

BFSNA General Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Parthum at 7:05.

Secretary's Report – The minutes of the November meeting were accepted.

Program:

Janet Haines and David Price from Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation came to report of the status of the building at the corner of Washington Street and West Newton. The exterior façade is complete. Some of the scaffolding has been removed, but the lower scaffolding will remain in place until construction is completed for safety reasons. Completion is scheduled for mid-March. The tenants should be relocated in May. Many businesses have looked at the commercial space on the ground floor, but so far the area has not been rented.

Kristen Porter introduced us to Pathways to Wellness, an acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, and bodywork therapies facility at 1606 Washington Street (in the same building as the South End Community Health Center). She demonstrated inserting an acupuncture needle into a willing neighbor (who said that he didn't feel a thing). Acupuncture can be used for many different conditions. Ms Porter described her extensive credentials and gave all of those present a certificate for a free acupuncture session. More information can be found at www.pathwaysboston.org.

Dan Nearing presented a plan to encourage people to obey the law and keep dogs on their leashes while in Blackstone Square. If you have feelings one way or the other, please come ready to express them at the next meeting.

Reys Gardner brought information about the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange, Inc. This organization facilitates the adoption of children and teens. For more information check www.mareinc.org.