

CPNA Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Board Members in attendance: Joanne McDevitt, Jim Covenno, Dave Matteo, Kelly Hawkins

Approximately 40 members present.

Special Guests: Police Commissioner Evans, Eric Prentis, John Allison, David Biel, Sean Pierce, Kerry Ryan, LT Detective Larkin, Sgt Det Jamie Miller Drug unit.

Meeting begins: 6:35

Joanne welcomes everyone move into police report.

Officer Bollot does C-6 Report.

Mostly BE motor vehicles

March 31 - golf clubs stolen from vehicle

Mach 28 - B&E assorted tools stolen

668 E 8<sup>th</sup> - Jeep broken into and sporting equipment

Copper wire stolen from T Mobile antenna.

April 4<sup>th</sup> purse stolen from motor vehicle

April 7<sup>th</sup> Farragut and East Broadway - a motor vehicle rim stolen and replace with the donut rim.

Question from member: Beautiful weekend, families and saw guys playing horseshoes and drinking on the beach. What is the plan to solve the drinking problem at the beach?

Officer: Sand to water is the state police. Boston works well with them, Capt said he would call the SP tomorrow to see what the plan is for the summer and get back to us.

Joanne: heard that gate to castle island was closed by SP?

No one could confirm this.

Joanne introduces Commissioner Bill Evans

Commissioner Evans: Drinking: I have concerns, we have to come up with a plan. Line for Sully's was the longest we have ever seen. He agrees this needs to be figured out now. He lives here said BPD will be all over them. We get into this jurisdictional issue. We are off to a busy summer. Bar issues, if you can hear bars from a distance call 911. Police will come and write up the bar, if they kept getting written up it will. Parking is more difficult during the summer. Introduces Lt Det Barney Larkin and Sgt Det Jamie Miller assigned to C-6 they watch this area for drugs. Crime in the city has been down, lot has been to do with the weather. Homicide had 18 last year, only 8 this year. Shootings are up because a few incidents had multiple shootings. District 6 down 26% robbery's down, sexual assault down, small uptick in house breaks and assault and battery. He obviously watches South Boston very closely. We pay attention to where the crime numbers are. 26% reduction across the board. Big issue is still the Drugs, Heroin is up across the city. 50% increase over where we were last year. Up about 520 in Overdose transports in 2014. This is the largest challenge right now.

Barney Larking: Phentoal has been mixed with the heroin and this is what caused the OD. Phentoal is a desirable quality of the users which makes more difficult.

Commissioner: A lot of Southie Issues are down by south bay. We have a good handle on the crime. Not only here, across the state. Other issues city wide, almost 200 guns off the street this year. It is a fight every day. We don't see any of the gun violence here, mostly in the projects. 1071 guns off the street last year. City kids driving around on the ATVs and dirt bikes mostly in Roxbury and parts of Dorchester. Going to work on being in the parks as much as possible, Columbia park. Will do operation crosswalk to issue citations for Those who do not stop for pedestrians.

Commissioner takes questions:

Member: What are the city's plans or national plans to deal with drug problem?

Commissioner: National think tank may come here to study why so many issues here. The enforcement is there, but there are only so many beds available. Trying to stop Dr.s from over prescribing which often leads to abuse.

Member Question: where are drugs and guns coming from?

Commissioner: Guns coming from south where there are no laws and can buy in wallmart. Also stolen from those who own them legally. In the drugs at lot of it starts with over prescribing. Biggest importer comes from Mexico. Last year arrested 265 people. A lot of the investigations lead outside of the city. Mayor and attorney general are doing a lot to help this problem as well.

State is considering legalizing Marijuana, commissioner believes that it's a problem. We are getting softer on drugs. If this is a gateway drug, we are going to have more problems. Young college kids getting robbed because they have a lot of drugs and are selling, city kids break in and steal drugs and money. Thinks it will a gram of heroin \$60 or 2 for \$100 and they go through 2 bags a day. Most people in jail are from drug addiction and alcohol addiction.

