paints, or whatever and keep their work a secret and won't let their creativeness cross the front stoop. Perhaps because they never receive encouragement from friends or family ... and worse still ... see only discouragement for their efforts.

So that's where the association comes in. We provide the needed encouragement ... the knowledge that we are not alone in this creative forest and can offer an outlet for exhibiting the work.

Years ago I told my father, "When I grow up I want to be an artist." He said, "Danny ... pick one ... you can't do both." So after waiting almost a lifetime I finally made up my mind to be a painter ... I figured "To hell with waiting to grow up. I'll be a painter. A watercolor painter."

As a young guy I did the usual jobs ... drug store soda jerk ... delivered news papers ... worked on an ice truck ... carried luggage at South Station ... office boy ... candy factory go-fer ... sandwich hawker on the New Haven railroad ... soldier ... lounge singer and comic ... but mostly ... after graduating art school ... I became a newspaperman. First masking photographs ... moved into advertising sales ... then I founded and published a weekly paper. Sold that ... then tramped about the local newspaper

world ... settled in at the Boston Herald for a final 20 year stint as an editor, sometimes writer ... and the "late guy on the news desk." Took a buyout in 2005.

After art school graduation, I had discovered that my painting and making money were miles apart. And during my newspaper years I rarely picked up a brush except to do over the bathroom or kitchen. One exception was every four or five years I would yank a painting, which I did in 1949, off of my wall ... pull it out of the frame and try to fix it. It was of an old shack at Highland Light on Cape Cod and I was never happy with the way it turned out. I sold the painting in 1999 ... fifty years after I began painting it... Michelangelo did the ceiling of the Sistene Chapel upside down in seven years. But selling off the old shack was like getting rid of a rash.

I began painting again in the early 1990s as the commitments to family and the news business lessened. And now I am in a very nice place. I am a full-bore painter. And some would say ... it sort of completes the cycle ... true to what my father said ... I haven't grown up ... and I love it.

I tell this tale to make a statement ... that it's never too late. Nevah!

Take this as a wake-up call for old-schoolers like myself. I won't say seniors because you'd confuse me with fourth year high school people. And I won't say elderly ... because ... well ... because ... that's why.

The Southie Arts Association meets every month on the second Saturday ... 9:30 a.m. at the L Street Bathhouse. We have a guest artist every meeting. You are back out on the street before 11. It's interesting.

If you don't you won't!!! That's it ... if you don't try ... it won't happen.

It's never too late until they drop the lid on you. Nevah ... NEVAH!!!

Dan McCole is President of the South Boston Arts Association www.southbostonartsassco.org

To view Dan's work - visit his website DanMcCole.com

John Adams over 200 years ago, penned this quote: "I must study politics and war, that my sons and



Singer: Lorie Walsh



Painter: Vincent Crotty



Pianist: Vincent Crotty

daughters may have the liberty to study mathematics and philosophy, natural history and naval architecture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, tapestry, and porcelain."

Engaged and vital, the South

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2014 Evacuation Day Parade Chief Marshall Elected

South Boston Today is proud to announce its editor Brian R. Mahoney has been elected by the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council as Chief Marshall of the 2014 Evacuation/St. Patrick's Day Parade.

A lifelong resident of South Boston, Mr. Mahoney is a U. S. Army Veteran. Our editor stated "It is my great honor to be representing the town in remembering and celebrating America and George

Washington's first military victory as well as pride in acknowledging our Irish Catholic Patron Saint and heritage. I look forward in working with all in making this the best and safest parade ever".

Chief Marshall Mahoney also noted an entirely new safety format and procedure will be instituted in keeping with the new dangers revealed by the Marathon Bombings. A list of prohibited items will be published over the next few months.

Curley Summer Youth Program Registration at the "L"

It's that time! Registration for the BCYF's Curley Community Center's Summer Youth Activities Program for boys and girls ages 6-12 will take place on Friday, June 28 at 9am at the "K" Street building.

The Youth Activities Program will begin Monday, July 8 and will run through August. The program runs Monday through Thursday from 10:00am -3:00pm.

The requirements for registration are: membership of one parent/guardian at the Curley Community Center, an original birth certificate of child being registered, and two proofs of residency i.e.: gas/phone/electric/cable bill (water bills cannot be accepted).

Sun, sand and surf – what more could you ask for! It promises to be a great summer with lots of new offerings including indoor and outdoor activities such as girls and

boys instructional basketball, fishing, learn to dance class - along with all of your favorites – swimming, sports, arts & crafts and day trips!

