

## ESNA October 10, 2017 - Meeting Notes

**Jeremy Kazanjian-Amory** (Senior Manager College Access and Success) presented on behalf of St. Stephen's Youth Program.

- Located at 419 Shawmut Avenue
- Started in 2000 to provide neighborhood students with a safe place to go after school
- Embedded in the Blackstone School Library
- Work with 800+ young people across 6 sites in Greater Boston including Dorchester, Chelsea and Mattapan
- \$2million non-profit operation supported by donors, foundations and the church diocese
- Provide students with year-round, long-term support in high school, college and beyond through their "Circle of Care" programs which include: reading and literacy, STEM education, leadership, parent mentoring, college visits
- 80% of students come from Blackstone and Hurley
- Have 100% high school graduation track record
- Partner with churches, colleges and other non-profit organizations
- Open House from 7.00-9.00 p.m. on October 12, 2017
- Looking for community volunteers to help in any educational capacity

**John McLachlan** presented an overview of ESNA website and Facebook resources

- Website has been overhauled
- It is the neighborhood informational resource and library
- John will add link to Boston 311
- <http://www.eightstreets.org>
- Facebook is our news-stream with 3-4 weekly updates on what is happening in the neighborhood. Please follow at <https://www.facebook.com/eightstreets/>
- John will provide an annual presentation to keep these resources top of mind!

**Colleen Fitzpatrick** presented the ESNA annual financial update

- \$6,600 in the Hingham Savings Account
- Major expenses include: donations and socials
- Annual membership drive has begun via email blast, Facebook and will continue through December social

**Michael Almond** presented 2016-2017 list of achievements and 2017-2018 goals which have been updated here: <http://www.eightstreets.org/Association/goals/>

**Ted Pietras** requested support for the removal of the Land Wave

- Located in Peters Park
- A petition was circulated and signed
- The Parks Department is organizing a neighborhood meeting on October 16, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. at Project Place

**Other points of interest:**

- Watson Park planting of daffodils on October 29th. Faisa Sharif is working on the water supply with the Parks Dept.
- Ringgold Park Halloween October 31st. no pizza or food will be served this year!
- Gail Suyemoto raised concerns on the City street closing permitting process. She will follow up with Faisa Sharif
- Berkeley Gardens clean up on October 28, 2017
- Representative Aaron Michlewitz next coffee hour: Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 10am- 12pm @ CuppaCoffee ([55 Traveler St.](#) Troy Boston)
- 112 Shawmut Avenue public meeting October 11 @ 6.00 p.m.
- Michele Santell from Miniluxe handed over some promotional offers and will present to ESNA in the spring of 2018
- “Love your Block” Fall clean up is November 18
- Next ESNA meeting is November 14 at Project Place