

BFSNA General Meeting Minutes for Nov 8, 2005

7:04 PM Meeting called to order Introductions and Welcome

Secretary's Report Oct 2005 Meeting Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report Current balance \$4772.77 (-\$165 banners; +\$464 Tag Sale +\$250 Donation)

Guest Speakers:

1) Stella Restaurant on Exterior lighting request – Courtney Stevens
– white lights around 2 trees on Washington and 2 on E. Brookline
Motion to approve depending on Electrical Plan (not across sidewalk) – Accepted unanimously

2) Vanessa Calderon-Rasado CEO of Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion (IBA)

Handout - Annual Report Booklet (501c3 organization)

Website: www.iba-etc.org

Building community power through education, economic development, technology & the Arts
Education Daycare through adult classes

Residents - 72% Latino, 15% African-American, 12% Mandarin-Speaking Chinese

4 square blocks – low income housing, (median @17,000/yr), half 21 yrs or younger

Working with various youth organizations

Local businesses are very supportive

Strong emphasis on working to keep kids in school, work with families, after-school programs,
90% doing better this year

Will host quarterly BE SMART meeting for more public involvement and Dialog

Has Technology Center – Teach Basics and Word, Excel, some high-speed internet

New Gallery Space

*Need Volunteers for Tutors – Math, English, Reading 5-12 year olds
and young adults in Bunker Hill College Program*

Motion to donate \$250 & commit to Support IBA in 2006 with a co-event to be determined - Accepted

Announcements/Development Updates

2005 Holiday Tree/Wreath Sale - Dec 10th in Blackstone Square

RESERVE YOUR TREE AND WREATH NOW - order forms or call Sherwood

700 Harrison – excavation continues water main break – flooded 64 E. Brookline basement units

731 Harrison – West block (E. Newton) Steel continues to go up

- East block (E. Brookline) Steel to start in coming weeks

7:55 Adjourned