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Subject: Pilot Block Meeting Notes and Information

.Greetings,

There is a lot of news in and around the Pilot Block Neighborhood Association:

Meeting notes from the General Meeting, February 25th, 2010, held at the South End Branch Library:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT: Income from wreath donations & purchases totaled \$1753. \$860 in expenses leaves \$3025 on hand. A detailed report is attached.

2. LIBRARY: Marlene Nienhuis, President of the Friends of the South End Library (FOSEL), spoke about the work FOSEL has done to maintain our library, and the ongoing discussions in the city regarding closing of branch libraries due to budget cuts.

See the FOSEL [website](#) for more information. That site also has links to write city officials.

The FOSEL board is also requesting board members. If you love your local library, please contact Marlene. marleen.nienhuis@verizon.net

3. PBNA WEBSITE: We're working on a website. If you have web design talent and are willing to help, please contact [Scott Mabel](#).

Attendees suggested linking from the PBNA site to the City of Boston and bordering neighborhood associations such as Rutland and Ellis.

4. TRASH: Last year, the PBNA helped to clean up our often trash-strewn sidewalks by moving garbage collection to the alleys. One consequence of this move is that trash is sometimes left at Alley intersections or behind other residents' homes. Following some discussion, the Association agreed to re-distribute flyers explaining city trash regulations. Please print the attached flyer, and courteously offer copies to your neighbors who may not be aware or respectful of the trash regulations.

5. GREEN TICKET LAW. As a related topic to the trash issue, PBNA discussed

the recent passage of the "Green Ticket Law", whereby city inspectors issue tickets for improper disposal of garbage. While in the past such tickets lacked enforcement teeth, the Green Ticket law means that unpaid tickets may now be applied to the property owners' tax bills. [See more.](#)

6. COUNCILOR ARROYO'S Chief of Staff, Stuart Rosenberg introduced himself and offered that he has some experience regarding the legalities and logistics of alley maintenance. We thank Stuart for his time and welcome the participation of Councilor Arroyo and his staff with the PBNA.

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7. WREATH removal: While not discussed during the meeting, PBNA president David Mooney recently led a few volunteers who removed down the holiday wreaths from neighborhood light poles. Thanks to the few neighbors who came out to help.

Sincerely,
Scott Mabel
Secretary, PBNA