

Blackstone / Franklin Square Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box

Boston, MA 02118

Minutes of Oct. 9, 2012

Location: Las Ventas, 700 Harrison Ave.

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Current Board

Matthew White, President

Jim Keeney, Vice President

David Wisholek, Treasurer

Justin Rice, Secretary

Minutes of Sept 11 general meeting accepted.

Treasure's Report

General fund = \$2,100

Scholarship fund = \$13 or \$14,000 given out \$2,300

Friends group = \$1,500 in general fund in CD

Capital improvement fund: \$96,000 in a CD

Friends group update

-Dave Wisholek said both fountains are going to be renovated not just one. Construction could start as early as next week.

-Tree pruning in Franklin will apply for grant city has a limited amounts in budget for this. 500 daffodils will be plant closer to benches not near trees or in middle of grass. Not sure about placement.

-Park cleanup will be Nov. 17 at 9 am. Volunteers should meet at Blackstone Square on Washington Street. City provides brooms, trash bags and gloves.

-Dog committee looking for feedback on ideas.

-Tree wreath sale is possible way to raise money for general fund of Friends group.

Feedback on sculptures in Franklin Square

- Powerful feedback was positive enough to continue program on annual basis
- Some people were concerned about damage to the sculptures but everything worked out fine
- Credit was given to D4 police for being protective of the sculptures
- Dave met with artists who said it surpassed their expectations. Dave received 20 emails thanking the group.

-Update on lunch group for telecommuters

- Justin gave an update on a new lunch group for telecommuters who will meet for the second time on Nov. 1 at noon at Las Ventas.

Traffic signal

- Meeting tomorrow night engaging city and Worcester Square neighborhood association will be held at 7 p.m. at home of Nancy Farrington

El Centro kitchen expansion

- The condo association for 474 Shawmut Ave wrote a letter in support of the project
- Jim said we should make sure neighbors at 476 Shawmut before we take a vote.
- Dave said we would say we would like to see a letter of support from 476 as well
- Justin motion to vote
- Vote passes with nine people voting in favor of sending a letter support to the city. One opposed. We will write letter in support for variance.

Update on South End wine and spirits

- Conditions licensing board asked for we no nips no, cigarettes, no lottery tickets no single cans of beer and asked for a security office at front entrance.
- Licensing board said it would not support the liquor store if the owners of the store doesn't reach out to the community.

Upcoming events

- Sat before Halloween food truck festival in Blackstone Square from noon to 4. Half dozen food trucks on West Brookline St. Friends group donating pumpkins. Doggie costume contest. Volunteers needed. Beer garden will be at Stella on patio that day.

Action items

-Justin will write letter of letter of support for El Centro