

## AGENDA

Please join us virtually for our March 2023 general meeting. Our agenda is as follows:

### **7:00 p.m. Welcome and brief updates (Board).**

**7:05 p.m. Project Place's "Climb for a Cause"** (Christina Miron). Project Place is a South End-based organization that seeks to provide people with the skills, education, and resources they need to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Their approach involves making a two-year commitment to each client, providing them with life and work skills training, transitional employment, career counseling, access to technology, and individualized guidance. Director of Philanthropy Christian Miron will tell us about Project Place and its "Climb for a Cause" fundraising event, to be held April 22nd in Fenway Park. For more information, see: <https://climbfenway.org/>

**7:15 p.m. Proposed recreational marijuana dispensary at 1679 Washington Street (Ben Virga/Frozen 4 and team).** Frozen 4 Corp is seeking a license from the Boston Cannabis Board to open an adult-use (recreational) marijuana store at 1679 Washington Street (corner of Worcester Street), in the ground-floor commercial space formerly occupied by Andy's Cleaners. Frozen 4 currently operates a busy recreational dispensary in Marshfield and the team involved with this proposal also has licenses to cultivate and manufacture cannabis products at various locations in Massachusetts and is pursuing a Quincy-based cannabis delivery concept. The 1679 Washington Street property was recently acquired by the owner of Mike's City Diner, who would be the landlord for the proposed establishment. Frozen 4 co-founder Ben Virga and other members of the proponent team will make a presentation and take questions and comments.

Note that this is the first community meeting regarding this proposal; the first opportunity for the proponents and South End neighbors and residents to speak and hear from one another. We do not expect to adopt a BFSNA organizational position on this proposal at this meeting, but may do so at a future BFSNA meeting if member sentiment warrants. Also, as a separate matter, the existing medical marijuana dispensary at 591 Albany Street (run by Affinity) is applying to add adult-use sales at its location. We will hear from Affinity and its team about their application at a special BFSNA meeting later this month or early next, date TBD. (We'll circulate a separate agenda for that meeting, and a Zoom link, in the days ahead.)

As with all our meetings, all neighborhood residents and stakeholders are invited and welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

### **8:15 p.m. Adjourn.**