**Parkland Management Advisory Council**

**July 6, 2016 Meeting**

**Attendees – Signed the Attendance Sheet:**

1. Bob Barney – PMAC
2. Jennifer Leonard – PMAC & SWCPC
3. David Wean – PMAC
4. Sgt. Michael F. Rafferty – State Police
5. PO William Jones – BPD E-13
6. Sgt. John Dougherty – BDP E-13
7. PO George Keyes – BDP E-13
8. PO Javier Pagan – BPD D-4
9. Holly Richardson – DCR
10. Helen Powell – SWCPC
11. Lorraine Steele – SWCPC
12. Franco Campanello - SWCPC
13. Johnathan Koplos – Blackwood Street resident
14. June d’Heilly – Blackwood Street resident
15. Dan d’Heilly – Blackwood Street resident
16. Paul Carey – Blackwood resident
17. Lenny Randolph – Blackwood resident
18. Michael Reiskind – JP resident
19. Leonard Lacey – Bromley Heath / program director
20. Dan Brown – JP resident

**SWC Public Safety:**

1. Overall, there were many discussions regarding drug activity, homeless populations and related issues. Issues include people who utilize drugs, public drinking, fighting, and other issues in the park during the day as well as sleeping in the park at night. There is the perception that this activity has increased dramatically over past year and most likely associated with the Mass Ave/Southampton Street area in the South End where there is a known issue. We had specific issues raised with Claremont Park Island, Mass Ave T-Stop, Mass Ave to Northampton Street, and the SWC Rose Garden.
2. State Police Report – Sargent Rafferty
   1. Walk through with PMAC & State Police with St. Botolph & Claremont Neighborhood Associations - do a walk through with State Police & Human Services
      1. Anissa Essibi-George – City Councilor is responsible for Homeless/Addition Task Force for the City of Boston.
      2. PMAC to send a letter to explore having DCR Mounted Rangers on the park.
      3. State Police will explore to see Mounted Police and undercover cop.
      4. SWCP makes upper 40% of lower basin for the State Police.
3. E-13 – BPD PO William Jones
   1. No crimes occurred directly on the SWC Park.
   2. 5 aggravated assaults around the SWC Park but not on it.
   3. Property crimes are up considerably.
   4. Suggested that we include someone from the city’s social services group.
4. D4 – BPD PO Javier Pagan
   1. No crimes occurred directly on the SWC Park.
   2. Follen Street– Real estate agent let someone into view and they broke in later.
5. Transit Police – **Not present**
6. Northeastern University Police – **Not Present**

**Mini Grants – Jennifer Leonard:**

* Raise visibility and usage of the SWC park.
* 12 applications were received and 7 grants were approved. Grants include:
  1. IBA-Inquilino Boricaus en Accion
  2. United South End Settlements Children’s Art Center
  3. South Street Youth Center
  4. Bits & Flows/Dorchester Youth Collaborative
  5. Bromley Heath Tenants Organization (Youth & Family Committee)
  6. Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministries/Roxbury Youth Programs
  7. Metro Boston Alive/Real Kidz Boston (Bromley Heath)
* Great response to this inaugural program.

**Blackwood Street & Claremont Park Update – Jennifer Leonard:**

* Claremont Park residents had made requests around the Claremont Park Island regarding pruning of shrubs and trees.
* One request was to trim the yews on the Blackwood Street side to improve lighting and therefore safety. There was some miscommunication around this project and it was felt that the pruning adversely affected Blackwood Street.
* PMAC will work with SWCPC to fund a replanting effort on the Blackwood side. A meeting to plan the replanting was scheduled with residents at 7:00 pm on 7/13/16.

**Back Bay/South End Gateway Project – Bob Barney:**

* A letter was written by PMAC that raised concerns to SWC Park regarding impact to our park at Back Bay, traffic and sidewalk changes, ventilation changes along the park and concerns over density. This draft letter was reviewed at the meeting.
* Later, a revised letter was sent to the BRA.

**SWCPC Report:**

* Restoration of Durham oval is moving forward.
  + Electricity for fountain
  + Fountain to be chosen by neighbors.
  + Fencing to be consistent with current style.
  + If accepted by the state.
  + Construction in spring ’17.
* Volunteers Effort
  + 1,000 hours.

**Bike Path**:

* Drafted status is getting communication out.
* There are some questions about the 4 way stop in JP.
* Attaining signatures from Boston Bike Union and Livable Streets in July, 2016.
* Came up with 12 of things to make it safer.
* Focus on JP to Ruggles station.
* Success last year for signal timing.

**DCR Updates:**

* Samantha Overton has left after 25 years.
* Many senior managers are leaving DCR.
* Evelyn Jimenez (EJ) will step forward to lead DCR’s Boston region.
* Emergency snow operations are moving into the DCR building.
* DCR is changing all carpeting, painting exterior building, create more parking, and change internet, new kitchen, and lighting.

**Carter Playground:**

* Jennifer to get update us on next meeting.

**JP Project – Jenny Jones:**

* Jenny attended a community meeting and neighbors in JP would like make a bike path in the “urban wild” between Amory and Atherton Street.
* PMAC to provide a response.

**JP – Commercial Business, Evy Tea – Dan Brown:**

* Commercial area that abuts the park in JP near the Stoney Brook T-Stop would like to put up signage that abuts the park. They would also like to put in an area to tie up dogs for patrons at the business.
* Business to connect directly with DCR for the appropriate allowances.

**Greenway Extension**

* Update to be provided at the August meeting.