

FHNA MEETING MINUTES  
10/26/2011



Meeting was opened at 7:03p.m.

Pat Tierney opened the meeting with a mention of neighbor, Jason McCrea's entrepreneurial efforts, Caramel Eyes. Candy samples were distributed and information can be found [info@caramel-eyes.com](mailto:info@caramel-eyes.com).

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Joe Smith presented the report for Sid McNab

Opening Balance	576.85
Revenue	
Receipts from dues , bags and yard sale	640.00
Total	1216.85
Expenses	
Communications Expenses	178.87
New Balance	1037.98

**POLICE REPORT:** Sgt. Manning read the police report for our district. While the report overall was good, there were some issues which included four cases of vandalism, and one assault and battery. The Sergeant also mentioned that there would be extra units working on Halloween evening.

**Progress/Updates:**

**ZONING COMMITTEE**

66 Highland

Mari Ingram addressed the membership regarding the an update on 66 Highland St. Joining her as an invited guest was Tim McCarthy of the Public Works Dept. Mr. McCarthy gave an abbreviated history of the case as he knew it. He told us that on 3/29/11, a special permit was granted to this address allowing three parking spaces outside and one parking space in the garage. In addition, the second curb cut will remain. A recommendation was made by Joe Smith to invite those responsible for issuing the special permit (ISD and Public Works) to the

next meeting in order to explain the new action. A motion by was made Nora Bernazzani to drop the whole matter, as it was going on too long. This was seconded by Jim Michmerhuizen and voted upon. The vote was nine persons in favor of dropping the matter and one opposed.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

### Our Town

The Social Committee is hosting a Night at the Riverside Theater. The selected performance is Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer-Prize winning play Our Town. We will be receiving a group rate: 10 or more \$15, 20 or more \$12. The performance is Friday, November 4, 2011 at 8:00 pm.

### Food Collection

We will be collecting non-perishable food for the Hyde Park Food Bank. Bring your donation to the next meeting.

### Christmas Caroling

The committee is surveying membership to determine the logistics for our annual caroling and party plans for December.

### Halloween Event

Boston Bible College is hosting its annual Halloween event entitled "Trunk or Treat" for neighborhood children on Monday evening , October 31.

### Yard Sale Thank-You Party

Pat Tierney hosted a thank- you party for all members of the FHNA and the Boston Bible College who helped make the annual yard sale the biggest hit ever.

## **QUALITY OF LIFE**

### Daffodils

Irene Walczak told membership of the city's donation of daffodil bulbs to the neighborhoods and our planting plans for Fairmount.

### Triangles

The next priority of the group will be the triangle at the intersection of Beacon and Metropolitan Ave. Irene has been in communication with the Parks and Recreation head and plans have been laid to upgrade this area to the standards of the first two ventures.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

## BNAN

Candace Cook , the Program Manager for BNAN Greenways, gave membership a comprehensive and interesting update on activities related to the Neponset River Greenway Trail. In addition, she also presented lots of information about other ventures and activities that have occurred, are currently going on, or are being planned for the future. Naturally this type of operation is funding-dependant and BNAN is submitting a Federal proposal next week that would benefit from an FHNA support letter. Irene W. will prepare. Candice can be reached at [bostonnatural.org](http://bostonnatural.org) or at 617-542-7696.

## Renew Boston

This program concerns energy-saving programs and option for residents. This speaker, while on the agenda, was unable to meet with the membership. We will re-schedule this person for our next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Readville Post Office

There was a well-attended meeting on October 24, 2011 with Postal Authorities who have selected the Readville Post Office as a possible site for closure. Congressman Lynch surprised the crowd with his presence and along with local representatives and FHNA members and other local citizenry presented a passionate rationale as well as a plea for keeping the office open.

### Lewis Chemical

Rita Walsh attended a meeting where city officials described the project as status quo. It appears that 520 lbs out of the 700 lbs of waste have been removed. Additional progress is again dependent upon funding. Local citizens were opposed to a suggestion by the city to turn over the property and the clean-up effort to private developers. And on it goes!

### Morrissey Liquors

David McNulty, Neighborhood Liaison, described another meeting with the management of Morrissey Liquors to speak to local residents. The same presentation that was given to FHNA recently was re-given to 12 additional residents. While the next step is to the licensing board, members inquired as to the status of Blockbuster. It appears that they are currently tenants at will and once a new tenant is found will close.

### Re-Zoning

Barbara Baxter updated membership on the progress of the BRA and its plan for Hyde Park. Residents are still responding to aspects of the

plan and fine tuning continues.

## NEW BUSINESS

Joe Smith expressed disapproval of the ongoing trend, which he called the “dismissing” of Hyde Park. The recent name change of the Hyde Park Savings Bank to the Blue Hill Savings Bank is yet another issue in the disassociation of many from the Hyde Park name. He spoke to the need for local people to become part of the solution by having “Hyde Pride” and not to be part of the problem. He recommended a SUMMIT MEETING that brings interested parties from all the neighborhoods associations together to talk exclusively about things that we can do to display Hyde Pride and more effectively market our fair end of the city. It would be a positives only meeting. Rarely, if ever, have residents come together to talk exclusively about the positive attributes, the outstanding resources and our people power. We saw lots of energy displayed and lots of pride demonstrated when we were navigating through the BRA rezoning process. We need to see that same zeal and interest in advocating for Hyde Park as a vibrant, diverse and winning neighborhood.

**The next meeting will be held at the Boston Police Academy on Wednesday, November 16, 2011**

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Smith