

**Southwest Corridor Park  
Parkland Management Advisory Committee**

**PMAC Meeting Agenda – January 6, 2016**

70 Saint Botolph St., Community Meeting Room (on ground floor)

All are welcome

**7:00 pm - 7:40 pm: Public Safety Updates**

- Precinct Reports – State, MBTA, E-13, D-4, B-2

**7:45 pm - 8:45 pm: Community Discussion**

2015 End of Year Highlights

Committee & project updates - DCR, SWCPC, Greenway Extension, subcommittees

Looking ahead -- Goals for 2016

Mailing list updates

PMAC - Parkland Management Advisory Committee

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## Parkland Management Advisory Committee (PMAC)

### Southwest Corridor Park 2015 Highlights

#### Four seasons in an urban state park



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*Year round, the many schools, colleges, and youth programs that border the Southwest Corridor Park use the park as a natural part of children's outdoor activities and as a site for leadership and volunteer projects.*

#### Community volunteers

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Saturday and mid-week volunteer days plus over 800 hours from neighbors working on their own and in small groups throughout the week.



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#### Community voice

**600** responses to PMAC's online survey on bicycle-pedestrian path issues, demonstrating the importance of the path to the many people who use the park for walking, jogging, bicycling and more.

During 2015, PMAC's bicycle-pedestrian ad hoc committee provided input to DCR and met with City of Boston officials from the traffic and public works departments to share park user input about SWC intersections with city streets.



PMAC also meets monthly with police from the city, state, MBTA and other jurisdictions to exchange updates about public safety along the park.

#### Public-private partnerships

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#### Looking ahead

acres of new parkland to be added in coming years through the Casey-Arborway project and the upcoming Greenway Extension in the Stony Brook neighborhood. PMAC continues to serve as an important community voice and as a forum for communicating with park users.





## Parkland Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) Southwest Corridor Park 2015 Highlights



During the winter and early spring, PMAC launched a bicycle-pedestrian ad hoc committee to look at strategies for promoting safety and a culture of courtesy and civility on the SWC bicycle-pedestrian path. The committee conducted an online survey, talked with park users, looked closely at intersections, signs and traffic signals, and developed recommendations. The committee provided input to DCR and met with City of Boston officials from the traffic and public works departments.

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add completed  
LED lighting improvements

New signs enhanced the gates to the eleven community gardens this year, with thanks to DCR and to the community garden coordinators who volunteer their time to coordinate the over \_\_\_ gardeners.



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Another highlight is the addition of a herb garden raised bed in the park in JP from partnering organization, Herbstalk.



## Looking ahead

Throughout the Casey-Arborway planning process, a PMAC representative has participated in the community planning process and provided a key communication link between park users and the planners. As this project is now in full swing, we look forward to the expanded parkland and neighborhood connections.

In 2016, PMAC will be working with the DCR on the Greenway Extension- a new quarter mile addition to the Southwest Corridor Parkland running between English High School and Forest Hills Station on the East side of the MBTA tracks. This piece of land has been fenced in for years but belongs to the MBTA and was left undeveloped after construction of the Orange Line and SWCP. Through an agreement with the BRA and Stonybrook Neighborhood Assoc (SNA) two new large Residential/Mixed Use developments on Washington St are contributing \$125,000 toward design and implementation of parkland here. The goal is to have this new Greenway Extension landscaped and with paths and lighting and integrated with the SWCP and Casey-Arborway Parkway.