

BFSNA General Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2006

7:05 The meeting was called to order. The board was introduced.

Treasurer's Report \$3904.73 in account. No activity in the past month.

Secretary's Report Mary read through the minutes of last meeting.

Announcements

The tag sale is Saturday, October 14. Those interested in volunteering should see Scott after the meeting.

Neighborhood clean-up will take place on Saturday, November 4.

Programs

Representatives from Nuestra gave a presentation about the proposed change to retail space of the first floor of this low-income apartment building at the northwest corner of Washington and W. Newton. The executive director, Evelyn Friedman, introduced the architect, John Spears, who gave a Powerpoint presentation showing the proposed exterior changes to the building. Janet Haines, project manager, addressed the concerns of the neighbors about noise, trash, outdoor seating, and parking voiced at a previous meeting. A motion was made to accept the plan to change the usage of the first floor of the building to commercial use with caveats. Those present insisted that the BFSNA withhold final approval until the operational details of whatever entity leases the space are known. The motion was approved.

Matt O'Malley, director of legislative affairs at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, gave an informative presentation about the care, custody, and control of inmates and detainees. The South Bay House of Corrections and the Nashua Street Jail are the facilities in our county. He told about the programs that Sheriff Cabral is using to try to reduce the 50% recivism rate in these facilities such as Common Ground (an instructional program), Choice (a program for at-risk youth), and CREW (an instructional program specifically for women).

Peter Roth of New Atlantic requested that the neighborhood association agree with his company's proposal to lease on a short-term basis or sell some parking spaces in Artblock as the tenants have not purchased as many as anticipated. The neighborhood association agreed to this change of the TAPA since the result would be to reduce the number of cars on the street.

8:35 The meeting adjourned.