

Minutes UPNA General Meeting, January 8, 2008

A General Meeting of the Members of the Union Park Neighborhood Association convened at 7:00 p.m. on January 8, 2008 at 346 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

The President called the meeting to order.

Steve Baker of Steve Baker Design Group provided details regarding proposed renovations of 12 Union Park. The proposal includes restoration of the front façade to full historic condition, renovation of all floors, a new garage, and a largely glass façade in the rear. Some members asked questions regarding potential glare from the façade, the lack of Landmarks' jurisdiction on the rear of building, and contractors' use of the parking spaces in the rear of the building.

Next, Javier Torres of the Center for Latino Arts made a brief presentation describing some of the programs at the 85 W. Newton Street location. He mentioned that they have an Art Gallery and Dance Studio (available for rent) where the Latino Performance series, Friday Salsa Nights, Arts Gala and Youth Arts Education take place. He said that discounts to events were available to neighbors.

Next, Tom Parks said there is a meeting regarding groundwater issues in the South End and Back Bay on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm at the Renaissance Charter School.

Next, Harriet Finkelstein mentioned that the annual Gospel Brunch will take place February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Next, the President distributed the following Resolution:

Resolution: Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) is supportive of Pine Street Inn's (PSI) mission to aid and assist the disadvantaged and homeless by providing low-income permanent housing in the South End and our neighborhood. However, a large number of residents on Upton Street object to the operation of three contiguous low-income housing properties because of density issues. As a result, UPNA formally requests the PSI operate only one property on Upton Street. If PSI continues to pursue three properties we will request that they reduce the density by at least 25% of the 37 proposed residents; maintain one supervisor per building and work closely with UPNA on house rules and guidelines.

Discussion followed. Ed Collins moved the resolution and it was seconded. The resolution failed, 12-54. Next the resolution was re-introduced and amended to read the following:

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because of density issues. As a result, UPNA formally requests that PSI operate only one property on Upton Street.

The resolution passed, 54-12.

Next, the Members elected the following fifteen Directors from twenty-four nominees:

David Bonilla, 24 Upton Street

Kevin Cole, 35 Upton Street

Don Fleming, 45 Upton Street

Jamie Fox, 15 Upton Street

Sue Fox, 15 Upton Street

Jerry Frank, 43 Upton Street

Leslie Frank, 43 Upton Street

Jim Hammelberg, 315 Shawmut Avenue

Mary Bottella Knickle, 45 Upton Street

Norm Knickle, 45 Upton Street

Chris Mastrangelo, 29 Union Park

Erica Mastrangelo, 29 Union Park

Bill McIntosh, 39 Upton Street

Beverly Sky, 36 Upton Street

Bob Williams, 46 Upton Street

The meeting was adjourned.