

Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA)
General Meeting
May 12, 2009
346 Shawmut Avenue

7:00 P.M.

The President, Jerry Frank, called the meeting to order.

1. House of Siam

Joe “Thailand” from the House of Siam presented his proposal to put up to 4 outside tables seating 16 people. After open discussion about abutter notification, space and timing Mr. Thailand agreed to notify neighbors in his building of his plan and not to have more than 5 tables outside. The restaurant closes at 10 so no late night closing issue during the week.

2. Sage

Anthony from Sage presented the proposal of a live entertainment license for the hours Wednesday 5-10pm. Abutters have not been notified as the plan is not definitive. However, if they move forward with the idea abutters will be notified. The plan received positive feedback.

3. Natalie Caruthers

Ms. Caruthers is running for City Council. After a short presentation about herself she answered questions from neighbors. Ms. Caruthers made it clear that neighborhoods like UPNA should have significant input in controversial developments in the neighborhood such as the Pine Street Inn proposal.

4. Youth Art Alliance

The YAA is having their annual fund raiser at the BCA. All are invited and encouraged to buy art from the children.

5. Boston Center for the Arts

The BCA provided an overview of services they offer and let neighbors know they are trying to gain support for the grant offered by the government.

6. UPNA Committee Updates

Fundraising and Neighborhood Activities – The Chairperson, Ms. Bottella Knickle, provided an update on upcoming events, including wine tastings and a YSE event.

Zoning, Building Codes, Licenses – Chairperson H. Norman Knickle reported that he met with the City’s Landmarks Commission, the South End Historical Society, and the owner of five seventy tremont regarding the outstanding violation relating to the window on Union Park. The UPNA continues to work with all parties to resolve the issue.

7. President Jerry Frank Updates

The President updated the neighborhood regarding trash rules and graffiti.

The meeting was adjourned.