

October 13, 2015

CPNA October Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Coven, Jerry Tracey, Dave Matteo, Shelia Greene

Approximately 30 members in attendance

Meeting begins at 6:30

Jim calls meeting to order

Police Sargent Gaughin and Officer Belotte

George Bollott:

3 incidents:

Oct 12, east Broadway and Farragut: motor vehicle damaged, mirror damaged by another vehicle or person.

October 10th, 741 East Sixth Street, 3 orange cones stole: White male, brown hair was seen leaving the scene.

Oct 9th, received a report that phone call was made to elderly victim, she was told her grandson was in trouble and was asked to wire money from the CVS to the Dominican Republic. She wired \$3,000 to the Dominican Republic, there is no way to trace, was a scam and she lost the money. Please call the police immediately if you get one of these calls the Sargent urged the membership.

Joe: 4 heroin doses in the last 4 weeks, is there overly potent Herion on the street right now?
SGT: Drug unit has taken through controlled buys, it is all being cut with different things, some cut with battery acid, phentanol, baking soda. Users are asking for these hotter batches. Not just here, throughout the state and the country. No new info.

All officers will be trained and carrying Narcan for over doses.

Mandatory that someone goes to the hospital if Narcan is administered.

Shelia: Still have the drug unit during the day?

No, there is no drug unit during the day, only at night. They had day and night for a time period, but after things went down.

Member question: Farragut park is state police. Seeing needles and bottles, is there anything being done to address that on a regular basis.

IF you see needles, call 311 and they there are dedicated city employees who will come pick them up. They will address the problem if people call. 11:00pm or what is posted is closing time for the park.

Follow up on attacks on farragut road, no new info, they don't release any info because it's a sex offense.

Anyone can purchase pepper spray now without FID card. This was a result of a change in the law.

6:50: Police conclude

Jenny Bautista: from big brother big Sisters of Mass Bay

Spread awareness on the program and enroll more youth

Have been around for about 100yr nationally, 60yrs here locally. There is a good amount of awareness. 1 to1 mentoring program between adults and kids. They focus on free or low cost activities. Focus is more on what you do in the time you spend together and less about the extravagance of the activity. Large interest in people wanting to be big brothers and big sisters, not as many mentors. They have volunteers of all ages, mostly between 22 and 45. The types of kids are coming from all types of situations, one parent at home, one of many children, or only child. Enroll between 7 and 12yrs old, can stay in the program until they are 18. The idea is this is more preventative which can be more impactful in the earlier years. Big's must be 18yr or older. Lots of partnerships with colleges as well as employees. All are screened by agency with interviews and including background checks. They really try to make good matches. They will approach a Big and show potential little. Then go to family and show the little's family the Big's profile

Commitment: 1 year commitment, twice a month for 2-4 hours.

Q: Do you deal with special needs children?

A: That is one thing they access during the visit with the family. If not a good fit, they will recommend a program that may be a better fit.

There are some mentors older than 45.

Q: Looking for kids in South Boston, where are you looking, library is a really good place where kids are participating in free events.

A: We do a large outreach with the neighborhood house, Boys and Girls Club

Joe: We have a large Spanish speaking population in the projects, often they are watched by their grandparents how do you find those?

A: They do have interested from the Spanish speaking families.

7:10: Jenny Bautista concludes

Moving forward with the thanksgiving baskets. For next meeting please bring canned goods, and shelf stable items, and gift cards. Looking for 20-25 baskets. Will provide details on when we will be assembling the baskets at the next meeting.

Need to get details on the tree lighting from John Allison.

Treasury report: 9 people paid dues last meeting, current balance in account is \$3,502.62

Dues collection from June o 2015 to December 2015 will be credited for 2016 dues. Going forward we will be collecting dues on a calendar year.

MBTA Buses:

Comment period was extended to October 14th for bus route changes. It seems from the transportation meeting, they had not done much actual research with feet on the ground. Send comments to serviceplanning@mbta.com.

Joe: Thanks to Nick for bringing them here to South Boston. Actual traffic planners were at the meeting and it was very helpful.

New Member: Most of the people here have lived here for quite a while? This is only my second meeting, police are here first and speak. Transportation is next important thing, what's next?

Recently pace of development oriented. Lately

Member Response: for a lot of us, development might be right next door to you, this group has an effect on how development progresses.

Jim needs to post on the website in participating in the rezoning process. If you are interested reach out to Jim. 50ft is what it current, 50ft is too tall. BRA being willing to listen let's participate.

Joe: We need to have elections more often.

Had discussion on why we did every 2 years

Sharon: This Sunday 10:30 mass is going to be a family mass. Trying to get more families to go to church. They will hopefully do a choir with children to keep the interest.

They were seeking ideas on how to link the upper and lower parks, another meeting is taking place. How to bring more warmth or fun to the park. Are there fences that can be put up to keep kids from "getting away". Plants in planter so that dogs don't pee on them. Do people want wooden benches, metal benches, rocks? Possible some type of water feature. Maybe more interactive park. Mayors Southie community page, office did put the survey monkey.

7:40: Meeting Concludes