

# **FHNA MEETING**

**May 23, 2012**

Marie-France MacDonald opened the meeting at 7:06pm. As a copy of last month's minutes were not available, Secretary Smith said that he would read them at next month's meeting but also reminded membership that the minutes were on the FHNA website. Sid McNab reported a balance of \$988.06 in the FHNA treasury.

## **Social Committee**

The singing event at Riverside Theater was held, was well-received and was followed by refreshments at the Hyde.

## **Quality of Life**

There is an upcoming seed and plant exchange in Mattapan. Nominations for the 2012 FHNA Gardening Contest must be made by 7/14. The Annual Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 15th. Fox News is coming to Hyde Park on July 20th.

## **Police Report**

Officer Finch reported that there were no robberies in our area this month. A B&E was reported on Neponset Ave as well as a theft at 745 Truman Pkwy. Additionally, there was a drug arrest at Fairmount and Highland, a fraud at 48 Williams Ave and a neighborhood dispute at 27 Brush Hill Terrace. Also reported were 3 incidences of domestic abuse at an Albion St. address. A serious assault and battery was reported on Truman Parkway by a female resident who stated three males robbed her with a deadly weapon at 11 pm. Another assault with a knife was reported at Dana Ave and Walnut St. at 10 pm prompting police to caution people about walking alone late at night.

## **Fire Department Report**

Marius Dent, BFD, discussed home fire safety including fire /smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

## **Lewis Chemical**

Invited guest speakers were James Smith, Sr. Environmental Compliance Manager from the Department of Neighborhood Development and Craig Blake, Licensed Site Professional from Woodward and Curran, Inc. They gave us a historical overview of the site as well as an update on the soil/ groundwater air/soil vapor extraction remediation system currently operating there.

The Lewis Chemical Brownfield site is located in our own neighborhood. There is high interest in the extraction process currently being conducted, as well as gaining an understanding of the next steps. 1100 lbs. of volatile organics have been extracted using a soil vapor extraction process, conducted by

an LSP (Licensed Site Professional). The current building has been determined not to be reusable.

The next steps include continuation of the current process and a continuation of measuring the effectiveness of the extraction process. It is also planned to demolish the building in the future.

Lewis Chemical continues to be an emotional issue with residents who remain concerned about the health issues surrounding it. Members expressed concerns about the monitoring of the air in the area during this extraction process and the need to better and more frequently measure these emissions. Residents also asked about future funding to keep the project running and ensuring closure to almost thirty years of anger about the site. Evelyn Freidman, Director of Neighborhood Development, assured the members that there would be enough funds appropriated to clean up the site. She also promised regular updates of the progress on the site.

Board elections will be held at the next meeting scheduled for June 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Smith