

Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 19th, 2019

D4 Police Station, 2nd Floor Community Room
650 Harrison Ave

AGENDA

Join us for our next general business meeting. Bring your friends and neighbors, and participate in the discussion. Our agenda will include the following:

7:00 p.m. Welcome and announcements (BFSNA board).

7:10 p.m. Record keeping (Matt Mues): Treasurer's Report.

7:15 p.m. Introducing the South End Business Forum (tentative). Schedule permitting, South End business owner and resident Eve Ward will tell us about the South End Business Forum, a new initiative that will act as a liaison between businesses based in the South End and the City to provide a voice for all issues that impact these businesses (many of which overlap with our concerns as residents). The Business Forum is a project of the South End Business Alliance and a partner of the South End Forum.

7:25 p.m. Silver Line corridor study (Boston Transportation Department). Michael Tormey, a transit planner for the Boston Transportation Department, will tell us about the City's upcoming study of the Washington Street Silver Line corridor from Herald Street to Dudley Square. The aim is to improve transit operations and better manage street space through updated signage, pavement markings, and approaches to curb management. He'll solicit ideas and reaction.

7:45 p.m. Public safety cameras in BFSNA and vicinity (David Stone). We will recap and complete the September meeting's discussion of a proposal by the City of Boston for funding and deployment of additional public safety cameras in certain locations in and around the BFSNA district. There will be a vote on a motion to support this plan.

7:55 p.m. The Cosmopolitan (Toni Crothall). Renovation of the former Immaculate Conception Church at the corner of Harrison Avenue and East Concord Street into "The Cosmopolitan" residences is nearing the home stretch. Toni recently took a tour and will tell us about what's going on inside and we'll discuss a request by the project developer for City of Boston permission to switch 12 of the building's total 63 units from rentals to condominiums. The change will not affect the total number of units, the affordability component or outward appearance. For those interested, the Boston Planning & Development Agency will be holding a public meeting regarding this requested change at 6:30 p.m. on November 20th, in the same room at the D4 police station as we meet in.

8:05 p.m. Bylaws update (David). We will have an initial discussion about some potential updates to BFSNA's organizational bylaws to best align them with how our group has operated in recent years, particularly our desire and practice that it be as easy as possible for people to participate. (The current bylaws were originally drafted in 1982 and last revised in 1994.) Any changes will be subject to a vote of members at a future meeting, with a copy posted in advance to our website.

8:20: Adjourn.
