**PMAC Meeting Minutes**

**Annual Meeting**

**January 2, 2018**

Below is the sign-in and notes from the January 2nd meeting. The session was held at 70 St. Botolph Street. Thank you for joining us on such a cold night.

**Attendees:**

1. Bob Barney – PMAC Secretary/Treasurer
2. Jennifer Leonard – Chair PMAC
3. Bill Jones – BPD E-13
4. Romere D. Antoine - MA State Police
5. Ralph Kee – Neighbor from Wellington Street
6. Greg Smith – SWCPC & PMAC
7. Helen Powell –PMAC & SWCPC with focus on Rose Garden
8. Mike Reinders – Neighbor from Wellington Street
9. David Wean – PMAC
10. Ralph Walton – PMAC
11. Jeffrey Ferris – PMAC

**Public Safety Updates:**

* **D – 4 - Reduced by 7% from year to year.** 
  + No one present at the meeting.
* **E-13 – Bill Jones – Crime was down for the year by 27% year to year.** 
  + No activity on the corridor but a few things near. For example on Boynton Street there was a package theft. The thieves were teens.
  + Part 1 crimes is down over the past ten years in all categories for E-13.
* **State Police – Romere D. Antoine** 
  + No activity on the corridor.
  + Last two weeks have been getting homeless into safe/heated space. State Police try to persuade them but insist they move if they do not agree to go to a warm facility.
* **Northeastern University** –
  + No one present at the meeting.

**Community Updates:**

* Levanthal Map Center
  + The Copley Library is having an exhibit starting in March about parks and open spaces. They are looking for high-resolution copy of the photo of “Stop I-95: People before Highways.”
  + We are invited to provide a brochure or map to include in the literature rack at the exhibit.
  + Actions:
    - Bob to reach out to Holly Richardson.
    - Jeffrey to reach out to Janet Hunkel.
  + On a related note, we are still looking for historic photos for Tim Ney to use in the SWCP video.
* Rose Garden – Heavy usage of the Rose Garden with some of the usage positive and sometimes used for illicit activities. Overall, the group was aligned to change the design of the garden to make more open and increase usage.
  + DCR’s Landscaper review was completed with Mike R. and Jennifer L. and talked about options to change the Rose Garden to make it more visible and or inviting. Part of the focus was on creating a new opening which is currently fenced off and changing the hedge to improve visibility which will make this a safer for the park. Options talked about:
    - Remove half of hedge.
    - Remove the hedge all together.
    - Open of fence and make ADA (American Disability Act) compliant would cost between $75k and $200K.
  + Other discussion at PMAC for use of the Rose Garden includes:
    - Add chess table and chairs.
    - Add bocci court.
    - Add badminton court.
    - Add croquet court.
    - Add shuffle board.
  + Actions:
    - Flyer neighborhood with Survey Monkey link to provide an opportunity for input to PMAC from neighbors and abutters.
      * Tasks to flyer: Jennifer use session ideas and to get ideas from Helen by beginning of Feb. 2018 and develop survey.
      * Tasks to flyer: Once survey is completed, flyer or post on neighborhood websites and give them ~ 3 weeks to respond. Bob to get to various neighborhood associations (Claremont & St. Botolph).
* SWCPC Updates
  + Bob Barney and Franco C. will be working together to outline improvements to the park between Mass Ave T Stop (Lower Roxbury side) and the Community Gardens at Northampton Street/Willet School in 2018. Some of their initial thoughts are listed below. They will report back in a few months on this effort:
    - Add water for gardeners to this area.
    - Renaming of area to Northampton Green.
    - Improve signage to the area.
    - Rally garden resources to start working, or developing, garden opportunities.
    - Pull in Northeastern University to this project for support.
* Roxbury Historical Society
  + **Doing an presentation on the “Stop the Highway” movement. This will take place on March  13 at First Church in Roxbury – 10 Putnam Street, Eliot Square,  
    Roxbury, MA 02119 (Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministries). This is part of the History and Justice series, which begins Jan. 9th with Byron Rushing giving a talk on Abolitionism in Boston. Read more: http://roxburyhistoricalsociety.org/rhs-history-justice-lecture-series/**