

BY-LAWS
of
THE BLACKSTONE/FRANKLIN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Adopted April 12,1982. Amended 11/3/1987, 2/8/1994, 6/7/1994)

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association, inc. (Hereinafter referred to as the Association).

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose the Association shall be to provide a forum for those members of the community who seek to benefit this South End neighborhood by:

developing, improving and supporting the maintenance of Blackstone and Franklin Squares;

working to improve the social and physical conditions of the neighborhood, with an eye to preserving its historical nature, its diversity and those social and physical characteristics of positive value to the area;

representing the members and acting as their voice in dealing with other individuals, organizations or governmental authorities;

working with other groups and neighborhood organizations for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Section 2: The Association shall endeavor to keep the members informed of relevant political issues consistent with the purposes as stated above, but shall not endorse any political candidate or take a partisan political position.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the Association shall be open to all individuals who live, operate businesses, work or own residential property in the geographical area surrounded by Harrison Avenue, East Newton Street, Father Gilday Street, even side of East Concord Street, the odd side of Washington Street and of Worcester Street, Newland Street, San Juan Street, Shawmut Ave, West Dedham Street, Monsr. Reynolds Way. (amended 2/8/1994)

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Clerk and a Treasurer to be chosen from among the members of the Association.

Section 2: The President shall serve a one-year term except in circumstances where there is neither a qualified or willing candidate, and then the incumbent may serve a second term. A two-year period shall lapse before a President may be re-elected to the Presidency.

Section 3: The Vice-President may not succeed him/herself

Section 4: The Clerk and Treasurer shall each serve a one-year term and may not succeed themselves more than one time in the same office.

ARTICLE VII — DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1: DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT- the President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board. He/she shall present to the Board at its first regular meeting after the Annual meeting of the Association his/her recommendations as to the members of the Nominating Committee, the chairmen of all committees and any necessary delegates, after consulting the respective people to be recommended by him/her. He/she shall make a written annual report to the Association at the Associations Annual Meeting.

Section 2: DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT- The Vice -President shall assist the President, and shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or upon his/her request.

Section 3: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER - The treasurer shall collect all monies due to the Association and pay all bills against the Association when approved by the Board.. He/she shall keep a full account of the receipts and expenditures in a book belonging to the Association, which shall always be open to inspection by the Board or by any association member, if he/she should request.

Meeting, the Treasurer shall make a written report of all income and disbursement for the year preceding. The treasurer shall be responsible for having the books audited every third year.

ARTICLE VIII — REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1: There shall be a total of twelve (12) Representatives. There shall be four (4) from each of the following geographical areas surrounded by:

AREA 1: West Newton Street, Washington Street, Worcester street and the even-number side of Shawmut Avenue.

AREA 2: The odd-numbered side of Shawmut Aye, Worcester Street, Newland Street, West Dedham, Washington Street, West Brookline. Street.

AREA 3: Washington Street, Monsignor Reynolds Way, the odd-side of Harrison avenue, East Newton Street, Father Gilday Street, even side of East Concord Street to Washington Street.

Section 2: The Representatives of each area shall be residents, operate businesses, work or own residential property within their area and shall be elected by the members of the Association from within their area. (Amended 9/28/1982)

ARTICLE IX — DUTIES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES

The representatives on the Board shall represent the interests of their constituents and of the neighborhood to the Board and Association, shall encourage membership and communication between their constituents and the Board and Association and shall endeavor to find out how to meet the area needs and interests of their constituents. One representative from each area may attend the Board Meetings.

ARTICLE X — VACANCIES

Section 1: If a Board office becomes vacant, the Board shall recommend a successor to hold office for the balance of the unexpired term and the Association shall vote.

Section 2: If a position of Area Representative becomes vacant, the members of the Association within that area shall take steps to see to it that a replacement is elected from that area.

Section 3: If all four positions of Representatives from one area become vacant, the Association shall take steps to see that Representatives are elected from that area.

ARTICLE XI — STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1: NOMINATING Committee - The President, shall recommend a Nominating committee of four members to be appointed by the Board. No more than two members of the committee may be on the Board. This committee shall bring in nominations for the Officers and Representatives in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws, and shall supervise the elections and count the ballots. The committee shall endeavor to represent the diversity of interests of the neighborhood in its choice of candidates.

Section 2: FUND RAISING COMMITTEE - The purpose of this committee is to raise monies necessary for the day-to-day expenses of the Association and for the maintenance, development and recreational use of the parks.

Section 3: PARKS MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE - Responsibilities include the overall upkeep of the parks and for their long-range planning and improvement.

Section 4: RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE - This committee shall plan appropriate recreational activities.

Section 5: NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE- This committee is the responsible for monitoring and keeping the Association informed of all development affecting the Blackstone/Franklin Squares Neighborhood. Its committee duties shall be involved in the review of all proposals.

Section 6: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - This committee shall deliver all meeting notices and encourage individuals who live and work in the neighborhood to become members of the Association and attend meetings. The Membership Book and list of active members shall be kept up to date by this committee.
(amended 2/8/1994)

Section 7: Other committees - The Board has the power to create committees.

as appropriate, and to appoint committee chairmen from the members of the Association.

ARTICLE XII — MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1: MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION - The Association shall hold regular monthly meeting with the possible exception of August. The Annual Meeting, for the election of Officers and Representatives and for receiving reports, shall be held no later than July 1. Dates for other regular meetings shall be set by the Board and not less than seven days written notice to the membership shall be given by the Membership Committee. The Board must call a special meeting on petition of any fifteen Association members, time & place to be specified in the notice. Every call for a special meeting shall state the object for which the meeting is to be held, and no business unrelated to that subject shall be in order. Vote shall be a simple majority.

ARTICLE XIII — FISCAL YEAR

The Association's fiscal year shall be from June 1 to May 31.

ARTICLE XIV — NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Election of Officers shall be by majority vote of the members voting. In case of a lack of a majority, there shall be a run-off election between the two leading candidates.

Section 2: The Nominating Committee shall provide slates of candidates for Officers and for Representatives. The slates shall be published and distributed to all members of the Association at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting, and shall be accompanied by a letter indicating the names of the members of the nominating committee and explaining the procedure for making additional nominations.

Section 3: Additional nominations may be made by presentation to the Nominating Committee at least seven days before the Annual Meeting itself. No person's name shall appear in more than one place on the ballot.

Section 4: The Nominating Committee shall contact all candidates before the election to make sure they are willing to serve.

ARTICLE XV — PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1: Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition shall be followed by the Association in all cases involving parliamentary procedure when it does not conflict with the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 2: The rules of parliamentary procedure may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any given meeting.

ARTICLE XVI □ AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, adopted or rescinded at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that the proposed change has been discussed at a previous Associate meeting and has been listed on the agenda for the meeting.

ARTICLE XVII — IMPLEMENTATION

These By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon their approval. Elections may take place immediately thereafter, provided that two-thirds of the members present agree that the nominating and election procedures of these By-Laws have been followed as closely as possible.