BFSNA General Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2009

Andrew Parthum opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. followed by introductions.

 Speaker:

Jeff Drago from the City of Boston Rental Housing Resource Center reported on the
services available from his department. The Center provides mediation services to
resolve issues of dispute without going to court. It is a resource available for both
landlords and tenants. There are attorneys on staff who are experts in rental issues. Mr.
Drago gave out a handbook covering Boston's regulations related to renting and a
handout titled "What Every Tenant Should Know."   Items such as fees, code violations,
noise, evictions, and many others are covered in these documents. (Most people there
were not aware that landlords are required to put security deposits in an interest-bearing
account and pay the tenant the interest yearly.)   Mr Drako left extras of these for any
members who are interested but were not present at the meeting. Those present discussed
joining with another neighborhood association to have a meeting to attempt to attract
more tenants and landlords to inform everyone of his/her legal obligations and rights
concerning renting.

Election:

Nominations were made and seconded for the following officers for the coming year:

Andrew Parthum   President
James Keeney   Vice President
David Wisholek   Treasurer
Christopher McBride   Secretary

They were all elected unanimously.

Reports:

The zoning issues that we supported at the last meeting all passed.

Landmarks agreed to allow a plaque on the building at 1520 Washington Street (Stella
Restaurant) indicating that this was the home of the first school nurse. Dorothy Keeney,
a retired school nurse and member of our association, worked very hard to have this
plaque installed.

On July 9 a Miles Davis performance by "Bitches' Brew" will take place in Franklin
Square. We may set up a membership table there.

The Pine Street dinner is August 10. Volunteers are needed to serve on the 10th, prepare
on the 9th, and to shop earlier in the week.