**PMAC Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 2, 2019**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the April 2, 2019. The meeting was held at 70 St. Botolph Street in Boston.

**Attendees:**

1. Jennifer Leonard – Co Chair PMAC
2. Tracy O’Brien – Co Chair PMAC
3. Bob Barney – SWCPC/PMAC
4. David Wean – PMAC - Bike Paths
5. Pat Driscoll – DCR
6. Jenny Jones – SWCPC
7. Scott Romney – Carleton Court Dog Park/SWCPC/PMAC
8. Marsha Sassoon– Carleton Court Dog Park/PMAC
9. Franco Campanello - SWCPC
10. Ralph Walton – PMAC
11. Boston PO Javier Pagan – D-4
12. Boston PO Jimmy Freeman, D-4
13. Boston PO William Jones, E-13
14. MBTA PO Sgt. Ben Carrasco, MBTA ([bcarrasco@mbta.com](mailto:bcarrasco@mbta.com))

**Public Safety Updates:**

* **D- 4 – BPD P.O. Javier Pagan**
  + No crime on the park was recorded.
  + Crime in Area D is down 4% from last year.
  + There were five instances of crime around the SWCP that included:
    - 1 instance of aggravated assault, 1 robbery, 1 burglary and 2 instances of larceny from motor vehicles.
* **E13 – BPD P.O. William Jones** 
  + No crime on the park was recorded.
  + Crime in Area E-13 is down 12%.
  + We reviewed 4 crimes that were near the park that included:
    - 1 instance of kidnapping between 2/27 and 2/28 by a boyfriend.
    - 1 larceny at 269 Lamartine St.
    - 1 aggravated assault on Sheridan St.
    - 1 aggravated assault on Centre St.
* **MBTA Transit Police** – Sgt. Ben Carrasco
* No crime on the SWCP was recorded this past month.
* Sgt. Carrasco emphasized that PMAC needs to send his leadership team a request to have him attend future meeting to justify his presences.
* It was mentioned by PMAC member that the Mass Ave T Stop (between Mass Ave and Camden Street) continues to be a location with issues. One individual continues, after many years, to use the park and Mass Ave T Stoop to defecate in the park and litter in the area. We have been trying to solve this issue for many years.
* **Action:** Bob has sent Sgt. Ben Carrasco details about this individual’s description.
* **B2 – BPD** 
  + Overall crime in B2 is down 20% year over year.
  + Five instances on the in the B2 area but nothing on the SWCP.
    - Roommates got in an argument
    - Cleaner found a firearm in a bag in an apartment on Tremont St.
    - Road rage on Terrace and Tremont with 2 people fighting in the street.
    - Two larcenies from motor vehicles reported, one on Bromley St. and the other on Center St.
* **State Police** 
  + No one was present at the meeting.
* **Northeastern University** –
  + No one present at the meeting.

**Community Updates**

* **Mini Grants Planning**
  + The PMAC has received $2,500 from Northeastern University and $1,000 from the SWCPC from this year’s Mini Grant program. We thank both Northeastern University and SWCPC for their continued support for this program.
  + Seven mini grants of $500 will be offered this summer to applicants from Youth, Community or Historical groups.
  + As in the past, PMAC will use a Review Team in conjunction with Northeastern University to review applicant and make selections.
* **Frank Jordan’s PMAC Archives** 
  + We would like to thank Mike Reinders of Wellington Street in the South End for giving us access to Frank Jordan’s PMAC archives through Frank’s widow, Helen Jordan.
  + Sean Fisher, DCR’s Archivist, has picked up approximately 3 boxes of Frank Jordan’s PMAC archives.
  + Sean has completed organizing the information and will be in touch with Commonwealth of Massachusetts to place that records in the state’s archives.
  + If, for any reason, the state does not accept the Frank Jordan’s PMAC archives, he will work with Northeastern University so they have a permanent home.
* **Community Garden Update** 
  + Discussions took place at the Community Garden Community Coordinator meeting to replace timbers in the gardens and replace with hard surface materials. The objective was to discuss using some of the Community Garden’s fund the design.
  + Coordinators had different perspectives to the proposal. A number of gardeners felt that DCR should do this work.
  + It was suggested that the Community Garden group consider a pilot for one of the community gardens to determine feasibility.
  + In summary, we may need to put on the shelf for approximately one year if the pilot idea cannot be agreed and bring back up next year.
* **Proposed Additional Community Garden** 
  + **Oakdale Garden** 
    - No update on the Oakdale Garden. This garden has been worked for 30 years. There are about 30 gardeners.
    - A ticket was opened by Tracy and Natalie K. to get attention with DCR. Need to get the appropriate momentum for this topic to move forward to make this garden an official DCR community garden.
  + **Burnett Street Garden Potential** 
    - Second proposal near Burnett Street and would be an area that could also be a garden.
    - Seems to be barriers to the acquisition and not sure there is support from the community.
    - Tracy will write up a draft with a statement to address this request.
* **Park Serve Day**
  + April 27 is the day, 9:00 to 12:00, for Park Serve Day. A great way to meet neighbors and friends.
  + 3 groups will join Park Serve Day: Boston Cares, Concierge Group, and UMass Boston with 20 people.
  + Painting railings and fences will be one the volunteer activities.
  + Pat Driscoll will provide volunteers with sign-up sheets.
* **Carlton Court Dog Park** 
  + Scott Romney and Marsha Sassoon mentioned the following needs for the Carlton Dog Park to Pat Driscoll:
    - Volunteers would like to paint the Dog Park.
    - Need to power wash the area.
    - Determine if there a second iron gate.
    - Put up new rule signs for Dog Park users. Need updated rules for neighbors but new signs are months away. When new signs are made they need to be bigger with the new DCR rules.
    - Still getting complaints from neighbors that abut the dog park regarding dog noise.
    - DCR noted they will have black paint for fence.
    - DCR noted they can provide mulch**.**
  + **Action:** Jennifer to send new DCR dog walker policy to Scott and Marsha & others.
* **SWCPC**
  + Purchased a tree and shrubs for Canton Green which is arriving soon.
  + Marriot people are ready to prep the area and plant the new greenery.
  + Request from a garden steward for reimbursement has been requested for bark mulch. Franco to send details to Tracy O’Brien and she will reach out to the requestor.
    - If a Community Garden item are submitted it needs to be approved by Tracy.
    - Need to document fund reimbursement process to ensure there is no confusion.
  + Jenny Jones to have a planning session with SWCPC sometime in April. Everett Street part of the park cleanup due to some sabotage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.