



GMNC Public Services Committee Meeting  
November 11, 2020  
6:30-8:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Rachel Idowu  
Dennis Roach  
Ruby Saucer  
June Joseph  
Patricia Bellfield (Attleboro)  
Lisa Beatman (East Roslindale)

Minutes

1. Covid-19 Check-in
  - i. Church of the Holy Spirit (River at Cummins Highway) gives out food every Wednesday at 10am
2. Brief Updates
  - i. Cummins Highway Pilot Project Check In (Matthew Skelly)
    1. New flex posts and pavement markings from River Street all the way up to ALH – (ALH by the way – needs better warning signage for the new changes)
    2. Tight parking around Food Basket and Crest Liquors
    3. Seems neater with the new paint
    4. Doesn't feel like it's very safe to get out of your car with traffic going by
    5. Loading zone for Food Basket is an issue, blocks traffic in the intersection
    6. Cars trying to take a left turn now block traffic, and the center median.
    7. Still interested potentially in additional signals

- ii. Trash/Recycling Bins Update (David Holness)
    - 1. Held for next month
  - iii. Savannah/Monterey Residents Only Parking Update (Dennis Roach)
    - 1. The city has said because it's a public park, we cannot restrict access to the park
    - 2. Would it make sense to involve the police on this? We need help here, we need someone who can get us higher up on their radar and get them to take us seriously.
    - 3. Not a priority because of the pandemic
    - 4. Maybe it's not going to be about Residential Parking, but we need another direction
  - iv. American Legion Highway Project (Lisa Beatman)
    - 1. Project is all about safety
    - 2. Going to need to be different solutions for different sections.
    - 3. Keeping it at 2 lanes in the commercial areas.
    - 4. Look for support of a letter with the following primary asks:
      - a. Vision Zero reconstruction of the intersections
      - b. Complete the project all the way down to Hyde Park Avenue
      - c. Commit to near term funding of permanent changes
    - 5. PSC voted (via email) 3-0 in favor of recommending that GMNC
3. Blue Hill Avenue Projects
- 1. Held for next month
  - ii. Morton at Blue Hill Ave & Harvard Street MassDOT project meeting recap (Matthew Skelly - notes on Page 2)
  - iii. Blue Hill Ave Project Update (meeting recap, public statements, safety priority etc)
    - 1. Appears to be eliminating some of the bus stops – are we on board with that?
  - iv. DND B3 & B4 Parcels

1. Patricia Bellfield looking to create something like an “Exit Committee” to help people
2. There was too much information, and B3 & B4 is really up in Roxbury, we’re more interested in the B1 & B2 parcels.
3. The Housing Committee is ramping up now. Patricia and June to connect on that.
4. New Items? - please email Matt in advance if possible
  - i. Public restrooms during Covid? Who would handle that?

Ongoing Items Tabled until Future notice:

1. Emergency Services Event
2. Colorado/Itasca Streets Slow Streets Application (42 Almont crosswalk)
3. Liquor license discussion recap
4. Find a permit review <https://data.boston.gov/dataset/approved-building-permits/resource/6ddcd912-32a0-43df-9908-63574f8c7e77>
5. PLAN Mattapan
6. AARP Livable Communities Update