

PMAC Meeting Minutes
Annual Meeting
March 6, 2018

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the March 6th meeting. The session was held at BPD Headquarter location in Roxbury.

Attendees:

1. Bob Barney – PMAC Secretary/Treasurer
2. Jennifer Leonard – Chair PMAC
3. Javier Pagan – BPD D-4
4. William Jones – BPD E-13
5. George T. Kayes – BPD E-13
6. John Greland - BPD E-13
7. Jenny Jones – SWCPC & PMAC
8. David Wean – PMAC

Public Safety Updates:

- **D – 4 – Javier Pagan**
 - No incidents on the corridor, but a lot of incidents around the area.
 - Many larceny from motor vehicles (6).
 - One burglary on West Newton Street near park. Victim encountered the suspect in his apartment. Victim did not lock his door to the apartment since his building's main door is locked.
- **E-13 – Bill Jones**
 - No crimes took place on the corridor.
 - There were seven larceny from motor vehicle crimes this month. Six of the seven were from unlocked vehicles. Citizens need to take common sense pre caution and lock their vehicles.
 - Overall crime on a year to year basis is flat. With last year's lower crime rate, this is a positive result.
 - E-13 still has in place extra units in place at Jackson Square, 20 hours per day.
 - E-13 has added a BEST (Boson Emergency Service Team) member, clinician to work mental health issues.
 - New Community Service Officer (George Diaz) has been assigned to E-13.
- **State Police –**
 - No one present at the meeting. Sergeant Romere D. Antoine has been transferred to a role in Norfolk County.
- **Northeastern University –**
 - No one present at the meeting.

Community Updates:

- **April Advocacy Meeting**
 - We reviewed key areas that we would like to focus and advocate for. At our April meeting we have commitment from Representative Bryon Rushing to review our priorities list with the hope of him helping us with DCR. The key priorities (not in a specific order) include:
 1. Skate Park in JP
 2. Greenway Extension
 3. Bike/Walking Path Striping
 4. Water Study Follow-up
 5. Casey Arborway Design
 6. Deferred Park Maintenance

7. Oakdale Community Garden
 8. Dog Park in Jamaica Plain
 9. Tree Study & Replacement
 10. Park Signage
 11. Stenciling and/or Fence Installation to Protect the Jackson Sq. Playground
 12. Rose Garden Updates
 13. Northampton Green Updates
- This list is sorted by the date in our project log for those items with dates. We will adjust the format prior to our meeting with Representative Rushing, a very strong advocate of the Southwest Corridor Park.
- **Mini-grant Programs**
 - We reviewed the PMAC Mini-Grant project that will be sent out in the spring.
 - One suggestion was to add the fourth question as bullet d on the third question simply the form. Question 4 is about community connections that is thought to question 3's Building Awareness. All aligned to project and changes.
 - **Columbus Avenue Project – Melnea Cass Blvd to Northampton Street**
 - Dave and Jennifer will attend the March 15th meeting that will be held by BTM (Boston Transportation Department) to understand changes to Columbus Avenue between Melnea Cass Boulevard and Northampton Street. The purpose of the meeting is: "This spring, the Boston Public Works Department is planning to repave Columbus Avenue from Melnea Cass Boulevard to Northampton Street. This presents an opportunity to re-organize the street and provide safety improvements for people walking, biking, and driving."
 - The meeting information can be found at the following link:
<https://www.boston.gov/calendar/columbus-avenue-public-meeting>
 - **30th Year Anniversary**
 - It was discussed when our 30th anniversary is and if we should schedule an event to celebrate 30 years. Key dates for SWCP are:
 - New/Rerouted Orange Line opens on May 4, **1987**.
 - A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the completed Southwest Corridor Park took place on May 5, 1990.
 - *We observed a 20th anniversary in the summer of 2010. DCR, SWCP and PMAC held anniversary events, with a kickoff at Wake-up the Earth, DCR's "Summer Fun in the Park" series for children throughout the summer, and an Open Garden Day and "Celebrate the Park" in September. DCR did many maintenance updates for the 20th.*
 - *Wake-Up the Earth celebrated a 30th year in 2008.*
 - With full park opening in 1990, we have a period of time to plan event(s) for our 30th!
 - **History Book References**
 - Jennifer had indicated that there are two new books published that are associated with the park, *People Before Highways* by Karilyn Crockett and *Poetry Made Visible* by Ken Bressler. It was agreed we would post these books on our web site to improve knowledge of the park.