Minutes of Chester Square Neighbors' Zoom May 3, 2023

Attendees: Carol Blair, Jim O'Donnell, Kelsey Schiller, Teo Georgiev, Sara Mitchell, Alyssa Faria, Jackie Arrington, Dan Murphy

Treasurer's report approved:
Chester Square Neighbors: $2,387.16
Friends of Chester Park: $1,372.19
Mass Ave Coalition: $1,503.40

Attendees had a conversation on how to better organize the organization's information (banking info, minutes, etc.). Executive committee to discuss next steps at their next meeting.

Carol provided an update on the Water and Sewer Commission parking lots. BPDA has direction to build a parking garage across the street and develop the parking lots as housing. BPDA has had two visioning sessions; it's been hard for the community to get into a discussion of what is wanted – many are focusing on the previous conversion into lots through urban renewal. Attendees should send comments/ideas/suggestions to Brian Short at the BPDA. Next visioning session is May 18 at 6 p.m. at Water and Sewer Commission HQ.

Sara provided an update on the Love Your Block neighborhood cleanup the previous weekend – it was a big success!

Sara and Kelsey provided an update from Michelle Laboy on proposed improvements to planters in the park – will coordinate on next steps and date of planting.

Carol led a discussion about themes for the Mass Ave Coalition Festival – someone suggested getting an MBTA bus for kids to interact with.