

PMAC Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2018

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the October 2, 2018 meeting which was held in meeting room at 70 St. Boltph Street, Boston, MA.

Attendees:

1. Jennifer Leonard – Chair PMAC
2. Bob Barney – SWCPC/PMAC
3. Jamie Demas – Friends of Carleton Court Dog Park
4. Caitlyn Whelan – Friends of Carleton Court Dog Park
5. Scott Romney – Friends of Carleton Court Dog Park
6. Sgt. John Kiley – MA State Police
7. P.O. Jim Freeman, CSO (Community Service Officer)
8. P.O. Javier Pagan, CSO
9. P.O. William Jones, CSO
10. Savannah Kinzer – Northeastern University
11. Jenny Jones – SWCPC/PMAC
12. Franco Campanello – SWCPC
13. Marcia Sassoon – Friends of Carleton Court Dog Park
14. David Wean – PMAC - Bike Paths
15. Pat Driscoll – DCR

Public Safety Updates:

- **D- 4 – BPD P.O.s Javier Pagan and Jimmy Freeman**
 - No crimes reported on the corridor.
 - There were 6 crimes reported near the corridor that included:
 - 1 burglary at 7 Blackwood St. in which a pair of Gucci sneakers were stolen but there was no visible sign of break at the residence.
 - Also, there were 6 larcenies from motor vehicles at various locations near the park.
 - Alley crimes were also mentioned as an issue within the South End neighborhood. P.O. Pagan strongly suggest that residents put their house number in a visible location at the rear of their buildings to help police when responding to alley crimes.
- **E13 – BPD P.O. William Jones**
 - No crime reported on the corridor.
 - There were 15 crimes reported near the park that include the following:
 - A murder occurred at 140 South Street at a barber shop.
 - There were also 4 aggravated assaults, 3 motor vehicle thefts, 6 larcenies, and 1 burglary.
 - Part one crimes for E-13 year to date are lower than the past year.
 - P.O. William noted that there will be a four part self-defense class held in October for women. The sessions are scheduled from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on 10/16, 10/18, 10/23 and 10/25.
- **B2 – BPD P.O. Mike O'Rourke**
 - No crime reported on the corridor.
 - There were 5 crimes reported near the park that include the following:
 - 1 act of vandalism (slashing of tires), 1 larceny (bicycle theft) from a female, 1 theft from a vehicle (car was unlocked), and 1 investigation of a property.
 - Also, a juvenile was stopped in the Jackson Square area by police because he pulled out a weapon (gun).
- **State Police – Sgt. John Kiley**
 - John noted that we should call him if we notice any delays of State Police responding to 911 calls. He telephone number is 617 727 6780. He also noted that delays can happen for

- State Police during heavy commuter times because they are stationed near major highways to deal with traffic accidents and helping with traffic congestion.
- There were 4 drug overdoses on or near the corridor that State Police responded to this past month. 2 were in JP, 1 in Fenway and 1 in Back Bay.
- The Sgt also noted that there were less calls to State Police this past month in this area.
- State Police are often responding to the Mass Ave Connector (near Mass Ave and Melnea Cass Blvd) to clear people struggling with addiction and recovery. The police move the people and coordinate services to remove debris these people leave behind on the Mass Ave Connector.
- Sgt. Kiley spoke about our best defense against crime is awareness of our surroundings. Also, not wearing headphones/ear buds and lights on bikes will help individuals stay safe.
- An update on last month's shooting at the Mass Ave T Station was the suspect/shooter is in jail awaiting trial. The victim who suffered significant injuries is recovering. He acknowledged the excellent policing in this situation by BPD and Transit Police.
- PMAC, Bob and Jennifer, made Sgt Riley aware that we still have an issue with a homeless man that has taken up residence in the Northampton Green area. Bob and Jennifer will try to get more information about this individual (better description and behaviors) and send onto Sgt. Riley. He will use this information to see what he can do to help resolve the issue.
- **MBTA Transit Police –**
 - No one present at the meeting.
- **Northeastern University –**
 - No one present at the meeting.

