**PMAC Meeting Minutes**

**September 11, 2018**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the September 11, 2018 meeting which was held was held at BPD Headquarters, One Schroeder Place in Boston.

**Attendees:**

1. Jennifer Leonard – Chair PMAC
2. Tracy O’Brien – PMAC
3. Bob Barney – SWCPC/PMAC
4. Sgt. John Kiley – MA State Police
5. Jenny Jones – SWCPC/PMAC
6. Patrick Driscoll – DCR
7. Weezy Waldstein – Neighbor
8. David Wean - PMAC
9. P.O. Javier Pagan, BPD B4
10. Ed Tiffany – SWCPC
11. Franco Campanello – SWCPC
12. Steve Micherner – Neighbor
13. Nan Porter – Neighbor

**Public Safety Updates:**

* **State Police –** 
  + Sgt. John Kiley provided a summary of key public safety activity and concerns. He noted that much of their work is currently focused on calls and concerns about people who are homeless or mentally ill. Discussed approaches & strategies., along with issues about blankets, etc. left behind. Many calls regarding homeless in the gardens.
  + Many issues regarding the trash left behind.
  + When approaching mentally ill they try not to arrest and avoid conformations. They call Boston EMS and they accompany when necessary.
  + Crime on the corridor:
    - Shooting took place on the corridor at 9:00 pm night and suspect was apprehended with the combination of Transit, BPD, and Northeastern police bodies.
  + We mentioned the following to:
    - Area between Northampton Green & Mass. Ave., and between Camden & Northampton.
    - Forest Hills
    - Lamartine St.
    - Between Anson Street and McBride per Patrick Driscoll
  + Dedicated troopers to the SWCP overnight.
  + When weather is colder they will stop using the motorcycles.
* **D- 4 – BPD** 
  + Burglaries where happening where a person are trying to open the screens of window.
  + Midtown was robbed in the lobby and got $1,000.
  + 5 larceny from packages.
  + Call the police if panhandlers on Mass Ave.

**Community Updates:**

* **SWCPC – Updates** 
  + **Northampton Green** 
    - Bob to send Pat a list of requests/requirements for Northampton Green.
    - Bob to talk Franco about list.
  + **West Canton Green – Franco reviewed plans.** 
    - Removed all planting material 6 feet from the wall by Condo Association.
    - Condo Association donated $1,000 to SWCPC.
    - They suggested specific planting materials, including some smaller trees.
    - March of 2019 is planned date to start this work.
    - We had consensus that the plans look great.
  + **Durham Oval** 
    - Applying to the Henderson Foundation and CPA for money for fencing.
* **DCR Updates:** 
  + Dog Park options are being reviewed by DCR.
  + The summer seasonal staff have departed and the fall seasonals start in November.
  + Many of the ROCA crew members have graduated from the program; a new group will start.
  + Forest Hills construction is coming to a close and DCR will take over ongoing maintenance of the new park land this fall.
  + An observation – of all the state parks – the SWCP is the only one that is expanding its park user base and land.
  + Bob to send email to Pat and Ben for Northampton Green.
  + Jennifer to craft message to new elected officials after the November election. Copy in existing reps for transition.
* **Dog Park Discussion:** 
  + Tracey & others provided an overview of the dog park meeting, including a description of the three site options. There were concerns about the site options and about the public meeting process. We noted that there was a short time for notice about the meeting, and that because the site options were not shared in advance, abutters didn’t know that a nearby location would be considered.
  + PMAC Meeting Comments:
    - Discussion about PMAC role – neutral forum or advisory role? After discussion we agreed that we wanted an advisory role. We value consensus building; want to share our knowledge of the park and neighborhood; and plan to share w/ DCR some suggested criteria & analysis.
    - Weezy had noted that they did not look at what was going to be displaced.
    - Site A concerns = dark; no sight lines from one end to another.
    - Need two dog parks – so that no one site is overwhelmed
    - October to May it is dark early evening. Lighting is an issue, however, site B has existing lighting.
    - DCR needs to be more transparent in the process.
    - PMAC should consider “displaced usage” of site A, B, and C.
    - Write a letter that DCR should criteria we should consider:
      * Displaced usage - Playgrounds
      * Lighting
      * Safety
      * MBTA access to areas
      * Ease to build the area
      * ADA
      * Flooding/drainage
      * Consider new locations
      * Impact to abutting areas.
      * Note site A or C. 70 abutters signed a petition.
      * Make other area suggestions. Temporary Kelly Rink would be one suggestion. Or Greenway extension.
* **JP Historical Society Tour** - October 7th the JP Historical Society is doing a tour connecting to the Emerald Necklace.
* **PMAC Grant Program** – Jennifer will be posting pictures of summer grant programs. Two murals were completed by IBA and hung in the SWCP. Zumba was another program, as well as USES, Bromley Heath,
* **Bromely Heath Xxx** – Determine if we can connect to the design going on at Bromley Heath…. How can PMAC support residents during the re-design process? Jennifer noted that she has an informal role through her work with the children/teens there, but would be happy to think about a more formal role for PMAC.
* **Speak to the Trees** – Bob described a recent workshop with the organization called Speak to the Trees. He & Franco will attend further sessions and see potential for a tree inventory for sections of the SWCP.