**PMAC Meeting Minutes**

**July 3, 2018**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the July 3, 2018 meeting which was held at 70 St Botolph Street.

**Attendees:**

1. Jennifer Leonard – Chair PMAC
2. Tracy O’Brien – PMAC
3. Bob Barney – PMAC
4. Fritz Winegardner – Saranac Gardens
5. P.O. Mike O’Rourke – BPD B2
6. P.O. Javier Pagan – BPD D-4
7. P.O William Jones – BPD E-13
8. P.O. George T. Kayes – BPD E-13

**Public Safety Updates:**

* **D- 4 – BPD P.O. Javier Pagan**
	+ No crimes took place on the corridor.
	+ A general review of crime statistics was reviewed with overall crime for D-4 down 4%.
	+ There were a number of incidents off park that included 3 burglaries and 3 larcenies from motor vehicles.
	+ Discussion of issues around Northampton Green.
* **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.
	+ Discussion of issues around McBride St. garden.
* **B2 – BPD P.O. Mike O’Rourke**
	+ No crimes took place on the corridor.
	+ There were 10 part 1 crimes reported at the meeting that included auto theft (1), residential burglaries (4), vandalism (1), and larceny of bike (1).
	+ PO Mike mentioned the importance of keeping windows and doors locked to prevent residential burglaries.
	+ Crime in B2 is down 11% year today.
* **State Police –**
	+ No one present at the meeting. This is a very important component for PMAC and attendance by State Police is a key component since they are responsible for crime on the park. Jennifer and Bob will visit the State Police at their Barracks in South Boston to seek consistent engagement and presence at the PMAC meeting. (This meeting was a challenging date because of the holiday, but we noted that State Police have missed other meetings recently.)
* **MBTA Transit Police** –
	+ No one present at the meeting.
* **Northeastern University** –
	+ No one present at the meeting.

**Community Updates:**

* **Saranac Community Garden:**
	+ A walk through of the Saranac Garden was completed a few weeks ago with Tracy O’Brien and Ben from DCR which in included a review of the rodent situation in the garden.
	+ A major clean out was also done in the garden which included the compost pile that contains kitchen scraps, which attract rodents. The compost pile was replaced by DCR sanctioned ‘clean’ compost. Though the quality of the new compost material is not as good per gardeners, it should improve the rodent situation.
	+ It was also mentioned by Fritz Winegardner, a long time Saranac gardener, the rodent seems better since the clean out was completed.
	+ Last, there is currently a water issue in the garden that needs to be addressed. At least two spigots are not working and DCR is involved in resolution process.

**Review of PMAC Historical Archives:**

* + On July 2nd a number of PMAC members joined Jennifer Leonard and began the process of reviewing the archives of Frank Jordan. Mike Reinders attained these documents from Frank’s wife Helen Jordan on Wellington Street. Frank, who has passed away some time ago, was a key member of both PMAC and the Claremont Neighborhood Association for decades and his estate had retained a number of PMAC artifacts.
	+ The group reviewed most documents and determine what would be worth retaining.
	+ Next step is to determine how PMAC should digitize the documents for preservation and information share purposes.

**McBride Garden:**

* + Review of discussions about McBride community garden.

**Soft Skills Workshop Idea:**

* + An initial discussion about the idea of a “Soft Skills” workshop for gardeners about dealing with challenging situations in the park.