

Attendance: Ben Baumer, Maddy Subocz, Norman Spencer, Peter McLean, Josh Bedell, Julie Thomson

TOPICS

Clement Street Bridge:

David Murphy said the bridge is supposed to be reopened by the end of september, but nothing confirmed.

Hinkley:

Bedell spoke with Murphy; Murphy agrees that the entrance doesn't fit the look of the neighborhood. Murphy has been sending the emails complaining about the look of the fence to the mayor's office -- he does that routinely -- and gave Bedell a number for the mayor's chief of staff, Lynn Simmons. **Bedell** to try to get in touch with DPW or the city to see if they have plans to improve the look of it. If the city doesn't plan to make it look nicer, the board might plan an event for the BSVa to plant a garden there to help in the beautification -- can consult with Sue for gardening ideas and then we could plan a neighborhood event for the spring.

October Monthly Event:

David Murphy said he's happy to come for an event at a BSVa meeting, to talk with residents and answer questions. We can forward him specific questions to him ahead of time, and will take questions off the cuff as well. October 17th is a potential date. **Thomson** to check in with Nonotuck calendar. **Bedell** to check in with Murphy. Find another way to advertise it outside of google groups. Potentially flyers handed out house to house, or on the telephone pole.

Thomson to create flyer and get 60 copies, then hand off to **Taranto** to put them up. **Maddy** could put it up in the high school. **Thomson** to check in with **Maddy** with the tone of the flyer. We could open it up to all of Ward 5. Ask Murphy to put it out that he's giving a talk. Put up flyers in downtown Florence. Invite people to come at 7, talk starts 7:30.

November (and other) Monthly Events:

November is scheduled to have regular meeting 11-27. Nothing to happen in December. January we're scheduled to have a regular meeting. February event: Peter's talk on emotional intelligence. Peter's talk goes through the basics of what emotional intelligence is, could present it in an hour talk. (Though maybe we'll swap these.) Plan a family friendly event, **Taranto** to pitch in with that, **Thomson** too. March event is the Bash - maybe a component of the bash would be to have dance parties. In the spring, getting new senator and representative to come talk. Summer think of event to get high school and college kids.

Financial updates

Our memberships are as good or better than last year. Contributions to the scholarship fund have been very generous. Floated idea to have suggested donation instead of dues, and bake sale type of fundraising. To re-discuss this more in November. **Norm** to bring some financial info for us to get a better sense of what the BSVa needs.