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The Southwest Corridor Park Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) strongly supports the WaterMark Development, Inc project at 267 Amory Street because of its positive impact to the Southwest Corridor Park and the surrounding neighborhood.

We are also in favor of Youth Enrichment Services (YES) moving to the location and continuing their great work. YES has developed a model for outdoors experiences for the whole year and already supports youth in the nearby Mildred Haley and Academy housing. Although affordable housing is important, we also need youth support and employment and small business support in the neighborhood.

The current building, parking lot and chain link fence separates two parts of the Park. The developers will be working with the Department of Conservation (DCR) to improve the interface and accessibility to the Park and we look forward to working with them on this project. This work to improve the Park would be unlikely to be done if we had to rely on State public funds.

The sidewalk along the west side of Amory St from 267 Amory to New Minton St is very narrow, 3ft in places, and has lampposts in the middle of it, so it is dangerous and inaccessible. The new buildings at 267 Amory will be set back and the sidewalk widened. The developer is looking at solutions with the Department of Conservation (DCR) for an accessible path through the Park to the New Minton St. corner which will alleviate the issue of the rest of the sidewalk. A new lighted pedestrian crossing on Amory St. will also improve safety.

On the north side of the buildings there is a triangle of tarmac from the Park to the pavement and pedestrian crossing that is part of the MBTA land managed by DCR. It is a very unattractive entrance to

the Park with the chain link fence on one side. The developer will work with DCR to improve this entrance.

They will also take the strip of MBTA land between the buildings and the railway lines and convert it from parking space to green space which will tie the two areas of the Park together.

Thank you for your work on this project,

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**NOTES: ALIGNMENT WITH JP/ROX PLAN**

These improvements are in line with the Plan JP/Rox which identified what should be done in this area. On Page 112 of the JP/Rox Plan:

**Stony Brook And Amory Street/Dimock Street Corridor**

**Character: Primarily residential area with some commercial and artistic uses along Amory Street.**

***Recommendations:***

- Enhance connections to the Southwest Corridor through expanded open spaces from public land and pedestrian crossings on Amory Street.
- Improve walkability of Amory Street through widened sidewalks, landscaping, and street furniture to promote a cultural and artistic character.
- New construction should not obstruct access to the park and should reflect the residential character of its surroundings.

**And on Page 161 of the JP/Rox Plan:**

- the entrance to the park has this noted “Improve pedestrian access and streetscape”