**PMAC Meeting Minutes**

**April 3, 2018**

Below is the list of attendees and notes from the April 3rd meeting. The meeting was held at St. Botolph Street in the South End. We were **honored** to have Massachusetts State Representative, **Byron Rushing** attend our meeting and provide meaningful insight and input.

**Attendees:**

1. Bryon Rushing – MA State Representative
2. Bob Barney – PMAC Secretary/Treasurer
3. Jennifer Leonard – Co Chair PMAC
4. P.O. Javier Pagan – BPD D-4
5. Sgt. Freeman – BPD D-4
6. P.O William Jones – BPD E-13
7. P.O. George T. Kayes – BPD E-13
8. Jenny Jones – SWCPC & PMAC
9. David Wean – SWCPC & PMAC
10. Dan d’Heilly – Blackwood Street Resident
11. June d’Heilly – Blackwood Street Resident
12. Greg Smith – SWCPC
13. Carol Blair – Chester Square Area Neighborhood Association & Northampton Street Resident
14. Jim O’Donnell – Chester Square Area Neighborhood Association & Northampton Street
15. Justin Tran – Off Campus Student Services, Northeastern University
16. Frederick Vetterlein – Stoney Brook Neighborhood Association & PMAC
17. Franco Campanello – SWCPC President

**Public Safety Updates:**

* **D – 4 – Javier Pagan**
  + We had one incident of an aggravated assault on the corridor (230 West Newton Street) in which a cigarette was knocked out of a park goer’s mouth and a bag of dog feces was thrown at the victim. This incident occurred when the victim was smoking and was asked not to by the perpetrator of the crime.
  + Overall crime in D-4 is lower by 7% year to date (1/2018 to 4/2018) vs. the same period last year.
  + There were five incidents of larceny from vehicles.
* **E-13 – Bill Jones** 
  + No crimes took place on the corridor.
  + Crime was up **8%** in E-13 which was driven primarily by Non Domestic Aggravated Assault, Larceny from Motor Vehicle, and Other Larceny.
  + Within the Non Domestic Aggravated Assault category, four incidents were discussed and include:
    - Known suspect over $200.00 on Bickford Street & Centre Street.
    - An intoxicated suspect with a knife whom was arrested on Washington Street.
    - Aggressive Pan Handling on Washington Street.
    - Teenagers acting up in a Nail Salon on Washington Street (7 females and 2 males).
* **State Police –** 
  + No one present at the meeting. We are awaiting a new representative.
* **MBTA Transit Police** –
  + No one present at the meeting.
* **Northeastern University** –
  + No one present at the meeting.
* **Fence/Steps Discussion** – Additional discussion centered on a series of conflicts and issues among neighbors on a street abutting the park. One issue centers on complaints by one neighbor about makeshift steps that other neighbors use to cross over a SWCP fence. With respect to an escalation of conflict, police suggested that neighbors call the police to report any threatening behavior, in order to facilitate relevant follow-ups or referrals. With respect to the issue about the makeshift steps, it was suggested that the park staff and police cannot endorse the use of makeshift steps, or reasons of liability, even if there is a history of neighbors laying out step-stones and climbing over the fence.

**Community Updates:**

* **Advocacy Session with Rep. Rushing:** 
  + We reviewed key projects and maintenance areas that we would like DCR to address. Rep Rushing notes that he, with the other two State Reps and/or aides, regularly attended PMAC meetings in the past and clearly knew the role of PMAC and DCR.
  + A PowerPoint presentation was made with a focus on the following key project items by project stage. Various members of PMAC and SWCPC spoke about different categories based on their involvement and leadership of the topics:
    - Ready-to-implement
      * Bike/Walking Path Striping and Stenciling
      * Stenciling and/or fence for Jackson Sq. playground
      * Skate Park
    - Seeking commitment for projects
      * Oakdale Community Garden (MBTA – DCR)
      * Greenway Extension Project (MBTA – DCR)
      * JP Dog Park
    - Planning stage
      * Tree Study and Replacement
      * Park Signage Review and Replacement
      * Water Study Follow-up (Read & Discuss 2015 Study)
      * Rose Garden Project
      * Northampton Green Project
    - *Ongoing Work / Increased Resources Needed*
      * Increase Resources for Long-Term Maintenance –   
        Park Hardscape Repairs (fences, walls, brick, granite, etc.)
  + At the conclusion of our session, Rep Rushing provided the following direction on how to improve collaboration and communication with DCR:
    - Care & Control Agreement – Re-affirm our formal relationship between DCR and PMAC by finding the Care and Control agreement for the SWCP. (“an agreement signed January 30, 1990 and February 23, 1990, titled "Transfer of Properties from The [MBTA] to The [MDC] of Parklands Abutting the Southwest Corridor Transportation Right of Way.")
      * **Action:** 
        + A formal request has been made for this document by Jenny Jones on April 4th.
    - SWCP Master Plan – Once we find & review the control and care meeting, request a new Master Plan for the SWCP from DCR. This can be used in conjunction with our plan reviewed at the April 3, 2018 PMAC meeting.
    - Legislative Support – Strengthen PMAC’s relationship with state legislators. Specific actions include:
      * **Actions:** 
        + Rep Bryon to talk to Rep. Liz Malia. Completed 4/4/18.
        + Jennifer Leonard and Bob Barney to review presentation with State Rep. Liz Malia. Completed on 4/5/18.
        + PMAC to continue to invite legislators that have responsibilities for SWCP to the monthly meetings.
        + Jennifer to reach out to Rep. Chynah Tyler and Jeffrey Sanchez.
    - DCR Commissioner Review – Once we have the three components above, we will have our legislators invite the DCR Commissioner to a PMAC meeting that is focused on the master plan. We would like this to be done in the next three months.