**PMAC Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 2018**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the August 8, 2018 meeting which was held was held at BPD’s E-13 station in Jamaica Plain.

**Attendees:**

1. Jennifer Leonard – Chair PMAC
2. Tracy O’Brien – PMAC
3. Bob Barney – SWCPC/PMAC
4. David Wean – PMAC
5. Jenny Jones – SWCPC/PMAC
6. Ben Gedeon – DCR
7. Frederick Vetterlein - PMAC
8. Carol Kountz – JP Gardener/Neighbor
9. Arlene Closher – JP Neighbor
10. P.O William Jones – BPD E-13
11. P.O. Captain John Greland – BPD E-13
12. Ralph Walton – PMAC

**Public Safety Updates:**

* **D- 4 – BPD** 
  + BPD Office Pagan sent notes about the following crimes around the SWC. (Not present because of “Night Out” event).
    - 7 larcenies from motor vehicles near the park.
    - 7 Blackwood Street – AirBNB renters had their apartment broken into but without force. Electronics were taken.
    - 12 Blackwood Street – A man was seen climbing through a first floor window between 6 – 10 Blackwood. A witness took pictures. Officers notices suspect on Blackwood who started to run. The officers stopped and arrested the suspect who had jewelry and electronics from 12 Blackwood. They also have video of the suspect items removing items from 70 Blackwood.
    - 536 Columbus Ave – “Food Basket” was held up by a two men who took $500 from the cash register. Both witnesses said that they have seen both suspects in the store and could positively ID the suspects.
* **E-13 – BPD P.O. William Jones** 
  + No crimes took place on the corridor.
  + A general review of crime statistics was reviewed with overall crime for E-13 up 7% year to date. It was up last month 12% year to date so improvement was seen. Most crimes were larcenies, 12 instances, which was followed by burglaries with 7 instances.
  + PO William stated that package theft is way up, electronic theft is up as well, and residential crimes could be partially prevented if people took more effort to secure their property.
  + There was an aggravated assault in the Egleston Square (Boylston Street) area that included friends of the victim and intoxication.
  + Officers Jones and Greland provided guidance to our two JP neighbors that shared their experience with damage to their garden.
* **B2 – BPD P.O. Mike O’Rourke** 
  + Not present (because of “Night Out” event).
* **State Police –** 
  + No one present at the meeting for another month.
* **MBTA Transit Police** –
  + No one present at the meeting.
* **Northeastern University** –
  + No one present at the meeting.

**Community Updates:**

* **Carter Playground** 
  + The Carter Playground grand opening will be on September 14.
  + Bike/walking path striping/stenciling has been started.
* **Northampton Green:**
  + Started to brand Northampton Green with disposable signs.
  + Will build out the Mary Longley garden in the fall.
  + Looking for a boulder or large rock to use as a way to use a marker for Martin Luther King’s address when he lived on Northampton Street which is now part of the green.
  + Researching the ability to paint a mural on the embankment wall which is closest to MBTA area.
  + TDC has aligned to provide a temporary water source.
* **DCR Updates:** 
  + Discussion about rumble stones – these should be replaced over time with paving. For missing rumble stones at path transitions call 311 to get attention.
  + Jackson Square Playground’s merry go round has fallen a few inches. To repair they need to have full access via MBTA so appropriate workers can get equipment in to correct.
* **Dog Park Discussion:** 
  + We discussed the three options reviewed at the DCR Dog Park meeting that was held.
  + Although there were approximately 60 people at the Dog Park Meeting it was mostly dog park advocates and not sure if abutters of each of the three options were properly notified of the meeting by DCR.
  + Jenny Jones offered to post signs so neighbors could contribute comments regarding the three choices that were offered.
  + **PMAC will maintain a neutral stance, although we can all individually comment and advocate about the various options. We will write an official comment stating that we are ready to support DCR as a forum for community voice during the site selection process and during subsequent phases of the project.**
* **Bike/Walking Path Projects:** 
  + Discussion with Ben about our proposal for bike path striping The maintenance issue has been open for a long time…. Notes about the proposal are online on the SWCPC.org website at <http://swcpc.org/bicycling.asp>
  + Discussion about the JP/Rox Transportation project. Fred asked, and we agreed, to share our committee materials with this group. David will follow up., to share the write-up about path striping/stenciling and to share the write-up about intersections, traffic signals and signage.
  + Jennifer to follow up with Carter Playground project team about whether they will mention the striping in their press release about the grand opening.