

Eight Streets Neighborhood Association

Hi Michael,

There was not too much to record at this meeting because you largely followed the outline of accomplishments from last year, all of which you already recorded.

I did however take notes on items outside your tables of information recording anything that was new.

Here they are:

- ✚ Not mentioned at the meeting but noteworthy: The South End Business Alliance presents “Warm in the winter” on Saturday, February 4th from 12:30 - 6:30pm
 - Location: Boston Center for the Arts Cyclorama, 539 Tremont Street
 - For more information: sebaboston.com
 - Food Hall, Wine Bar, Community, Exhibitors, Pop-Up Shops, Music, Art

Colleen: Treasurer updates

- ✚ Email contact list has been scrubbed and is in good shape
- ✚ 250 people on email list, 45 are paid members
- ✚ Fall membership drive, earned us \$1,300
- ✚ Sept - Aug is the Eight Streets Neighborhood Fiscal
 - Look into the merit of posting our financials on our website
 - What are the other associations doing in the area of transparency?
- ✚ Current Balance \$6,231

- ✚ The South End News: Ed to be our new point person, our conduit to the publisher, thank you Ed.

2017..... Looking forward

Facebook: please do check out what is going on in the neighborhood Facebook page.

Add energy check info onto Facebook, the group thinks this insight will be of interest to our members.

It was suggested by Jamie of Dwight Street that we consider getting expert speakers to cover the very sensitive subject of flooding and earthquake disasters. A recent article in the Boston Globe highlighted that the South End is particularly vulnerable if the perfect storm comes in. With talk of waters rising significantly in the future it would be advisable that we be proactive in our understanding of what we can do now to prepare ourselves for such natural disasters.

Speakers to be considered for the above theme of natural disasters:

Sam: John Sullivan: Chief engineer, flood protection, flood protection and mitigation

Same: Austen Blackman: Chief of environment, energy, and open space

John Delano: flood and earthquake insurance specialist

Michael: BWSC: back flow sewer prevention

 Public Works: Frank O'Brien, retiring, replacement not yet appointed

Scholarship funds suggested as one way to spend our funds in 2017

 Selection process: see Sam

 Make the donation sustainable, yearly

 Barbara Lynch: dumping ice on the sidewalks, it was not decided but someone should be appointed to bring this concern to management.

 Traffic safety was brought up by Bernard as an issue, in particular the cross walks on Tremont street do not offer drivers much in the way of awareness, could we consider more prominent signage: bring in Public works to speak once Frank O'Brien's replacement is hired

 Survey Monkey to find out what community finds important, this would be a great idea to bring in our membership to our future planning.

 Welcome Kit for new neighbors, what more can we do to identify newcomers to ESNA?

 31 Milford Street - Gitika Desai (owner) presented plans for the renovation of the rear elevation including balconies, stairs and a 100 sq/ft garden extension. Vote of non-opposition was passed contingent on letters of support from direct abutters.

Tuesday the 14th next meeting