Kerry: Coffee with a cop to get people to interact with the police officers. People are pretty familiar with community service officers, but not necessarily the others. Also citywide flashlight walks. BPD ice cream truck comes out and gives kids. Problems with loud parties, call 911 and they will come out.

Member Question: What about the party buses? Any plan to attack this?

Commissioner: The city doesn't regulate those party busses, not a lot they can do to reign them in. Party bus operators coming to police meeting to address all associations. The company has been identified. Trying to keep them out of the neighborhoods. Sean and David went down and spoke to the trolley company, he will be coming the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at the police station. It isn't just City Point. There aren't a lot of regulations for these trolley buses fall under the department of public utilities. They are working on this from a legislative standpoint.

Commissioner: Cameras on Farragut road up for the parade, they will be taken down. Blowing stop sign on Farragut and Broadway, going to get police back to issue some tickets.

Joe Cappucio: Thanks for everything the Boston police does and Officer Moynihan is in our prayers.

Joanne: Enforcement of the speeding and cross walks, little guards aren't there in the crosswalks. Busses are flying through the intersections not slowing down. Can we get some speed enforcement on Broadway? Especially west Broadway double parking by the bars and major arteries. Buses can't get through, cars can't get through.

Commissioner: we try and balance the picking up food for a few minutes vs going to have a drink at a bar for an hour.

Joanne: when we had a few homicides we had more bike police officers. Nice to have the visibility.

Commissioner: I will look at it, we like to have the bikes out there. Part of this the Seaport District should be Boston's coverage. We need them at the beach.

Question: Emergency vehicles turning siren's on and off after traffic lights.

Commissioner: All emergency vehicles are supposed to come to a stop at the lights and then stop. I will talk to Jim Hussey about the Ambulances

Joanne: Incident on East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, construction on street then they came in and paved then had cars towed.

Commissh: Officers do their best to run plates and try to find owner before towing. Thanked membership for the time.

Treasure:

Beginning balance: \$2,901.88

Checks and office exp: \$78.00

Ending expense: \$2,823.98

Social Committee:

Kelly: Social on April 27 at Local 149 from 7:30 to 9 a free drink and some apps.

Thursday night there will be a business stroll and we will begin to pass out flyers about the social. Takes place from 5pm to 9pm. Was a difficult winter because of the weather, try and support our neighborhood businesses. It starts at Broadway station, number 9 West Broadway. Artists Association will be selling things.

Facebook is working, we had 700 people view one of our posts.

April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Condon and May 6<sup>th</sup> streets meeting at the Tynan for the 1 way street.

Buses on Broadway is going to stay for now until they decide on the 1 way streets. There has still been a lot of confusion with drivers not knowing the correct routes. We need to see what is going to happen with the 1 ways. T is going to do a large community process.

Group thinks that summer on beach is going to be tough with the buses on Day Blvd.

Marylou Ivaska: When you talk about a survey you are talking about summer and through the fall. So are we looking at the buses going on Broadway through the fall? This is dangerous for the kids going to school. Against the 1 ways, that's clear. Also against buses on Broadway.

Sean Pierce: in terms of 1 way street, they are going to be having meetings about that. The MBTA will decide after the transportation department. No decision has been made on whether to take off the street or not.

Sharon: Concerned about the busses. Specifically O and Broadway is a tough spot.

Eric Prentis: Signs are to deter people from going to wrong way to make it safer. Those can come down quickly.

Joanne: This is not about who lives where, it is about the safety of the neighborhood and what's best for the neighborhood. There is a T person who will come to the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> and listen to concerns and no decisions will be made. There needs to be a separate community meeting to make permanent changes to the routes. The buses should go back to where they were until the changes are decided upon.

There are funds to the \$2mil for the parks. There will be money spent up in the park this year ahead of the medal of honor ceremony.

Meeting Adjourns 7:45