

**PMAC Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2020**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the October 6, 2020 PMAC monthly meeting. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID 19 situation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Attendees:

1. Jennifer Leonard – Co Chair PMAC
2. Bob Barney – SWCPC/PMAC
3. Mariana Alegria – Northeastern University Rep.
4. Scott Romney – Carleton Court Dog Park & SWCPC/PMAC
5. Tracy O’Brien – Co Chair PMAC
6. Caliga – JP Resident
7. David Wean – PMAC
8. William Jones, BP E-13
9. Sgt. John Dougherty, BP E-13
10. Sgt. John Farrell – Northeastern University Police Department
11. Jennifer Jones – PMAC SWCP JP
12. Matilda Drayton – Alice Taylor Apartments

Public Safety Updates:

- **State Police**
 - No one was present at the meeting.

- **Northeastern University Police – Sgt. John Farrell**
 - NU welcomes donations of gloves, caps, hand warmers for their “Never Give Up Bags” with donations being accepted and dropped off at their 716 Columbus Avenue location. Tell the person in reception they have a donation for the “Never Give Up Bags”. Below are a few notes regarding the program from Sgt. Farrell:
 - We cannot accept money but will take small, non-perishable items such as water bottles, wrapped snacks, disposable hand warmers, gloves, etc. New, wrapped socks and underwear are welcome. Contact NUPD's Community Engagement Unit at (617) 373-3940. or Sgt. John Farrell at j.farrell@northeastern.edu
 - NU Police have had calls from Alice Taylor Apts. about the noise complaints associated with NU students and are focused on that not occurring in future.
 - Construction site near Ruggles is still happening with pedestrians and cyclist being redirected in the area. Overall, things are going well, and no issues have been reported.
 - “SWCP Coffee Connection” happened last week so NU could hear issues from residents in the area. PMAC’s Tracy O’Brien had stopped by to support the activity.
 - NU Police continue to monitor between on the corridor between Camden Street and Carter School with a “Directed Patrol” that are on mountain bikes or in a patrol car.

- **E13 – BPD Sgt. John Dougherty & P.O. William Jones**
 - One incident on the SWCP. Two youth suspects robbed someone of cash and tried to take their phone on Lamartine. They ran into the direction of Mildred Haley Apts. There was second incident near Lamartine and Hoffman that involved five youths.
 - Part 1 crimes year over year is down 15%.
 - Commercial burglaries are up however less residential burglaries which is thought to be a result of COVID 19 and more people working from home.
 - 212 vs 286 larcenies year over year.
 - 1 homicide this year vs 3 last year.

- **D 4 – BPD**
 - No one was present at the meeting.

- 7% reduction year over year though, per E13's Bill Jones.
- **B2 – BPD**
 - No one was present at the meeting.
 - Matilda Drayton brought up that large groups of young men, ages 20 to about 45, are hanging out in the parking lot and around Alice Taylor (on B2 district / BHA property) and on the SWCP Mission Deck. When they are told to move along by BPD they then go to the SWCP.
 - **Action:** PMAC will connect with both B2 and State Police regarding what Matilda brought up.
- **MBTA Transit Police**
 - No one was present at the meeting.

Community Updates

- **Community Gardens – Tracy O'Brien**
 - Season is winding down, but people are still active in the gardens. Gardening in a COVID environment has been a loved activity.
 - For the 2021 season, the community gardens are looking at the garden dividers and the need for infrastructure replacement. PMAC applied for a grant from DCR Partnership Program many months ago. PMAC was selected to go to round two. This means they would match funding for this work. We should think of the work in phases.
 - Phase I to do a design, engineering study and cost. This will look at all 11 gardens across the park. This assessment would turn into a project plan and could be delivered by spring so we could seek funding for Phase II.
 - Phase II/Phase III would be the execution of the plan. Costs could be up to \$1.0M.
- **Dashboard Idea – Tracy O'Brien & Jennifer Leonard**
 - We are proposing the creation of a PMAC Dashboard to systematically track projects and park-related data. We did some initial brainstorming about what might be included, general approaches and goals for the dashboard project.
 - Some things we put on a dashboard include things like: DCR projects and activities, donations, organizations involved, user groups, etc.
 - Perhaps connecting with groups like Speak for the Trees to see their mobile application and how they use their NU created tool.
- **Neighborhood Representatives on PMAC – Jennifer Leonard**
 - A discussion about neighborhood representatives on PMAC as a new structure for the leadership team.
 - For example, David Wean could be the Roslindale representative and Matilda Drayton could be Alice Taylor Apts representative.
 - Matilda suggested we look for areas that have low representative and start an engagement process with them.
- **Annual PMAC Meeting – Jennifer Leonard**
 - Save the date for annual meeting, Tues., November 10th at 6:00 pm.
 - A video will be prepared for the annual meeting that focuses on the positive happenings and events on the park.
 - Some thoughts about the video/meeting brought up include:
 - What did we do, who did it, etc.
 - Video of the bike path [Follow-up: David did this Oct. 9]
 - Photos from ABCD web site for Matilda who received a community award.
 - **Actions:** David, Tracy and Scott will provide some photos and/or videos:

- Scott will see if he can get short videos of the following section I volunteers:
 - Elizabeth Taylor's barrels.
 - Althea Butterfly Garden
 - Lincoln who gardens in sections One.

- **Mildred Haley Development Project** – Jennifer Leonard
 - Date to meet is October 13 at 6:00 pm.
 - The meeting will review the project overall as well as the bike and pedestrian ways impacting the SWCP.
 - Attendees need to confirm in advance to be grant Zoom access.

- **Mini Grants** – Jennifer Leonard
 - USES was granted a \$600 award.
 - USES used this for a wonderful art program. The children's art created was displayed on their fence on Rutland Street.
 - Money grant money, \$1,400.00, remaining would be dedicated to a curriculum aimed for 8th graders (with flexibility to use with other ages and in classroom or non-classroom settings).
 - Jennifer is talking to Emerald Necklace, Madison Park and others about the educational program.

Meeting adjourned at approximately at 8:30 pm.