

Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA)
General Meeting
September 8, 2009
346 Shawmut Avenue

7:00 P.M.

The Vice President, James Alan Fox, called the meeting to order.

1. Mela Architectural Modification Proposal (Vote)

Mela Restaurant introduced its plan to modify its exterior, including the adding of windows. Some residents expressed concern over noise as well as the color of the exterior (white). Mela agreed to close the windows no later than 9:30 PM and work with the neighborhood and the Landmarks Commission regarding the color of the exterior. In light of Mela's representations, the UPNA membership voted unanimously to support Mela's proposal.

2. Proposal to Abolish Blue Recycle Bins on Union Park and Shawmut (Vote)

The UPNA Trash Committee recommended that the UPNA membership support abolishing the small blue recycle bins on Union Park, Union Park Street, and Shawmut Ave. It was noted that Beacon Hill had recently done so and were very satisfied with the results. A couple of members asked how the plan would be implemented and enforced and H. Norman Knickle said that the City informed him that they would notify the neighborhood and collect the blue bins. It was also discussed that trash hot spots on Tremont and Shawmut continue to be a problem. The possibility of the UPNA working to place big bellies on some areas of Shawmut may be helpful. Deb Lawrence offered to assist the Trash Committee on such endeavors. The UPNA members voted unanimously to approve the proposal to abolish the blue bins.

3. Mayoral Candidate Kevin McCrea

Kevin McCrea spoke for about a half hour regarding the mayoral campaign, including his ideas on a number of issues, including the selling of city property and education. Mr. McCrea said he would end busing.

4. At-Large Council Candidate Tomas Gonzalez

Tomas Gonzalez spoke to the membership about city issues and his pursuit of an at-large seat on the City Council. His website is www.votetomas.com.

5. Committee Reports/Upcoming Events

H. Norman Knickle mentioned that there were several upcoming events. They include a Wine Tasting on September 10th, Ice Cream Social and Jazz "Evening in the Park" on September 26th, and a Union Park maintenance fundraiser at the Buttery on October 8th.

The meeting was adjourned.