

Inman Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes

The Rising Restaurant, April 26, 2017

1. The Meeting started with the following announcements:
 - a. Clean Up Day in Vellucci Plaza this Saturday, April 29 at 9:30. We need help!
 - b. Sign up to participate in ISNA climate action activities
 - c. We are reaching out to Union Unites about cooperation between the 2 neighborhoods
 - d. Come to the City's Tuesday, May 2nd meeting on the Inman Intersection Redesign at the Main Public Library, Lower Level from 6 to 8 PM
 - e. We are taking nominations for our very first ISNA Officers election. ALL positions are open, and ALL Inman-area folk are encouraged to run. (5 min)
2. We heard from two members of the **Climate Action Team**, which is setting up a variety of ways for neighbors and businesses to work on sustainability. Specifically, they are offering to help you set up a **free Mass Save home energy audit** and are inviting us all to workshops on solar or renewable energy and energy-efficiency work parties (where people can get together in a fun setting to work on energy-saving projects). Please contact us through the website if you are interested in some free assistance with improving your energy efficiency or if you would like to learn more or join the committee.
3. Jason Alves, the Executive Director of East Cambridge Business Association formally invited us all to come to the first **"Inman Eats" event on May 21st from 12 to 4 PM**. Cambridge Street from Prospect to Springfield will be closed for the event (closures from 9 AM to 5 PM) and 12 Inman restaurants have already signed up. ISNA will post the link to buy tickets on its website. If you know anyone on Oakland Street, which will have restricted access during the event, please contact us, so that we can get them all of the details.
4. Small groups then discussed among themselves the following question: What activities and/or businesses do you want to see in Inman Square? The answers they came up with are attached.
5. We took **nominations taken for ISNA officer positions**. We will send a list of nominees by email by May 15th in preparation for a May vote. If you or someone you know is interested in running, please email amy@revolutioncapital.net.

Reminder about ISNA officer positions: If you are interested but did not submit your name, it is not too late! Email Amy Witherbee at amy@revolutioncapital.net. Next meeting we will vote on new leadership nominations. The former leadership group is happy to continue meeting with the new group for support.

What Do You Want to See in Inman Square? (in no particular order)

- Murals/Art installations (2 votes)
- Walking and biking tours through the neighborhood
- Parking
- Pool hall
- Bowling with leagues (4 votes; 1 for candle pin)
- Bakery
- Dance studio
- Outdoor dance party
- Outdoor tables with game boards & chess meetups (2 votes)
- Indoor rock climbing
- Outdoor climbing wall
- Gathering space for children
- Activities for kids (like those from Stellabella)
- Place for families
- Exhibitions for sustainable design
- Clothing store (2nd hand?)
- Retail of some kind (more desirable if we had easier pedestrian access?)
- Urban corridor linking us to Harvard Square (bulk up business zoning & add art walk?)
- Dog Park
- Better outdoor seating for seniors
- Movie nights in the bank parking lot
- More Meetups (dance, music (ukulele?), crafts, language)
- Little free libraries
- Bee hotel
- Movie theater
- General Store
- Bookstore
- Florist
- Baby Buffalo exchange
- Farmers Market and/or farm pop up (5 votes; 1 for bank parking lot or shut down Cambridge St. Sundays)
- Grocery store
- More places like Lilipad, Gather Here & Practice space with activity space, performance and learning
- Yoga studio
- Fitness center with room for whole family
- Community center/ Youth after school programs with: PBS kids shows, books, basketball hoop, playdate space, neighbor meeting space, mini-library, clothing swaps, crafts workshops, yoga (2 votes)
- Unirail between Harvard and Inman Squares
- Small soccer/futsal/handball space
- Cambridge St. Sunday shut down for restaurant and shop outdoor space