



GMNC Public Services Committee Meeting  
August 6, 2019 6:30-7:30pm  
Ideal Mixer

Attendees

David  
Irene  
Dennis Roach

Meeting Minutes

1. Fire Department Letter/Gift Cards

3 locations – Morton Street, Blue Hill, Cummins Highway  
50-75 gift cards – need to check with Vickey

2. Monterey/Savannah Aves parking issues

August 6 email to the Boston Parking Clerk:

*Good morning,*

*I'm a member of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council and a Transportation Engineer, and last night I met with a group of residents on Savannah Avenue and Monterey Avenue in Mattapan. The two streets form an "L" shape on the corner of Almont Street and Orlando Street and the unique configuration has rendered this small neighborhood a common place for non-residents to leave vehicles for lengthy periods of time and in various states of disrepair. This problem is exacerbated by event parking at Almont Park. Residents, some elderly, report that many times when they return home from work, they can't find parking for several blocks.*

*I also was able to connect with Roudnie Celestin last night and she brought me up to speed on discussions over the last couple years that she has facilitated with BTM, however there does not seem to have been a conclusion to these talks.*

*The residents are hopeful that:*

*1) Mattapan Permit Parking Only signs be installed. Precedent for this is established on Mildred Avenue where similar 'out of the normal travel routes' and significant event parking conditions exist.*

*2) Street sweeping resumes. This is apparently a practice that was discontinued years ago. Almont Street is swept on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and these streets could be included.*

*I hope to be able to work with Roudnie to continue this conversation, and provide the residents with a timely response to their concerns, and an explanation of how they can most effectively spend their time to try and improve their situation.*

*Thank you!*  
*- Matt*

Notes from August 5 site visit:

Found on the [parking clerk's website](#) that they say "We are currently reviewing the Resident Parking Program. If you have any questions about resident parking in your neighborhood, please contact your liaison through Neighborhood Services." So I'm guessing the whole petition from the neighborhood thing may no longer be the way they handle it.

In reviewing my notes from last night, I think I would break the comments down into two groups, one regarding parking and one regarding non-parking.

#### Parking

- Vehicles/other items parked on street for lengthy periods of time with no apparent connection to any residents
- Event parking takes over the entire neighborhood, sometimes blocking driveways and crosswalk ramps, often during the time when residents are returning home from work, and has worsened since the park was rehabbed.
- Some Almont Park parking lots remained locked even during events
- Tennis Road apartments residents are now apparently charged for a parking pass, causing many of them to park on Savannah

#### Non-parking

- Savannah Avenue used to be a private street, and there use to be street sweeping, but now there isn't
- Problems with snow plowing
- Problems with people speeding through the neighborhood
- Trash overflowing at the Tennis Road apartments dumpster, visible from the street
- People go into the Mattahunt Woods unsupervised, sometimes apparently shooting rap videos with lights and camera equipment
- Not enough police surveillance
- People do automotive work in the shade under the trees on Monterey Avenue and leave a big mess
- 'No man's land' on the corner of Almont and Orlando collects trash

#### Potential solutions

- Street sweeping signs
- Permit parking signs, maybe time restricted, maybe on a trial basis?
- Speed humps
- Area under surveillance signs

- Relocate fence at the corner of Almont and Orlando

Other notes:

Property at 130 Almont Street belongs to the late Officer Bolt

We're not accounting for the college influx either

One school bus that stops on Savannah

No room for visitors to come over

People don't usually park in their driveways, which also contributes to the parking shortage

Need daylighting at the intersection of Savannah at Almont for left turns