



GMNC Public Services Committee Meeting
April 7, 2020
6:30-7:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Irene Ferriabough
Joy Gary
Barbara Crichlow
Kenya Beamon
Dana Skelly
David Holness
Matthew Skelly, Co-Chair

Minutes

1. COVID-19/Coronavirus Volunteer Programs
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpaYnTZ-Otia8xBLvEomCRX9Y1Vpgw4Wmq9necxDCKMg0gOg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>
This one gets you on the list to be notified of City-wide opportunities.
 - b. <https://www.bostoncares.org/> You can sign up to do food service for BPS, YMCA, Red Cross, or other food pantries here. This is a really good bet.
 - c. <https://www.bmc.org/covid19relief#volunteer> More geared toward the medical/health care arena.
 - d. <https://www.bphc.org/whatwedo/emergency-services-preparedness/public-health-preparedness/boston-medical-reserve-corps/Pages/bostonmrc.aspx> The medical reserve corps has been around for a long time, and they need help now more than ever.
 - e. <https://maresponds.org/agreement.php> This site organizes the COVID-19 volunteer response effort for the entire Commonwealth.
 - f. <https://www.gbfb.org/get-involved/volunteer/individual-volunteering/> Greater Boston Food Bank
 - g. <https://www.tbf.org/what-we-do/special-funds/covid-19-response-fund/other-covid-19-response-efforts> Lots of places to donate money.
 - h. We should make volunteer positions to interpret information into different languages to get more people on board in our efforts.
 - i. <https://www.buildingimpact.org/> Virtual Volunteering – such as writing a letter to an isolated senior, and many other opportunities.
 - j. How do we develop a system to check in with people based on small hubs? It happens a little, but not geographically. Also, what are places that we could set up as a hub for food like churches or other places?

- k. Mattapan does have at least three food pantries: Boston Public Health Commission - Shirley's food pantry Mondays and Fridays are really busy and they can use help; also Haitian churches at Tesla Street, and at Groveland Street off River Street potentially.
- l. B3 is looking for families with children to give \$100 gift cards – call up (617) 343-4717 and let them know how many children and adults are in the family.
- m. How do we make a plan to reach out to people to check in on mental health?
- n. Could we potentially work with local business owners to encourage people to wear masks? Maybe with a sign that says “No Mask, No Sale?” We do see some people in the neighborhood not taking it seriously.
- o. Ocean State Job Lot is giving away free material to make masks with, and they also provide instructions on how to make them:
<https://www.oceanstatejoblot.com/COVID-19-mask-fabric-for-free>
- p. It's really important for all of us to be calling the seniors in our lives to check in on them and see if they need any help. To that end, City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo in District 5 is taking volunteers to do outreach to seniors. Sign up here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScve47Cdq_L-A_7IRN5-XCnZwYfZvcgqfoGugosEP3fhaweAg/viewform

Ongoing Items Tabled until a future meeting:

1. Emergency Services Event
2. Colorado/Itasca Streets Slow Streets Application
3. Residential Parking Permit application
4. AARP Walkability program
5. Blue Hill Ave/Cummins Highway/PLAN Mattapan studies