Goin' Fishing!

Announcing our Summer Youth Fishing Program – right here on the BCYF's Curley Center's shoreline. Partnering with Joe Curran of the Boston Police Department, the program will take place on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11a.m. beginning June 29 and running through August, weather permitting. Each week there will be 10 fishing slots available with activities for additional members including crab traps, a wading pool and lots more! Curley youth membership required.

If you have any questions please contact Youth Worker, Barbara Kelly at (617)635-5104.

See you at the "L"!

Linehan Campaign Organizational Meeting This Saturday

The Linehan Campaign is having an Organizational Meeting this Saturday, June 29th at 10am at the South Boston Post (Behind Andrew Sq T Station)... Come on down & get involved. We NEED your help to re-elect Bill to the Boston City Council. This is a VERY important election and we need YOUR help! Hope to see you there." ...**The Committee to Elect Bill Linehan**



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Bruins Lose Stanley Cup to Chicago Blackhawks

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

Tuesday night the Bruins fell to the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals. Albeit in a shortened season, the Bruins sure did give Boston fans a thrill. With an overall record of 42-22, the Bruins, and their fans, have much

to be proud of.

In Tuesday night's game, the Bruins carried a 2-1 lead into the final minutes of the third period. Brian Bickell tied the game with 1:16 left in the game. 17 seconds later, with the Bruins team on their heels and still in complete shock,

Dave Bollard snuck one past Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask with 59 seconds left in the game. And that was the game.

Much credit should be given to Tuukka Rask who stood on his head throughout the playoffs. He was the Bruins clear MVP. Greg Campbell will be a Boston legend for blocking a shot that broke his

leg, and continued to finish the shift. Patrice Bergeron played with a broken rib and didn't shy away from any physical play. The list could go on.

While it would be nice to still be playing for a Cup, this was still a season to remember. South Boston Today would like to thank the Boston Bruins for an outstanding season.

Celtics trade Doc Rivers to LA Clippers

The on again, off again deal to send Doc Rivers to the LA Clippers is finally final. Rivers contract with the Clippers is worth roughly \$21 million over three years. Yesterday, at a press conference in LA, he was introduced as head coach and senior vice president for basketball operations. In return the Celtics will get a first round draft choice.

The Rivers trade ends a nine year tenure that reignited the Celtics franchise. While the beginning of Rivers' tenure in Boston was rocky, His tenure was highlighted with great successes that included a 416-305 record, a 2008 NBA title, and a 2010 NBA run that saw the Celtics make it all the way to the finals. In the end, it was a heck of a run, and Boston fans should feel grateful for Rivers' time here. A consummate player's coach, Doc Rivers will be missed.

South Boston Today would like to thank Doc Rivers and wish him well on his next endeavor.

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This week, Danny talked with Comcast SportsNet's Kyle Draper:

DANNY PICARD: When they told us that Doc Rivers to the Clippers was dead, I told you that it was still alive. I'm not blaming the reporters for reporting it, I'm telling you that I think both sides could not afford to have any more leaks, in the case that this thing didn't go down. Neither side was benefitting from the leaks. It was making both sides look really bad. So I think that they needed to put an end to the media attention, tell people it was dead. And now here it is, alive again. Doc Rivers is going to be the coach of the Los Angeles Clippers, and the Celtics get an unprotected first-round pick in 2015. I wasn't surprised to hear this news, were you?

KYLE DRAPER: No, not at all. Honestly, in my heart of hearts, I thought there was no way Doc was coming back to Boston. Because the dude's made it clear, he doesn't want to be back. So, if anything, I thought he might take a year off, but then you heard the reports that he still wants to coach. And here we go. Especially when Chris Paul is pushing Clippers management to get this thing done. Once you heard that, it was like, okay, the Clippers are going to do whatever it takes to appease Chris Paul. And here we are with the deal. You mention the leaks in the media and everything. That's what killed the first deal, in my opinion. David Stern hearing

all these leaks, and it was the worst kept secret in all of sports, that Doc and Kevin Garnett were heading to the Clippers. So Stern had to step in and say something, and that's what killed that deal. You're right, they kept this one quiet and tried to throw everybody off, at least for a weekend, and here we are, a new deal.

