

PMAC Monthly Meeting

Record of Meeting: November 4, 2015

Location: Boston Police District E-13 Jamaica Plain

Attendees:

Public Safety:

P.O. George Keyes BPD E-13

State Trooper T. J Hannon

P.O. Javier Pagan BPD D-4

P.O. Jerry Smart BPD B-2

Sgt. James Kerns MBTA

PMAC Members/Other:

Jeffrey Ferris

Kate Ziegler

Jack Romano

Jennifer Leonard

Bob Barney

Frederick Vetterlein

Franco Campanello

Jenny Jones

Karen Wynne

David Wean

Public Safety Discussion Highlights:

State Police/Trooper TJ Hannon

- 10/23 robbery w/knife near Stony Brook Station; report found for 155 Lamartine at E-13; arrest made
- Ongoing homeless issues at Casey Overpass
- Mass Ave T vagrancy/drugs discussion

E-13/PO Keyes

- 10/22 youth fatal stabbing at Jackson Square T; arrest made

B-2/PO Smart

- Halloween relatively quiet; pro-active contact with repeat noise offenders to help keep the peace
- Continued regular meeting schedule with the universities for this purpose as well

Transit/Sgt Kerns

- 10/22 fatal stabbing, see above
- Date? Non-fatal shooting outside Forest Hills
- Multiple dates; Green Street youth complaints; 4:30 – 6 pm – school detention release time; ongoing MBTA/school coordination efforts in place

Misc. PMAC Safety Questions:

- Illegal parking at Jackson Sq blocking bike path; Officers to investigate
- Removal of bike lane pavement markings – Ruggles Street; BTD removed for safety/vehicle queuing

PMAC General Meeting – Chaired by Jeffrey Ferris (JF)

- JF – Reported on the Leadership Transition Meeting discussion 11/2/15; Also provided overview of the PMAC historical organization and 1993 Draft By-Laws which were distributed for review
- Jennifer Leonard (JL) reported on discussion with Pat Driscoll of DCR; JL will follow-up with introductory DCR email regarding new PMAC leadership and offer advance support for snow removal activities this winter

- David Wean (DW) read email from J. Hunkel (JH) with the following update on current PMAC initiatives:
 - JP Skate Park work to be begin in 2015 with donated funding; Nick Murray point person
 - JH discussed bike path striping project with Samantha Overton, DCR Deputy Director of State Parks; Samantha not aware of this proposal and was concerned about community input. Work could possibly proceed by sections in 2016 pending demonstrated support and funding.
 - Water system replacement design project is ongoing; Final design to be presented to PMAC when complete. Construction funding still a challenge.
 - Ongoing issues with overflowing trash barrels throughout park; Atherton Street area is of particular concern
 - Greenway Extension at Forest Hills is ongoing with Frederick Vetterlein (FV) as PMAC point person; FV still working on transfer of care & control and related 5013C money matters; DCR cannot offer design assistance until transfer is complete
 - Carleton Court Dog Park – Needs drainage repairs and new wearing surface; no funding
 - SWCP needs new Master Plan and Tree Inventory; no funding; can Conservancy raise funds for this effort?

- General Discussion of Park matters:
 - Bob Barney (BB) – Claremont Neighborhood Association would like to start a discussion about a pedestrian connection to Blackwood/Claremont in Section 1. Discussion and general support from others although procedure and funding is unclear; more investigation needed
 - FV – long term vision to widen bike path
 - Franco Campanello (FC) – new water source near Camden; restoration of this area can proceed
 - Jenny Jones (JJ) – HerbStalk volunteer group installed raised herb planter beds at Amory/Boylston <http://www.herbstalk.org/gardens-project.html>
 - FC – is pedestrian ramp at Claremont included in the striping project; answer: no, separate initiative needed, striping project ends at Mass Ave

- Election/By-Law Discussion
 - Reviewed Draft By-Law requirement for PMAC Membership; Decision to eliminate dues requirements altogether.
 - Discussion whether we can start from scratch or revise Draft By-Laws; By-Laws Committee will be formed by the new Steering Committee to work specifically on this effort
 - JL will work to submit required documentation to establish PMAC as a Non-Profit Corporation
 - General discussion about transparency, document sharing, quick turnaround on meeting notice & agendas, membership requirements, voting procedures, etc. Decision that new Interim Steering Committee will establish related policies and procedures
 - Decision that vote on Interim Officers and Steering Committee for one year term will be by consensus by those present
 - Proposed slate amended by discussion and approved by consensus as follows:
 - Officers and Steering Committee
 - Jeffrey Ferris, Co-chair
 - Jennifer Leonard, Co-chair
 - Bob Barney – Treasurer/Membership Chairman
 - Karen Wynne – Secretary/Clerk
 - Franco Campanello – Volunteers/SWCP Standing Committee Chairperson

- Tracy O'Brien – Community Gardeners/Green Space Standing Committee Chairperson
- David Wean – Bicycle-Pedestrian Path Ad Hoc Committee Representative
- Frederick Vetterlein – Greenway Extension

Key PMAC Committee Contacts:

- Community Gardens -- Tracy O'Brien
 - Bicycle-Pedestrian Path -- David Wean and Jeffrey Ferris
 - Greenway Extension -- Frederick Vetterlein
 - TBD -- new committees for communications/outreach and for bylaws
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- April 2016 is target date for PMAC General Meeting; JL to start setting up meeting locations/dates
 - Discussion about relationship between the SWCP Conservancy and PMAC
 - Reminder to all to think of accomplishments this year for 2015 PMAC Annual Report
 - Next Meeting December 2, 2015 at BPD Headquarters, Roxbury

Notes taken by Karen Wynne.

Attachments: Agenda Handout