

**PMAC Annual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the November 13, 2018 PMAC Annual Meeting which was held at DRC Headquarters at 38 New Heath Street. We are were very pleased to include a number of special guests that included:

- Massachusetts State Representative, Byron Rushing
- DCR, Acting Chief, Division of Planning and Engineering, Patrice Kish
- DCR, Director of Public Private Partnerships, Jennifer Norwood

Attendees:

1. Jennifer Leonard – Chair PMAC
2. Bob Barney – SWCPC/PMAC
3. Jamie Demas – Friends of Carleton Court Dog Park
4. Scott Romney – Friends of Carleton Court Dog Park
5. Sgt. John Kiley – MA State Police
6. Savannah Kinzer – Northeastern University
7. Jenny Jones – SWCPC/PMAC
8. Franco Campanello – SWCPC
9. Marcia Sassoon – SWCPC - Friends of Carleton Court Dog Park
10. David Wean – PMAC - Bike Paths
11. Pat Driscoll – DCR
12. Greg Smith – PMAC
13. Frederick Vetterlein – PMAC – Greenway Extension
14. Ralph Walton – PMAC
15. Althea Wagman-Bolster – SWCPC Steward
16. Patrice Kish – DCR
17. Jennifer Norwood – DCR

Public Safety Updates:

- **D- 4 – BPD**
 - Javier Pagan communicated that he was not able to attend the meeting.
- **E13 – BPD P.O. William Jones**
 - William Jones was not able to attend the meeting due to an urgent issue in Jackson Square on the afternoon of our Annual Meeting.
- **B2 – BPD**
 - No one was present.
- **State Police – Sgt. John Kiley**
 - John noted that no crimes took place on the corridor.
 - John asked that we all him if there are problems on the corridor.
 - PMAC made Sgt. Kiley aware that we continue to have an issue with a homeless man that has taken up residence on the Northampton Green area. Bob sent an email from concerned citizen about this individual’s behavior. Rep. Rushing suggested that DCR had relationship with the Pine Street Inn and we may want to determine if they can help this individual.
- **MBTA Transit Police –**
 - No one present at the meeting.
- **Northeastern University –**
 - No one present at the meeting.

Annual Meeting Discussions:

- **Annual Report Presentation –Jennifer Leonard**
 - A video was shared at the annual meeting by Jennifer.
 - This presentation included four major discussion points:

- Advocacy and Advisory Work – A review of 10 significant accomplishments were reviewed. Also reviewed with our three principals of park advocacy that includes: Community Investment, Long Term Commitment to the Park, and a Wider Vision.
 - Park Stewardship – Featured our network of volunteers keep our park vibrant by maintaining gardens and landscaping in our park.
 - Youth and Family Activities – A review of the third summer of mini grants to support youth and families was reviewed. The five mini grants were reviewed.
 - Park History and Art – A review of programs for park history and public art included seven themes. Work in this area included such as children’s murals and painting of garden themed electrical boxes.

- **Presentation and Discussion of SWCP – Massachusetts State Representative, Byron Rushing:**
 - Representative Byron Rushing, and local historian, led an in-depth discussion of the origins of the Southwest Corridor Park and Stop the Highway Movement. This discussion focused on early citizen advocacy, socio and economic impacts, federal government objectives, and gubernatorial decision making. This fact-filled discussion also included highlights of the archeology work on the Southwest Corridor by the Museum of Afro-American History.

- **PMAC Advocate & Recognition Awards:**
 - PMAC presented letters of appreciation and photographic pictures of the Southwest Corridor Park to three individuals. The recipients have been constant supporters of our mission and have led advocacy and changed our park to improve the park and increase park usage:
 - Representative Byron Rushing
 - SWCPC President Franco Campanello
 - Carleton Dog Park Leader Jamie Demas

- **PMAC Leadership Team Elections:**
 - The following PMAC Leadership slate was reviewed at our meeting:
 - Jennifer Leonard, Co-Chair PMAC
 - Tracy O’Brien, Co-Chair PMAC/Community Garden Committee Chair
 - Bob Barney, Secretary/Park Stewardship Committee Chairperson
 - Franco Campanello, Volunteers/SWCPC
 - David Wean, Bicycle-Walking Path Committee Chairperson
 - Frederick Vetterlein, Greenway Extension Project
 - Scott Romney, Carleton Court Dog Park
 - The Leadership was fully approved at the annual meeting.

- **DCR Engagement:**
 - The PMAC Leadership Team asked DCR’s Patrice Kish and Jennifer Norwood to accompany them on a walking tour of the Southwest Corridor Park so they can review the park through the eyes of PMAC. This tour would also highlight opportunity areas for the park were we need DCR collaboration. The Leadership Team will reach out and set up the meeting over the next few weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.