

**Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association**  
**Community and Member Meeting**

*7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 2020*

*Via Zoom*

**AGENDA (UPDATED)**

**7:00 p.m. Welcome and announcements (Board).**

**7:05 p.m. BFSNA's BPD award (Jonathan Alves).** Over the past year and more, BFSNA has significantly increased our dialog and engagement with the Boston Police Department D4 to try to make positive change on challenging, often complicated issues around our neighborhood. In that context, we're honored and grateful to be recognized as 2020 Top Crime Watch Group of the Year in the South End/Back Bay/Fenway District 4 area by the Boston Police Department.

**7:10 p.m. Introducing Boston Community Pediatrics (Robyn Riseberg, MD).** We have a great new neighbor: Boston Community Pediatrics, the state's first-ever nonprofit private pediatric practice, located in offices on Albany Street near the corner of Wareham. Founder Robyn Riseberg, MD will tell us about this brand-new practice, its services and how she and others involved aim to bring equity to pediatric healthcare by providing all families with comprehensive, high-quality care that puts the patient at the forefront.

**7:20 p.m. What's next at 85 West Newton Street (Vanessa Calderon-Rosado).** Vanessa Calderon-Rosado, CEO of IBA (Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción, the community development corporation which runs the Villa Victoria housing community), will tell us about about demolition--due to serious structural deficiencies--of the building that formerly housed the Villa Victoria Center for the Arts, and emerging plans to replace it with a new arts facility.

**7:30 p.m. South End Community Health Center/East Boston Community Health Center merger (Manny Lopes).** In July, the South End Community Health Center became part of East Boston Community Health Center. CEO Manny Lopes will talk about operations at SECHC and the work of what's one of the largest and most vital health care organizations in the state, serving some 20,000 patients at its South End facility and 110,000 overall.

**7:40: The MBTA Forging Ahead (Dan Mueller).** The MBTA's Dan Mueller will join us to briefly describe and discuss their Forging Ahead initiative, the T's effort to preserve access and service for the most transit-reliant riders even as the system is compelled to institute severe service cutbacks due to extreme pandemic-induced ridership and revenue losses. (October 2020 ridership was a mere 26% of October 2019 levels!)

**7:50: Parks update (Toni Crothall).** Continuing a conversation from our September meeting, Toni will speak to balancing human and dogs uses in Blackstone and Franklin Squares.

**8:00 p.m. Open discussion of neighborhood issues with our new City Hall South End liaison, Kim Crucioli.** Kim Crucioli, Mayor Walsh's new Office of Neighborhood Services liaison to the South End and Bay Village, will introduce herself. We'll have an open discussion with Kim about what people see as issues, concerns and opportunities in the neighborhood. (Note: Our longtime liaison and friend Faisa Sharif has been promoted to a citywide role as deputy director of ONS. Congratulations, Faisa.)

**8:30 p.m. Adjourn.**