

FHNA
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2012

Pat Tierney opened the meeting at 7:08 with the reading of the minutes by Joe Smith. The minutes were accepted as read. Treasurer Sid McNab reported the FHNA had opening balance of \$923.06 with receipts of \$5.00 for a new balance of \$928.06. The treasurer's report was also accepted.

Social Committee - Marie-France MacDonald reported that next month's speaker will be Pam Washek of "Neighborhood Brigade", a neighbor helping neighbor organization that we may want to introduce on Fairmount Hill. There are also vocal auditions for Riverside Theaterworks on March 29 from 7 -9 PM.

Zoning Committee - Mari Ingram updated the membership on the status of 122 Summit Street. The residents came to our last meeting requesting support for a variance. There has been no variance request by the owner and ISD has cited the property's lack of a building permit on basement work. Irene expressed concern about 61 Neponset Ave. Brian Clinton reported that building inspectors have reviewed the property on two occasions and found everything in order. He will request another visit.

There was from feedback on ISD, as promised, on the burnt-out Hyde Park Avenue church, Lewis Chemical or the public hearing notices policy.

Quality of Life Committee - Irene

The Annual Garden Group Contest was announced and a flyer with all the information presented (see FHNA website). All members were encouraged to visit the daffodil display at the triangle. Irene reported that the City is prepared to plant shrubs and small trees at the Metropolitan Ave triangle.

Northeastern University is hosting a gardening gathering on Saturday March 31, 2012 from 11 - 5.

The FHNA Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012. Start saving your stuff!

Irene has invited Ines Palmarin, BRA, coordinator of the Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative Corridor-Wide Advisory Group to an upcoming meeting.

Police Report

There has been more activity than usual this month. While there were no armed robberies, there were two house robberies this month, one on Farwell Ave. and one on Norway Park. There was also a break-in at 62 Williams Ave with copper piping being removed.

In addition, 112 Warren Ave and 144 Warren Ave had a snowblower/hockey equipment and nursing and soccer equipment respectively stolen. A license plate was stolen on Albion Street. Police interrupted a drug transaction at 8 Neponset Ave. There was a scam involving a driveway repair company at 5 Warren Ave. Assaults and batteries were reported at 7 Beacon Street and 745 Truman Highway.

A question was asked about gun shot detection technology called "Shot Spotter." There is some funding for this, but as our area is relatively safe, we are a low priority. We could, however, petition for it with local police.

Guest Speaker - Sgt. Gary Eblan
Sgt. Eblan spent over an hour educating/ fielding questions on tips relative to personal and home safety.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Smith

Sent from my iPad