**PMAC Meeting Minutes**

**June 5, 2018**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the June 5, 2018 meeting which was held at BPD Headquarters.

**Attendees:**

1. Jennifer Leonard – Chair PMAC
2. Tracy O’Brien – PMAC
3. Bob Barney – PMAC
4. Greg Smith – PMAC
5. Jenny Jones – SWCPC & PMAC
6. David Wean – PMAC
7. Franco Campanello - SWCPC
8. Ralph Walton – PMAC
9. P.O. Mike O’Rourke – BPD B2
10. P.O. Eric A. Francis – BPD D-4
11. P.O. Captain John Greland – BPD D-13
12. P.O William Jones – BPD E-13
13. P.O. George T. Kayes – BPD E-13

**Public Safety Updates:**

* **D- 4 – BPD P.O. Eric A Francis** 
  + No crimes took place on the corridor.
  + A general review of crime statistics was reviewed with overall crime for D-4 down 6%.
  + One incident close to the park was 238 West Newton Street when a burglary took place.
* **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 *12%*. Most crimes were larcenies.
  + A larceny on Stedman Street was recorded on camera, shown to police and the suspect was known to the officers and was arrested.
  + William Jones reviewed safety tips with regard to some recent phone scams, including an incident with the Meet-Me app, as well as package thefts, bicycle thefts, and thefts from cars.
  + Captain Greland offered to arrange coverage for Jennifer and her group when she wants to work on Bromley Heath’s Children Garden. Some parents are nervous about safety around Bromley Heath.
* **B2 – BPD P.O. Mike O’Rourke** 
  + It was nice to have Mike O’Rourke join our group from B2.
  + Mike reviewed crime in B2 with a part 1 crimes with a number of instances at 75 Malcom X Boulevard and 1400 Tremont Street at Dominos.
* **State Police –** 
  + No one present at the meeting.
* **MBTA Transit Police** –
  + No one present at the meeting.
* **Northeastern University** –
  + No one present at the meeting.

**Community Updates:**

* **Northampton Green Update:** 
  + Initial meeting and walk through of Northampton Green was completed in May with Janet Fink (Northampton Street), Franco Campanello (SWCPC), and Bob Barney (Mass Ave/PMAC) for ideas and on improvements needed. Plans and actions include:
    - Painting barrels and bollard.
    - Clearing the rumble stone areas of growth.
    - Complete edging and signage of the granite monument by Peter Rodman entitled “The Robe”.
    - Requested a water source from Carter School principal, Mark O’Connor who will check with BPS (Boston Public Schools). We forged a relation between the school and PMAC.
    - Reached out to Arnesse Brown from TDC and will partner with her to name a section of the park after tenant advocate and founder of TDC, Mary Longley. (Ms. Longley was a founding member of TDC in 1968.) Bob has also asked to see if we can use a water source from TDC.
    - Franco will be planting a number of items that will moved from the other part of SWCP.
    - Bob has ordered two 100 foot hoses from Sears based on Jenny Jones recommendation.
* **SWCPC Updates:** 
  + DCR provided SWCP with 2 crab apples trees which have been planted.
  + Rutland Square Street – Susan Schadler, our gardener, will remove invasive barberry trees to Northampton Green.
  + West Canton Street – The condo association that caused damage to the garden at West Canton Street will providing funds to SWCPC.
  + Durham Circle – Franco will bring plans to PMAC for circle in July. There has been **outstanding community** engagement on this project.
  + JP – Jenny Jones will be painting a utility box with images of vegetation and a raptor.
  + Saranac Garden – A rodent problem that was reported by gardeners is being investigated by Tracy and DCR.
* **Oakdale Garden Update:** 
  + Tracy provided an update of Oakdale Garden becoming a part of the SWCP. We are hopeful to hear a final decision by August.
* **DCR Questions:** 
  + Contractor Parking – Jennifer to ask what is the policy when contractors park vehicles on the park and cause damage.
  + Condo Association –Jennifer to ask DCR for their policy when condo associations need access to complete repair work that abuts the park. Is a permit needed or some other type of approval from DCR?
  + Signage – Jennifer to ask DCR for status on signage (Jackson Square & Rose Garden**).**
  + Fence at Northampton Green – Jennifer to ask status of repairing chain link fence at Northampton Green that was damaged by a contractor. We would like the fence repaired.
* **Control & Care Agreement/DCR Documents –** 
  + We are looking for original documents that establish PMAC’s role., including possibly the Care & Control agreement or other documents, to enable us to talk to DCR with our legislators by our side.
  + Jennifer to speak with Mike Reinders who has access to Frank Jordan’s archives. (DONE – They will meet next week to review the archives)
  + Tracy to reach out to the state attorney who is working on the Greenway Extension to see if they have a copy. This group meets monthly.
  + Tracy brought a good point on where and how do we archive information in the future so we are not dependent on individuals. Google drive was suggested.
* **Rumble Stones:** 
  + A motion was made and approved by the group to replace rumble (cobble) stones along the SWCP with asphalt during any renovation or construction periods. It was felt that the rumble stones, though esthetically pleasing, were dangerous to cyclists, children on scooters, and pedestrians when in disrepair.
  + The asphalt would be painted with striping to resemble the rumble stones.
  + Until this work can be accomplished we would ask DCR to make repairs.
  + All displaced cobble stones would be used in other parts of the park.
* **Mini Grants** 
  + We reviewed the 5 mini grants awarded. Nice work and good response. Winners include:
    1. Zumba with a Cop
    2. Inquilenos Boricuas en Accion
    3. United South End Settlements
    4. Boston Explorers
    5. Bromley Heath Tenant Organization
  + Jennifer did ask for PMAC volunteers to attend any of sessions they hold and talk about PMAC as an organization to transfer knowledge. Tracy can go to Zumba dependent on the sessions timing. Bob can potentially Inquilenos Boricuas en Accion and attend United South End Settlements when dates are known.
  + Children in the IBA program will create a mobile mural, and would like to display it in the park at the end of the summer. We discussed possible locations, including West Canton Green and Northampton Green.
* **Bike Path Striping/Stencil Request**
  + Jennifer has written to DCR to determine status of program.
  + Columbus Avenue near Northeastern looks like it is almost accessible.
  + Forrest Hills cycle track is almost off the roadway.
* **Ventilation CAC (Back Bay Station)** 
  + A charter was developed by CAC members as well as a list of questions for the ventilation experts. We are awaiting the timing of our next meeting with Rep. Byron Rushing and MASSDot. Our position is not just protect the air quality on the park but put in place a design that can improve the air quality.
  + Bob Barney to send the Air Quality presentation, CAC Charter, and Questions to the air quality experts.
* **Help Needed**
  + Jennifer would like suggestions for a sign to share some of her garden items. Such as “Help Yourself” sign.