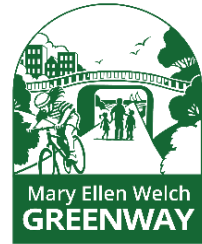


Greenway Council Meeting

October 28, 2021

6:30 – 7:30 pm



Attendees

1. Jane O'Reilly
2. Patty D'Amore, Friends Board
3. Karen Maddalena, Friends Board
4. Sam Brookfield
5. Curtis Mosley (Police)
6. Joseph Cintolo (Police)
7. Bob Uhlig
8. Benjamin Muller
9. Skip/Dottie Marcella
10. Lindsey Abbot (Design and planning consultant applicant)
11. María de la Luz Lobos, FoMEWG Consultant
12. Michelle Moon, FoMEWG Consultant
13. Karyl Stoia
14. Debra Cave
15. Jason Ruggiero (BPDA)
16. Nick Schmidt (BPDA)
17. Charlotte Fleetwood (City of Boston)
18. Spenser Gruenenfelder
19. Brittany Thomas (Neighbor artist)
20. Gabriella Ramirez (Trustees)

AGENDA

- Welcome + Intros
- Police Report
- Greenway Project updates
 - Caboose + Ice Cream
 - Bulbs + planting day
 - Halloween Signs
 - Wayfinding Signs
- Plan East Boston + Bennington Street (Guest Presenters: City of Boston)
- Zumix Art Project
- Other

Meeting Notes

Police Report

- Crime has decreased
- Be careful of packages and don't leave door unlock
- Venmo scams. Put protective codes
- Will check to replace lights in the Greenway. Can call 311 directly too.
- Can email or call Joseph Citolo if needed

Trustees + Events

- Gabriela visited - Community outreach coordinator for Piers Parks III (contact: gramirez@thetrustees.org)
- Survey about design has closed
- Currently working on updating the new design and planning to send it along soon
- Currently there is another [survey](#) specific for programming that people want to see. It is in English and Spanish.
- Saturday, Nov 27th family event. Hours TBD, but in the afternoon.

Greenway Project Updates

- **Caboose + Ice Cream**
 - Proposal has been finally approved
 - They are planning to open up next spring
 - Had to clean the Caboose - it was "delightful"
 - Need some storage space for tools and holiday
 - Bikes need to be moved to the stadium
 - Maybe the YMCA has a shed that we could ask for
- **Bulbs + planting day**
 - Bulbs were delivered to Ben's door this morning. We got 200
 - Need to find a planting day. Likely a Saturday
 - A few hours
 - Need a shovel and a trowel (maybe we can borrow them from eastie farm)
 - Michelle has tools
- **Wayfinding signs**
 - Michelle and Luli are working with the consultants to update the wayfinding signs. Luli is improving the maps.
 - Michelle has been in touch with DCR about the installation of a sign at Constitution Beach.
 - We got approval from Parks for a 5 years temporary installation.
- **Halloween Signs**
 - Installed Halloween signs last week.

- Will remove them next week.
- They didn't survive the storm, but Jane moved them by the compost bin, so they can be rebuilt easily.

Plan East Boston + Bennington Street (Guest Presenters: City of Boston)

- Jason Ruggiero (Jason.ruggiero@boston.gov) + Nick Schmidt + Charlotte Fleetwood
- Walk through recommendations for Bennington Street.
- It is easy to submit comments to the [recommendations](#), please participate.
 - Folks really wanted that the speed in Bennington St was reduced.
 - There weren't many options, but they did a road diet, reducing from 4 lanes to 2 which should help to reduce speeding.
 - The current width is so generous there is space to include a second row of trees and separated bike lanes.
 - This is feasible based on the traffic analysis BPDA has done with pre-pandemic volumes estimates.
 - Creation of a new public space at the intersection of Bennington St and Brooks St (intersection template that can be applied from Central Square to Day Square).
 - The North sidewalk of Saratoga's bridge will be a shared path to connect the MEW Greenway with the bikeways in Bennington St.
 - Create a dedicated crossing for both bikes and pedestrians in the intersection with Walley St.
 - The final section of the bike lane (by Suffolk Downs) is still TBD pending on the Climate Ready work due to its vulnerability to flooding.
 - Having the bike lanes separated, going at each side in the same direction of the road helps facilitate traffic and keep intersections flowing. It avoids complicated signage and unexpected maneuvers for car drivers.
 - The existing trees will remain in place, for the new ones, they haven't identified species and spacing yet, just the location of the section. They will follow the Streets Guidelines they published in 2013 (?) They have taken into consideration the growth of roots so they don't disturb the bike lane and sidewalk.
 - They brought in the Winthrop extension and work on doing a smooth transition to Bennington Street.

Zumix Art Project

- Zumix is interested in doing a temporary art project along the Greenway in 2022.
- The Greenway Council was in support of this project.