

FHNA MEETING

November 16, 2011

Pat Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:04. Joe Smith read the minutes of the last meeting. Prior to approval, Irene W. asked that her statements made during the meeting be included in the minutes. She had stated that the abutters of 66 Highland Street should be informed about the decisions made by city officials relative to this property. She also stated that we should wait to vote on action on this property until such notification occurs. Minutes were approved with that addition. Joe also read the Treasurer's Report for Sid McNab.

Pat reported that that the support letter to BNAN, which they had requested and was discussed by the membership at the last meeting, was sent. The owner of Rincon Caribeno requested a second letter of support to reflect changes to his original plan be drafted and sent to city officials. After some discussion, it was decided that our original letter of support was sufficient. An update on our support letter for Morrissey Liquors is that the owner has withdrawn interest in the Blockbuster site.

Committee Reports

Social

The group attending Our Town had a nice evening with hors d'oeuvres for \$12 per person. Unfortunately, there were some "no shows" for the event, causing a \$60 loss to the treasury. We'll do it differently next time.

Upcoming events include The Anderson Tree lighting, an annual Hyde Park event planned for November 27 from 1-5:30 with the lighting at 4:30. The Readville Trolley Tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 2 at 6:00. The FHNA Toys for Tots Party will be held on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Bean and Cream. Light snacks will be served and members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for a needy Hyde Park child. Toys can be dropped off at the Bean and Cream up to a week before the event as well. Christmas Caroling will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 6:30 to 9:00. Members will sing at group homes and have a walking/singing tour of the neighborhood with a 7:30 stopover at the Bean and Cream for a singalong. Interested members should meet at the Boston Bible College.

Zoning

The final community-wide meeting for the Strategic Plan for Hyde Park will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at the Muni at 6:30.

There will be an informational meeting on the status of the property at 56 Williams Ave. on Monday, November 21 at 6:30 at the Police Academy. This property has long been in disrepair and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Development is sponsoring this session. We should expect to hear from the owner's lawyer, Mr. Ross, about the next steps for the property. We have heard that the plan is to raze the current structure on this 25,000 square foot lot and to build 4 new separate homes

ISD has cited the burnt-out property at 61 Neponset Ave. There are questions about the lack of appropriate steps in the gas shut-off process.

Quality of Life

There will be an open house at Blockbuster on this Saturday and Sunday, November 19 & 20. Sunday's activities from 1-5 include a magician and face painting.

BNAN is holding a meeting on November 17th to discuss the Greenways Grant. BNAN is also hosting a seed exchange on Saturday November 19th at 62 Summer St Boston.

Progress has been made at the island on Metropolitan Ave and Beacon St. Most of the trees are down and the city is preparing to put the curbing in.

Police Report

Officer Finch reported on local incidents which included a stolen car and a stolen cell phone. There was a Class B drug and trafficking violation at 96 Warren Ave.

A threat to kill a police officer, a fraud at 48 Williams Ave, and an assault and battery at 745 Truman Highway were also reported

A Hyde Park Gang called “RRB”, made up of local boys has been causing some problems in the lower Fairmount area. Police are following up.

RENEW Boston

This program was presented to the membership. It offers eligible residents an Energy Assessment once a year and residents are urged to sign up for an appointment. The in-house assessment requires a couple of hours review. For every assessment, FHNA will receive a \$50 referral fee.

Brush Hill Area Neighborhood Association

Representatives from the group discussed the proposed reconfiguration at the intersection of Neponset Valley Parkway and Brush Hill Road. Milton officials have been moving ahead with the change without appropriate input from community members. DCR, overseer of these roadways, has been invited to talk to town officials concerning this change. Many local groups are opposing the proposed changes and plan to attend this meeting.

Hyde Park Food Pantry

Pat Tierney, in place of the invited representative from the Food Pantry, reported that the pantry is urging residents to donate food as the needs of local residents appear to be on the rise.

There will be no FHNA meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 25th, the fourth Wednesday.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Smith