

BFSNA General Meeting Minutes for Oct 11, 2005

7:02 PM Meeting called to order Secretary's Report Sept 2005 Meeting Minutes accepted
Treasurer's Report Current balance \$4058.77

Guests: Toni Pollack-Parks, Michael Kelley/Marco Torres-Mayor Reps, Karen Hern/Dan Linsky-Municipal Police, Carolyn MacNeil/Jorge Dias (Area D), Earnest Hughes (Boston Center for Youth and Families)

Guest Speakers:

- 1) Vanessa Calderon-Rasado of IBA postponed until next month
- 2) Ken Olson on 23 E. Concord St. – plans for adding parking and extension of deck behind building
– variance expired so – Zoning Board Nov 1st – has signed letter from 21, getting from 25
- **Motion** by J. Grella to issue letter of approval of plans presented - **Approved** 17-0
- 3) Susan Passoni – Candidate for Boston City Council – District 2 – reasons for running, skills.

Announcements

Flu Clinics at Naked Clay Thurs 10-Noon, South End Health Center Thurs 6pm-8pm
TAG SALE October 15th Blackstone Square 10-2 - BFSNA fundraiser - Come donate & shop!!!

Development Updates

731 Harrison – E. Brookline shut down for deliveries outside rush hours – abutters weekly email updates & on BFSNA website
700 Harrison – fencing now up Penmark – interior development and starting exterior brick façade
19 Father Gilday – Mitchell Properties continues to work with HUD & Mass Housing to separate wing

John Munier (Area 1 Rep) on Improvements to Pocket Park at Concord/Newland St.

Wanted to Publicly Thank City Officials present for getting it done – has taken a lot of effort to deal with ownership issues, etc – but money is allocated and ready to go.

Neighborhood Watch Group Update - Carlos French - next meeting Oct 20th 6:30 pm Blackstone Com Center

Recent Meetings at Blackstone CC and Organized Walks around neighborhood
Last meeting discussed recent shootings, need for calling 911
Last Walk was E. Brookline – pointed out to officials where lights were out, etc.

Discussions about Crime and Park Issues and Recent Efforts

- when to call Boston Police or Municipal Police for crime related issues- No one knows about Municipal Police (so only had a small number of calls) - don't call each other radio
Dan Linsky – Municipal Police – “Quality of Life” - Community Center, Parks, Schools, any city-owned property. They go to where problems are – need calls to do that

Jorge Diaz – Area D

911 always (statistics generated) CELL PHONES USE 617-343-4911
2nd call to Municipal Police if City Property 617-635-3500

Suggestions – sign on park with #'s to call and reasons to call - wallet cards with same

Michael Kelly – on last weeks meeting/Walks and on various programs like Be Smart Initiative with the Community to Create opportunities for youth, pool resources,

Of Watch Meetings – focus on anecdotal stories is off-putting –shouldn't marginalize homeless in park

Concerns with Parks –maintenance & response to calls – “air of neglect”- \$4500 grant low for dealing with neglect - Toni Pollack spoke on Tree trimming, repaired fences, will meet us on our Park priorities
Let Marcos know so that he can followup any maintenance issues (South End Liaison to Mayor)

Carlos feels not enough done - presented petition to Mayor for personal meeting on concrete measures
Discussion: some felt a lot of effort recently, good discussion with representatives who appeared at this meeting – some agreed with recent shootings there is frustration.

8:45 Adjourned