Community Updates:

- **DCR Updates – Pat Driscoll**
 - Catch Basin – DCR looked and repaired all catch basins. This had not been done for a long time. There are approximately 150 so it took a month to complete.
 - Lighting – Contractors will come this fall to review and repair lights. Call Pat directly at 617 828 1263 or text to report any nonfunctioning lights. Bob will walk between Back Bay and Carter School to audit lights and report back to Pat any outages.
 - Dog Park Lighting – Pat to reset the lights for day light savings change in Carleton Court Dog Park. A ladder is needed to change the timer. Lights go out at 10:00 pm.
 - Seasonal – DCR will get additional support in November for seasonal support. DCR will use the same contractor that did snow removal that caused damage to curbing in Back Bay and fencing. DCR to work with them to ensure they don't make the same mistakes.
 - Park Benches – Pat to give Scott green paint for benches in Carleton Court.
 - Vine Pruning – An MBTA contractor will prune vines along the chain link fences along the open sections of the orange line. We had a brief discussion of any issues. It will be a moderate pruning. Parking is a concern when contractors park on the grass.
 - Fence at Northampton Green – Bob to ask Ben about repair status because it was requested about two years ago. A lot of fencing updates are needed throughout the park per Pat.
 - Rumble Stones – Text Pat if the rumble stones are missing until a point when they are removed and replaced with pavement.
 - MLK Marker/Stone – Bob and Franco will accompany Pat to find an appropriate stone for Wellington Green to commemorate where MLK once lived.
 - Carleton Court Dog Park – Friends of Carleton Dog Park will approach DCR to resurface the dog park. PMAC will co-author a note to DCR to help facilitate the request. Fences in the dog park can be painted by volunteers per Pat. A black paint from Home Depot can be used for this purpose.
- **Carleton Court Dog Park:**
 - The Dog Park has been in existence of 10 to 13 years and is 4,000 square feet.
 - Friends of Carlton Court Dog Park (FCCDP) can use SWCPC's Paypal to collect funds that can be donated to FCCDP. A code can be used to associate dog park a donation to segregate funds for the dog park.

- Jamie to turn over the Treasure role to Daniel Avila. Jamie will be moving from the South End. PMAC thanked Jamie for her work to support Carleton Court Dog Park and SWCP over the last decade. Marsha will remain the president of FCCDP, but other organizational changes may also occur.
- **William E. Carter Playground:**
 - The Carter Playground, a 6.5 acre park, opened on 9/19. Tennis Storage lockers, on the park, have Northeastern University (NU) branding on the lockers. A park goer noted concern that this should not have “NU branding” because it is a City of Boston Park.
 - NU will provide maintenance of the park for the next 30 years.
 - It was noted by Jennifer that their “functional training” at the park should be publicized. This is a new exercise area near the Squash-Busters building, with cross-fit and other exercise equipment.
- **Annual Meeting:**
 - DCR headquarters is our preferred location for the annual meeting. Jennifer to follow up with Pat about securing this location.
 - PMAC will invite Bryon Rushing to the meeting and present a token gift to recognize his support for SWCP since the park opened decades ago.
- **New MA Legislators:**
 - PMAC has drafted letters to welcome new legislators and bring awareness to the park. The letter will be sent after the November elections.
- **Bike Paths:**
 - David Wean recently spoke with Chris Osgood, City of Boston’s Chief of Streets, regarding bike paths. Chris said he would look at suggestions in the letter, which is very detailed, that was written in 2017. Chris commutes to his job at City Hall using the SWCP.
 - David will also send the NU costs estimates for bike path stenciling to Jennifer and Pat.
 - Jackson Square is an area of particular issue for striping due to concerns with safety.
 - PMAC has sent request for striping to Patrice and Leo at DCR but have not heard back.
- **Northeastern:**
 - Any complaints or help needed from NU can be forwarded to Savannah at offcampusnu@gmail.com. These can park or neighborhood issues.
 - It was also noted that a line forms across the bike path between International Village and Ruggles Station. This creates a safety concern. Savannah will look into this matter.
 - Savannah will be our point of contact from NU through December 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.