

Blackstone / Franklin Square Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2009



President Andrew Parthum opened the meeting at 7:08 pm followed by introductions.

B/FSNA Board (present)

Andrew Parthum, President

David Wisholek, Treasurer

Christopher McBride, Secretary

I. B/FSNA Scholarship recipients

High school graduates / college-bound students Shanice and Rosa were introduced and congratulated on receiving this year's \$1,000/each "book" scholarship. After reading their award-winning essays, and answering a few questions from the resident-crowd, we all wished them well in their freshman year. Shanice will be attending UMass Boston, and Rosa to Bunker Hill; both studying nursing.

II. Minutes from June's General Meeting were accepted.

III. Fair in the Park [Aug. 15]

Discussion followed "How can we be present?"

IV. Pine Street Inn Dinner volunteers [Mon. Aug. 10]

Recruiting shoppers, chefs/bakers, and servers.

V. Announcements / Discussions

- a. Fritz reported: Salsa dancing lessons Monday evening of the summer
- b. Carla reported: Vice President of Washington Gateway Main St's Marc LaCasse is holding a presentation on facebook at the Buttery tomorrow morning at 9 am.
- c. Daniel Moon suggested: we have an email campaign
- d. Joann Modica suggested: we recruit bldg reps

VI. 35 West Newton

David Price and Janet Paynes presented an update on the (re)development at the corner of West Newton and Washington Street. The proposed Greek restaurant fell through. The next two vying for the space is Joe V's and an American-style restaurant. No contract yet.

VII. Ideas for future meetings

- a. CPR certification
- b. Bio Lab update
- c. Real Estate values
- d. Retail Spots
- e. Green living & Recycling
 - Susan at BostonWorks
 - All-in-one
 - Financial/tax benefits
- f. Stimulus Money coming into SouthEnd
- g. Park Update
 - Fountains – on list, but on hold
- h. Farmers Market in SouthEnd
- i. Plan for managing dogs in the park
- j. City's dept. of neighborhood development (David)
- k. Neighborhood Associations & Restaurants teaming together