

AGENDA B/FSNA General Meeting 2nd Tuesday January 11, 2004
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1) Welcome/Introductions 7:00 PM

2) Secretary's Report – December 2004 Meeting Minutes (attached) 7:05 PM

4) Guest Speaker 7:30 PM
Ashley McCumber – United South End Settlements

3) Sean McGrath – Stonegate Group 7:15 PM
Presentation on moving the Penny Savings Bank Silver Line Station to the Blackstone School

Take a vote on supporting the move
(see attached notes from public meeting last week)

5) Announcements 8:10 PM

A) Bio Lab/Bio Square

- Approved by the BRA Board.
- \$200,000 first year in community benefits
- \$100,000 per year for the next 4 years in community benefits
- This money is for the area and will be shared by Chester Square, Friends of Blackstone/Franklin Squares and Neighborhood Associations
- To date Chester Square and Friends of Blackstone/Franklin Squares are the only groups that have requested items for their parks (Worcester Square made other requests that are not park related)
- Some items identified in request for benefits from Friends to the BUMC:
 - i. Selective tree planting and lawn seeding
 - ii. New trash receptacles
 - iii. Resurfacing walkways
 - iv. **New Suggestion:** spot light the fountains for added light and security in middle of parks. It was also suggested that this won't cost much.

B) 700 Harrison Street Update

- Randi Lathrop/BRA is working with abutters and other area residents in order to get the following additional enhancements to our area as a condition of supporting the density changes to 700 Harrison Avenue:
 - i. Mitchell Properties has pledged to purchase new trash receptacles for Franklin Square.
 - ii. Fix damage to Franklin Square Fence and the entrance posts damaged by plows. **NOTE:** Parks has confirmed with Randi Lathrop of the BRA that the Brown Fund will fix the fence. All proposals are due in as of Saturday, January 8. Proposal will then be awarded and weather

permitting, work will take approximately 4 weeks. Updates will be provided.

- iii. BTD/BRA has agreed to work with the neighborhood association and condo associations/property owners on a meter/residential-parking plan for Harrison Avenue from East Berkeley to Massachusetts Avenue. These meeting will be setup in the first quarter of 2005.
- iv. BRA/Parks Dept is in the process of reviewing a request for replacement of all dead trees in the area. Sherwood Hughes will provide another map designating trees that need replacement and the reason for replacement. Parks Dept is aware of the need to replace these trees and in fact has now hired some one to manage all tree replacements in Boston. There is every indication that all trees will be replaced in 2005.
- v. Bricked sidewalks: RF Walsh has given the City of Boston dollars that are to go towards bricking the sidewalk at Franklin Square on East Brookline Street. Randi Lathrop is working with the DPW to find the additional \$\$ to complete the block this year and is also looking at the potential of bricking other sidewalks on East Brookline Street.
- vi. Moving #8 bus off East Brookline to East Dedham – bus cannot negotiate turn onto Harrison without causing problem and construction of ArtBLOCK will be in the way of the current stop. Randi Lathrop is in discussions with representatives of the MBTA to relocate the bus up to East Dedham Street as they did with the #10 last year.
- vii. BTD will contact residents of Saint George Street and 64 East Brookline Street to discuss how changes to directions in private alleys can alleviate concerns of speeding and using alleys as cut thrus.
- viii. Sherwood Hughes has obtained landscaping plans for Cathedral Housing. Mitchell Properties is contributing \$40,000 to landscaping for the housing development. Mitchell will work with Cathedral's landscaping architect on ideas for the \$\$\$ and share those ideas with the association.

C) New restaurant coming to the Gallia space. Representatives will come to see us at February meeting. In the meantime, the new group appears in front of Licensing Board on 1/5/2005 to move 7-day beverage license.