**PMAC Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2019**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the May 7, 2019. The meeting was held at 38 New Heath Street in Boston.

**Attendees:**

1. Jennifer Leonard – Co Chair PMAC
2. Tracy O’Brien – Co Chair PMAC
3. Bob Barney – SWCPC/PMAC
4. Ben Gedeon – DCR
5. David Wean – PMAC - Bike Paths
6. Pat Driscoll – DCR
7. Frederick Vetterlien – PMAC
8. Scott Romney – Carleton Court Dog Park/SWCPC
9. Marsha Sassoon – Carleton Court Dog Park/SWCPC
10. Boston PO Javier Pagan – D-4
11. Boston PO Jimmy Freeman, D-4
12. Boston PO William Jones, E-13
13. MBTA PO Sgt. Ben Carrasco, MBTA ([bcarrasco@mbta.com](mailto:bcarrasco@mbta.com))
14. Natalie Kaufman – Representative Malia’s Office

**PMAC Meeting Location in Section III/JP:**

* PMAC will email future locations of meeting in Section III/JP since E-13 Boston Police Station is not available any longer. Alternative locations are being reviewed and a new location will be finalized before the August, 2019 meeting.

**Public Safety Updates:**

* **D- 4 – BPD P.O. Javier Pagan**
  + No crime on the park was recorded.
  + Crime in Area D is down 6% from last year.
  + There were a number of incidents reported around the park that seem to be related to one individual.
* **E13 – BPD P.O. William Jones** 
  + No crime on the park were recorded on the corridor.
  + Crime in Area E-13 is down 18% with all
  + There were 9 crimes that were highlighted:
    - One robbery at 82 Green St. where the person was arrested.
    - One aggravated assault where the suspect showed a knife and second one where someone was stabbed in the arm by two from “the streets”.
    - Two larcenies of auto parts, a larceny from a vehicle and larceny of a backpack.
    - Two burglaries, one on Bragdon Street and the other on Centre Street.
* **MBTA Transit Police** – Sgt. Ben Carrasco
* No crime on the SWCP was recorded this past month.
* Complaints regarding metro bins along the T have been made over time. The T has removed the Bins.
* Bob mentioned that residents have reported that we still have an issue with a male that is hanging out at the Mass Ave T station as well as Northampton Green.
* **B2 – BPD** 
  + Officer emailed to say he could not attend.
* **State Police** 
  + No one was present at the meeting.
* **Northeastern University** –
  + No one present at the meeting.
* **Community Police Advisory Discussion for Safety on the Corridor**
* Park volunteers are not to enforce rules but to call 911.
* Avoid confirmation with people you perceive as a problem.
* Police shows up in at least pairs so don’t try to handle it yourself.
* Reach out to D-4 if there is an issue with mental health of someone who encamps or stationed in the park. Area D-4 can reach out to their clinician, through the BEST program, who can work with people who are struggling with mental health/addiction issues.

**Community Updates**

* **DCR Updates:** 
  + Water was turned on today, May 7th.
    - Looks like there may be a leak at Lamartine Street.
    - They have surplus materials such as granite curbing, granite blocks, etc.
  + Casey Overpass
    - Completes on June 15th.
    - They will do a walk though before that date.
  + Bike Path
    - Engineering has allocated ~ $60K for bicycle/walking path work between Copley and Forest Hills with a focus on fixing the worst part of the path. Provide Pat with any focus areas that you would like reviewed.
  + Skate Park
    - Approved to move forward but not sure how much funding will be provided. $75k was allocated.
  + Johnson Playground
    - The surface will be done but not until September 2019.
    - New benches, basketball courts, etc.
  + JP Dog Park
    - No update known at this point.
* **State Budget Updates** 
  + Natalie shared the House Budget for State Parks, Recreation & Related Programs as of May 7th.
  + The FY20 (fully year 2020) State House of Rep. Budget was $45.7 million, which is an increase of 11% over 2019.
* **Archives Project Updates** 
  + Sean Fisher, DCR Archivist, has done a lot of pre work and is talking to the Commonwealth to take passion and archive PMAC files received from Mike Reinders from Helen Jordan.
  + Bob will continue to reach out to Sean to provide a status at the July PMAC meeting.
* **Expensed Tracking for SWCP Volunteers**
  + PMAC, in conjunction with the SWCPC, will relook at the expense reporting system by adding a section to clarify of how to process “out of pocket” expenses by supplementing it with information such as:
    - Receipt
    - Brief description
    - Name/mailing address
  + Our goal is to provider better guidelines to park stewards on both authorization, required support information and process to be reimbursed.
* **Summary - Park Serve Day**
  + Park Serve Day took place on Saturday, April 27th. There were a number of groups that participated that included BostonCares, Road Scholars, UMass students, and a number of neighborhood volunteers. The group accomplished so much in one day. Thanks to all the volunteers.
* **Project & Committee Updates** 
  + Greenway Extension Discussion
    - Fred brought up the current challenge we face with the Greenway Extension from both a process and ownership perspective. Fred has been trying to drive the completion of the extension process but has run into a number of road blocks.
    - An additional concern mentioned is the $125k developer donated funds that can be used to support this project. Once the developer finishes his work we are not sure what happens to the funds is not used.
    - General discussion about possible options, including other agencies or the idea of a land trust.
    - This will be brought back as an agenda item in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.