

## WVNA Quarterly Meeting

April 1, 2021

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

### **Attendance:**

In addition to neighborhood residents, the following officials were present at this meeting.

- WVNA Board President Frances Donovan
- WVNA Board Members Alan Wright and Eileen Brennan
- Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo
- Jordan Frias, Chief of Staff for Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo
- Joe Coppinger, Roslindale Liaison for Boston Office of Neighborhood Services

### **Traffic Safety on Poplar**

Councilor Ricardo Arroyo talked to the transportation department and shared that now is the season for making improvements. He mentioned that a speed radar is coming soon, a flex post may be coming (not in April) and is currently in review and will go through a contracting process. The area that had the recent car crash on Poplar will be getting balusters. Speed bumps are still being fought for and rumble strips are said to be ineffective.

*Frances Donovan clarified that the WVNA is concerned with the corridor between the Square and the right turn Poplar makes at Canterbury. Ricardo would like to do a walkthrough and take pictures in late April or early May to scout locations for remedial measures.*

Clayton Cheever mentioned that the Stop sign on Sycamore frequently gets blown through. He suggested painting a white stripe on the road so people might be more likely to stop. It was suggested that crosswalk painting would be helpful as well and would be great on both Poplar and Sycamore.

### **Roslindale Community Center Update**

An update on the Roslindale Community Center- it is being renovated as well as being repaired.

### **COVID 19 Vaccine Assistance**

If anyone needs help registering for the COVID vaccine, you can contact Jordan Frias at 617-635-4210 or [Jordan.frias@boston.gov](mailto:Jordan.frias@boston.gov)

### **Real Estate Developments**

Two new real estate projects fall just outside our boundaries.

- 4198 Washington St, which is a 39 unit mixed use building. It is an ARX building.
- 22 Birch street is looking to become a cannabis business that is manufacturing/recreational. There is a public meeting scheduled for April 27. Details here: <https://www.boston.gov/public-notices/14919561>

The new construction at the corner of Poplar and Sycamore is using fences to protect the giant sycamore, as they promised. The building will be demolished soon. Disruption should be limited. Moss Hill Builders can be reached at 617-755-7579, if there are issues.

### **Boston Slow Streets**

Steve Gag spoke to us about his success in getting the slow streets approval. He recommends circumventing Slow Streets entirely as it takes very long.

### **Poplar Street Park**

The park committee is currently looking into [bostonfoodforest.org](http://bostonfoodforest.org)

The daffodils from Boston Blooms are in bloom and are being appreciated by our neighbors.

### **Erosion at 175 Poplar**

A letter was written to address the erosion on Poplar St. It is open for review before it will be sent.

**Submitted by Eileen Brennan and Frances Donovan**