

Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes for 10/12/04

7:05 p.m. Meeting called to order
Secretary's Report: Minutes from 9/14/04 General Meeting accepted as-is
Treasurer's Report: National Night Out - \$208.63 net proceeds
Tag Sale & Raffle - \$564.53 net proceeds
Balance on account \$4901.85

Announcements:

- Flu Shot Clinic – 10/28 10–12 pm at Naked Clay, 374 Massachusetts Avenue, \$25 per vaccine, cash or check, risk categories only
- Ground Water Forum – 10/20 7 pm at Snowden International School, 150 Newbury Street; neighborhood volunteer needed to represent BFSNA at this city-wide collaborative forum
- Fall Clean-up – any motions for a weekend of good, clean fun?
- Volunteers needed for wreath sale (bow tying, selling, hanging) in December
- Foodie's Urban Market – 10/11 – 14, 4 – 7 pm “Four Day Food Fest” samplings & tasting
- 10/13/04 BRA Hearing on Town Gate Development (E. Berkley & Wash.) – 6:30 at Cathedral Housing
- 10/18/04 Annual Mass. Bike Day, 6 – 8 pm, Inman Square

Speaker:

1. Jeff Stone, Co-Chair – City-Wide Dialogues
 - Overview of City-Wide Dialogues on Boston's Ethnic & Racial Diversity – 15 – 20 participants, 2 facilitators, 4 meetings
 - Objectives:
 - Engage every Boston neighborhood in a respectful, candid dialogue
 - Give people a chance to understand where people from different groups are “coming from”
 - Build trust, reduce stereotyping & heal old divisions
 - Facilitate relationships that enable to work together on community projects
 - Show the spirit of Boston's people & build upon the city's diversity
 - For more info call Mason 617 442 4519 X226, or visit www.bostondialogues.org
 - South End groups start 10/20, 6 – 8 pm
2. Neil Welds, Youth Pastor – The Salvation Army, South End Corp 617 236 7233 or www.Salvation.org USA East –
 - Brief overview of Corp Programs, including –
 - Family Services
 - Housing Counseling Program
 - Summer Enrichment Program (contact Neil 617 536 5260 X222)
 - Monthly Dinner Theater Fundraiser

Old Business:

- 700 Harrison - Landmarks mtg. scheduled for Nov.; funding efforts in progress; expect to break ground mid-March '05; please send any letters of support quickly! See www.neighborhood02118.org for templates
- 731 Harrison (Bates) – Expected ground breaking 11/15/04
- BioSafety Lab – Deadline for public comment is 10/13/04
- Harrison Common & BUMC – visit www.RFWalsh.com, the community access page or email Courtney Walsh at CWalsh@rfwalsh.com
- Washington Street Punch List – progress slow & steady - Sherwood spearheading parallel “dead-tree replacement” effort