

**PMAC Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2020**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the July 7, 2020. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendees:

1. Jennifer Leonard – Co Chair PMAC
2. Bob Barney – SWCPC/PMAC
3. Scott Romney – Carleton Court Dog Park & PMAC/SWCPC
4. Caliga – JP Resident / PMAC
5. David Wean – PMAC
6. Sgt John Dougherty – BPD E-13
7. Captain Greland, BPD E-13
8. Natalie Kaufman – Rep. Liz Malia’s Office
9. Carla Coch – SWCPC
10. Franco Campanello – SWCPC
11. Ben Geodon – DCR

Public Safety Updates:

- **D- 4 – BPD**
 - No one was present at the meeting.

- **E13 – BPD P.O., John Dougherty**
 - Year to date number are down 11%.
 - Increase in robberies, domestic assault, car breaks, and thefts.
 - All other Part 1 crimes are down.
 - No assaults on SWC directly.
 - A few assaults on/near Bromley.
 - A scooter was stolen by an individual with a gun near Lamartine.
 - Number one complaint is fireworks city and statewide.

- **MBTA Transit Police**
 - No one was present at the meeting.

- **B2 – BPD**
 - No one was present at the meeting.

- **State Police**
 - No one was present at the meeting.

- **Northeastern University Police**
 - No one was present at the meeting.

Community Updates

- **DCR Update**
 - DCR has replaced 2/3 of lights that needed to be replaced and they are waiting
 - DCR ordered boxes for community gardens to lock up hoses to prevent unauthorized usage. Should be
 - DCR is doing a daily sweep each morning to pick up trash and things left over from encampments.
 - Jennifer Norwood is open to changing “systems” to improve performance and communication/responsiveness.

- Rumble Strips – Still waiting on the replacement work to be agreed. PMAC will send an update.
 - Bike Path – Spoke with Tracy O’Brien and would like to put up signage to reduce speed and make safer. [Follow-up through David Wean, bike subcommittee]
 - Signage – DCR put up COVID 19 and No Smoking stickers were put up by DCR
 - Johnson Playground – No porta potty will be installed though the ask is out there by residents. Ben indicated that the porta potties tend to be abused and cleaning them is a challenge.
 - Northampton Green Fence – This fence repair is completed. Bob and Franco to come back with suggestions about the dirt path near the 3 pillars.
 - Playground at Carleton Court – Renovation underway and will be open by Friday, 7/9/2020.
 - Skateboard Park – Amtrak is reviewing plans and are waiting for feedback.
 - Mission Hill – Design will start (2 basketball courts, one court with exercise equipment, and playground will be updated).
 - JP Dog Park – No activity or move by the new Commissioner. There may be reach out by dog park advocates to move this project forward.
 - West Newton – SWCPC needs to send Ben would more information so he can understand more about the project.
- **Bike Paths – David Wean**
 - No activity on path improvements.
 - Need to develop a strategy to focus on improvements.
 - Perhaps we put at the top of our list.
 - **Action:** David to get back to Ben on signage to slow down traffic.
- **West Newton Landscaping Proposal**
 - Franco and Carla walked us through the West Newton Street plans and noted the following:
 - 3 arborvitae would be planted in front of the brick wall.
 - 3 varieties of Japanese maples would be planted.
 - Open up the area near Paw Paw.
 - Project will also improve sight lines and make it safer for park goers.
 - Project will also eventually work on the other side West Newton as a separate project.
 - **Action:** PMAC did not take a decision until further discussions take place. PMAC needs a week to get back to SWCPC for the removal of 3 dead/dying junipers and then a bit longer to decide on the new planting plan.
- **SWCPC Update**
 - Durham Oval – Current Status & Ask
 - Project had to apply for permits for MBTA because the construction might damage the MBTA property (i.e. Orange Line/Amtrak).
 - They will remove plants and soil. Put on a granite base and do the work w/o any equipment in the construction process.
 - Design is ok.
 - DCR Engineering needs to approval.
 - Will do the base work such as removal, granite placement (10” in depth), brick placement and then temporary plantings.
 - **Action:** PMAC aligned with the removal of plants, put in bricks, & installation of temporary plants being provided by a neighbor. [Wait for DCR okay on steps that require approval. We are not sure if the granite requires approval.]
 - Durham Green – Future Consideration
 - Would like to put in a one seat granite bench.
 - Too heavy to steal and not big enough to sleep on.
 - Will present more details next month.
 - Sculpture – from Harriet Tubman House (HTH) – in conversation with USES

- Move sculpture from HTH to Rose Garden.

Other: We discussed a request by skateboarders to use Anson Street rink as a skateboard area. This would pose liability issues and can't be okayed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately at 8:30 pm.