

**Minutes: Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA)
Board Meeting – October 14, 2008**

A Board Meeting of members of the UPNA convened at 7:00 P.M. on 10-14-08. Board members in attendance were: K. Cole, D. Fleming, S. Fox, J. Frank, L. Frank, J. Hammelberg, N. Knickle, M. Knickle, C. Mastrangelo, E. Mastrangelo and B. Williams. President, Jerry Frank called the meeting to order.

Treasurer, Mary Knickle reports:

- Young So. Enders Event will take place at MASA on Oct. 16. Maximum dollar amount to be used for event will be between \$500-600.
- Dec. Holiday Party & Neighborhood Decorations – Decorations (wreaths, ribbon for poles & lights for park) and food for the party should not exceed \$1,600. Beverly Sky has agreed to help with the decorations; something a little different may be done to try and save money. Projected date for the party is Sat., Dec. 6. Party will be held at 45 Upton St. and will be held in the Knickle residence on parlor level and Fleming residence on the 2nd floor. Donations may be sought from neighborhood businesses to defray expenses
- \$10,000 CD matures in March 2009 and will be rolled-over.
- If city budget cuts do not derail fence repair in Union Park, expenses for maintenance of park will be slashed while park undergoes renovation. No mowing or flower planting will take place. Treasurer suggested using up balance of money landscaping company has so that when a new contract is negotiated we can seek bids from several different companies.
- FRIENDS OF UNION PARK brunch fundraiser will take place at BANQ on Washington St. Nov. 8th. Banq is generously donating 30-no fee breakfasts. Suggested donations are: \$50, \$100, \$125, other. All proceeds will benefit park. Invitations will go out on Oct. 20th. This is a fund raiser and also an avenue to check our mailing list by the number of “returned invitations.”

Zoning – Norm Knickle –

- Introduced George Legos from Braintree. Mr. Legos inherited 32 Upton St. from his aunt, Helen Politis who had lived in the building since 1962. Mr. Legos will be going before the City Board of Appeals on Oct. 21st. He will request a change in legal occupancy of 32 Upton St. from a lodging house to a four-family dwelling. Mr. Legos plans to totally renovate the building (new wiring, plumbing, HVAC, new kitchens and baths) and turn the building into 4-rental units. If his plan is approved he hopes to begin construction in 2009 and has a renovation budget of \$800,000. The dumpster will be in the back of the building. Mr. Legos has promised to work with the neighborhood during the construction process and will be an active landlord and work with the UPNA going forward. His contact number is: (617) 304-1841. Mr. Legos was told that the UPNA has a preference for owner-occupied rental properties.

Old Business: A motion was made and seconded to vote on actions that were voted on via email and telephone prior to the Oct. 14 meeting. Action: Norm Knickle was voted a

2nd vice president of the UPNA. A vote was taken. In favor 11, opposed 0. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agreement made between Stephanie's on Tremont and the Ellis and UPNA neighborhood associations. A vote was taken. Unanimous; 11 yes, 0 no. Approved.

Sue Fox read her resignation to the board. A motion was made and seconded to allow Sue Ann Fox to vacate her seat. A vote was taken; 11 yes votes, 0 no votes. Sue Fox said she will continue to be involved on the Activities Committee, but wanted to make room on the board for Lisa Shapiro. From the boards' inception in January, they felt it was important to have a greater representation from Union Park. Sue Fox graciously resigned so that Lisa Shapiro (a very active member of UPNA) could have a position on the board. A motion was made and seconded to designate Lisa Shapiro from Union Park a board member. A vote was taken. Yes 11, opposed, zero. Welcome Lisa.

Board member James Alan Fox was absent from this evening's meeting so that he could attend the Community/Bio-lab hearing being held in Dudley Square. Professor Fox will report back to the UPNA at the General Meeting being held in November.

Pine St. Inn update – A meeting is scheduled in Counselor Linehan's office with two members from PSI along with Kevin Cole and H. Norm Knickle representing the UPNA. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 20th.

Jerry Frank advised the board that he state is floating a \$2+ million dollar bond (taxpayers \$) for the Hope House/Pine St. Inn project on Upton St.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED