

BFSNA General Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:08

Treasurer's Report -- Income from the tree sale was about \$500. The account total is between \$4300 and \$4400.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted.

The following issues were discussed in the "neighborhood forum" section of the meeting.

There were questions about the geographic area covered by the association and who is eligible to be a voting member. Sherwood Hughes had printed out maps of the area that were available to those present. There is a specific procedure to be followed by anyone outside the area who is interested in joining the association as a voting member. It was mentioned that our association values the relationships that we have built up with Boston Medical Center and City Hall, and we don't want to do anything to jeopardize these.

The Boston Transportation Department is doing a transportation study of the 700 Harrison area looking at traffic, parking, and bus routes.

The Friends of Blackstone/Franklin Square received a \$25,000 grant from the Clarendon Street Project and Harrison Urban Garden received a \$30,000 grant from B.U. Medical Center Community Benefits. Chris gave a brief history of the Friends organization to new members.

There have been a number of car break-ins in the St. George, Fr. Gilday neighborhoods.

David Goldman and Penn Lindsay of New Boston Ventures then presented the plans for a proposed 3-unit condo to be built on an empty lot at 40 Worcester Street. The building will be built with all historic materials and will mirror the buildings already on the street. Discussion of architecture in the South End followed. The gentlemen requested a letter of support to be sent to the Zoning Board. There was a motion that was seconded and passed to write the letter of support.

There were two announcements before the meeting adjourned.

Scott Ross told about the Constituent Relationship Management System which will be implemented in the future by the city of Boston. Under this system, all requests for services will be issued an order number that the citizens will be able to track.

Andrew Parthum reminded everyone about the fund-raising cocktail party which will be held at his home at 1597 Washington Street, #502, on Wednesday, February 28, from 6:00 to 8:00. The cost will be \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Proceeds will go to the book scholarship fund.