

Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association
May 2023 Community and Member Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

Via Zoom

AGENDA

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

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

7:05 p.m. BFSNA board election. Each year in May, BFSNA elects its officers and directors by a vote of members. A vote will be held on a motion to elect the following board for 2023-2024: Jonathan Alves, Vice President; Toni Crothall, Secretary; Heather Govern, Director; Matt Mues, Treasurer; Leslie Reitz, Director; David Stone, President; and Ashley Watson, Director.

Result of vote: Approved 14-0

7:10 p.m. Public safety update (BPD Capt. Sweeney). Schedule allowing, Boston Police Department Capt. Steve Sweeney will join us to give an update on public safety conditions in the South End and area D4 (which also includes Back Bay and part of Fenway) and take questions and concerns.

7:15 p.m. Update on South End library status (Ashley Watson). The South End branch library is closed for the indefinite future. Ashley, who is BFSNA's representative on a stakeholder/City library working group, will tell us about the process and prospects for its potential renovation or replacement.

7:20 p.m. Blackstone and Franklin Square fountain repair (Cathy Baker-Eclipse, Parks Dept.). Over the past year or more, the fountains in Blackstone and Franklin squares have not functioned reliably, due to various mechanical problems. Cathy Baker-Eclipse, Director of the Capital Plan, Boston Parks Department, will describe what's going on and the expected timeline for repairs.

7:35 p.m. St. Stephens Youth Programs (Tracey Merrill). Tracey Merrill, Director of Development at St. Stephens Youth Programs, will tell us about SSYP and their programs for children, teens and young adults. You can learn more about SSYP, which is located on Shawmut Avenue across from Blackstone Square, here: <http://www.ssypboston.org/mission-model>

7:50 p.m. Meet John Moran, incoming state rep. John Moran, a Concord Square resident who is soon to be our neighborhood's new state representative, will tell us about his positions and priorities on Beacon Hill and take questions and comments about issues affecting the neighborhood and state. John is the Democratic nominee for the Ninth Suffolk District (a seat vacated this spring by Jon Santiago's resignation to join the administration of Gov. Healey), and running unopposed in the special General Election, to be held on May 30th. You can learn more about John here: <https://johnmoran9.com/>

8:30 p.m. Adjourn.