

**Blackstone / Franklin Square Neighborhood Association**  
**P.O. Box**  
**Boston, MA 02118**

Minutes of September 17, 2014

Location: District 4 Police Station, 650 Harrison Ave.

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

**Current Board**

Nancy Farrington, President

Sherwood Hughes, Vice President

Erica Rice, Treasurer

Justin Rice, Secretary

Donald Goris-Kolb, At-Large

Andrew Parthum, At-Large

Lisa Jenks, At-Large

Welcome and Introductions

- Elections

Members voted for Nancy to be president, Sherwood to be VP, Justin to be Secretary, Erica to be treasurer and Donny Goris-Kolb, Lisa Jenks and Andrew Parthum as At-Large Board members.

- Treasurer's Report

Split scholarship and general fund into two accounts. Dave oversees scholarship account and Erica oversees the general fund, which has approximately \$3,500.

Last year tree sale brought in enough money for all of our expense for the year. We plan to do it again and split the money and the duties with the Friends Group.

Erica will chair tree committee. The committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee and on the day of the tree sale. Slowly turn into an event. Continue to add activities. The Tree sale will be Saturday Dec. 6

- Lara Egger and Julio deHaro, Owners of Estragon asked for our support for a full liquor license. They have been open since June 2008. For the first six months they had a beer and wine license and then they were able to upgrade to a cordial license, which means they can't have whisky or single malts. Cordials are based on sugar content. They have been able to come up with nice cocktail list so far but they would benefit from a full liquor license. As of Sept. 1 the city made 25 new liquor licenses available. If approved the new license would be nontransferable. So if they cannot sell the license on the open market. They are going to present to license board in city hall on Oct. 8. They passed around a petition. They have never had an infraction related to alcohol

sales. They recently expanded hours to include breakfast and hired five new people. They have a total of 16 employees.

The membership voted to write a letter of support for Estragon's full liquor license.

### **Announcements**

- Pine Street Inn dinner Friday October 3, 4-6:30. Providing dessert for 100. Sherwood and Nancy. Anyone else?
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sculpture in the Park October 11-24 Franklin Square
- Fall neighborhood cleanup. Will be Nov. 22
- Silver Line/Bus Rapid Transit study group Planning Study Jordan?

Fritz Klaetke said there should still be a lane bikes if the bus lane is only going to be for buses.

Jim Keeney said there should be more buses because at rush hour it gets full fast.

- Food Trucks Thursdays 5-9 continuing through October 23 in Franklin. Wildly successful, pls continue to support, bring neighbors etc. Great food, live jazz, fun

Jordan Deacey from the Mayor's Office said Streets food truck was pilot program and they are coming back to table to talk about doing it again next summer. She said she would like to collect feedback from neighbors. They will have an internal meeting on food trucks to see if it's something they'd like keep doing. The truck owners are happy with money they are making and the crowds. The more business we bring to the trucks the better chance we have of continuing the event next year.

- WGMS sponsoring annual Halloween Festival in Blackstone Saturday October 25. Pumpkin decorating, face painting, dog costume contest, dance party for kids etc
- Unknown developer made \$35million bid for Flower Exchange on Albany. Miles to go before anything happens, we'll keep eye on. Not within our boundaries but it does abut them

Jordan said the area was rezoned two years ago to preserve light industrial use.

- 46 Wareham Impact Advisory Group update – Nancy

New market group opposes new development standing firm on light industrial don't want residential because will complain about trucks and then resident parking. They feel small business and light industrial forced out. Association of arts and craft has purchased ground floor space. Five affordable units. Discounted rents for artists and small businesses.

Jordan said concerns on both sides are valid and they are trying to come to an agreement with the development team about what makes the most sense. Jeff Hall asked if there will there be another public meeting and Jordan said it depends on the next two meetings and where they are at after that. Jeff said a lot of people were surprised by the project and now that they know

about it they would like to talk publicly. Nancy said artists and business owners are vocal and have submitted concerns to the BRA.

- Brief scholarship committee update from Christopher: USES fundraiser cancelled, spring event. Christopher said they hope to do the scholarship auction in February around Valentine's Day.
- October 21 social – Cathedral Station on Washington.
- June minutes put on website – approved

Meeting adjourn 7:49 p.m.