DP: Draper, I think we're both in agreement that, internally, Paul Pierce was the first shoe to drop in all this, and that Pierce will not be back with the Celtics, because if he was coming back, we wouldn't be seeing Rivers going to LA right now. I think that was the first show to drop, and that's why Garnett threatened retirement, and then Doc threatened to go to the TV booth, and that's why the Celtics are trying to get something for these guys. But what happens with Pierce? Is he bought out, is he traded?

KD: Well it sounds like a lot of people are interested in Paul Pierce and his services, so I could see him being traded. And not necessarily for players or anything like that. It's been well known that Danny Ainge likes to acquire assets, meaning draft picks. And I could see him trying to get a couple first-rounders or a first-round player or two for Paul Pierce. I don't see him being bought out. I think he'll be traded. If no deals are satisfactory to Danny Ainge, then he will be bought out,

but you can't have Paul Pierce at \$15-plus million on your roster. I mean, this is a complete rebuild for the Celtics. They're building from the ground up. Sure you've got Rondo and Jeff Green. That's the new core. So I think Danny Ainge is going to try and get whatever he can for Paul Pierce right now. So I think he'll be traded within the next week.

DP: Is Doc Rivers getting off easy here in Boston, with the way he's handled this, basically saying, "I do not want to coach this Celtics team in a rebuilding phase"?

KD: Oh totally he's getting off easy. I mean, think about it. There was so much criticism towards Ray Allen last year, and Ray Allen left as a free agent. He was free to go wherever he wanted to go. Doc Rivers basically is telling everyone, "I don't want to be in Boston. I know I have three years left on my deal, but I don't want to be here coaching this team. I'd rather coach the Clippers." And to me, that's a slap in the face. When has someone ever left the Celtics to voluntarily go to the Clippers. To me, that should mean something, if I'm a fan. I mean, Doc's getting off easy. Think about it. He's leaving a rebuilding situation, getting the same amount of money, and going to coach an up-and-coming team. It's a perfect world if you're Doc Rivers, you know? You don't miss

a beat. You'll be in the postseason next year. You'll be a top-four seed. You'll be a championship contender. While those folks here in Boston are left with the team struggling to make the playoffs.

DP: Well here's what I think people understand. It's mostly about the players. And the Celtics don't have -- outside of Rondo, maybe you want to throw Jeff Green into that conversation -- but outside of that, the Celtics don't have the players. And even if they were going to bring Pierce and Garnett back, it would be more about them than it would be about Doc Rivers coming back. So I think you're going to see more of an uproar about players not wanting to return than coaches. Because I think people see what's happening with this organization. I know Doc Rivers has to be praised and was a part of the championship and was a part of these years here that they were successful and making championship runs. But it was really about all of the acquisitions that Danny made to get Ray Allen in. The acquisition that he made to get Kevin Garnett to Boston. If you don't have those players, even if Doc Rivers was going to return to coach next year, the Celtics weren't winning a championship.

KD: And I agree with you on that. It's about the players. If you've got the players, then Doc's here.



But Doc is clearly looking out for himself in this situation. As soon as times get a little tough, there's going to be some down years and he's ready to jump ship. And let's be honest, I don't begrudge of that. We'd all do it if we had a chance in that situation. We would all do it. But in sports, people get attached to the players and coaches. And let's not forget, Doc Rivers was a member of this community. He was the longest-tenured Celtic outside of Paul Pierce. So people were used to seeing him on the sidelines there. It's just going to be weird seeing someone else coach the Celtics next season.

DP: Is Rondo that big of a deal? People have floated it out there that, not only did Doc not want to

come back because of a rebuilding phase, but he also didn't want to come back and coach Rondo again. Is Rondo that big of a problem? Is he that tough to deal with where coaches won't want to come to Boston and coach him?

KD: Now, he is tough to deal with, but I don't think he's that difficult to force Doc running to LA or to force a coach not wanting to take this job. Think about it, it's still the Boston Celtics.

DP: It's still Rajon Rondo!

KD: A very talented Rajon Rondo.

DP: Exactly! That's what I'm saying. So why wouldn't you want to coach one of the best point guards in the league?

KD: And I agree with you. He's hard to deal with, but I think his

talent overcomes all of that, him being stubborn. Think about it, all the great players, to an extent, are hard to coach, outside of Tim Duncan maybe. But Jordan had an

attitude. Imagine trying to coach Kobe Bryant. I mean, he has an attitude as well. I think you just need to find the right fit with Rondo.

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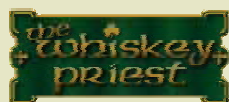
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