**PMAC – April 2017**

**APRIL UPDATES:**

**As you know we didn't have a regular PMAC meeting in April, but here are some important updates:**

**[1.] On April 5th DCR had a meeting to present a proposal for a dog park in the hockey rink space near Anson Street.  Several of us attended -- Jamie Demas spoke about the Carleton Court dog park in the SWPC in the South End/Back Bay, and Jenny Jones spoke about the research we have done about possible locations for a dog park.  The project proposal is posted, and a page for comments.  So far, comments have strongly favored a dog park in the SWCP for JP, with mixed comments about whether the Anson Street or another location is the best.**

**You can see the presentation here:**

[**http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/**](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/)

**And comment (BY APRIL 19) here:**

[**http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/submit-public-comments/**](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/submit-public-comments/)

**[2.]  We are offering mini-grants for youth and family programming again this year -- I'll send out the announcment in a separate email.**

**[3.] The Massachusetts House is in the midst of a budget process, and the Environmental League is doing some advocacy for a stronger 'green budget' including more funding for DCR.**

**They ask -- do you have a story about your experiences with DCR?  You can take their survey here:**

[**https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf22YT-\_WOgpMFteTPwd2XVNDREM-tI8xq857GMIIQ6DX3aug/viewform?c=0&w=1**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf22YT-_WOgpMFteTPwd2XVNDREM-tI8xq857GMIIQ6DX3aug/viewform?c=0&w=1)

**[4.] You can learn more about the DCR budget in the Environmental League Green Budget publication:**

[**https://www.environmentalleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Online-Version\_Green-Budget-FY2018\_FINAL\_2.14.17.pdf**](https://www.environmentalleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Online-Version_Green-Budget-FY2018_FINAL_2.14.17.pdf)

**[5.] For those who are following the Roxbury Heritage Park project, there was a meeting Monday night and the presentation will be posted on the DCR website page mentioned above.**

**[6.] The annual Wake Up the Earth festival and parade will be on May 6th.**

**[7.]  Boston Park Advocates is a citywide group supporting park advocacy.  The group started a few years ago and has recently been very active in working with city and state park issues.  You can sign up for emails and get updates on their website** [**bostonparks.org**](http://bostonparks.org/)