

BFSNA General Meeting Minutes, April 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Partham at 7:05 p.m.

Treasurer's Report -- Total available funds have not changed since last month.
Cocktail party proceeds are now close to \$1,150.00.

Secretary's Report -- The minutes of the March meeting were accepted.

Boston Medical Center Building Update

Deborah Hearl and Carla Richards from BUMC invited officials from the building project on East Newton Street behind the Newton Pavilion to give the members an update on proposed construction. Mike Bush, architect with Tsoi-Kobus & Associates, described the glass one story 8th floor addition to the north wing of the building. The other wings of the building are already 8 stories high. The wing will house an intensive care unit.

Jim Tracey and Doug Zorn represented Suffolk Construction. Jim addressed debris disposal, safety netting, and outer structures that will be used to access the roof. Construction equipment and trailers will be positioned in a gated lot that is currently used for valet parking. Large truck arrivals and departures will be monitored to cause as little impact as possible on the neighborhood.

The proposed construction dates are May, 2007, to December, 2008. They assured the members of the association that they would keep lines of communication open.

BFSNA Letter of Support Procedures

Because of difficulties and misunderstandings concerning a recent letter of support, the members decided that new procedures are in order. The organization will require a 2-week notice before sending out letters of support. At their next meeting the executive board will create a checklist of qualifications and questions that the organization will need to have satisfied before writing a letter of support. This list will be voted on at the May meeting.

Neighborhood Cleanliness

Boston Shines will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28. Equipment (rakes, trash bags, etc.) can be picked up at Blackstone Square both mornings.

Joe Spinale brought up the need for street cleaning and residents only signs on E. Newton, Fr. Gilday, and E. Brookline Streets. Meghan Haggerty said that requests from a majority of the residents are necessary. Some street-cleaning requests are moving forward, but no promises can be made because of possible budget constraints.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.