



GMNC Public Services Committee Meeting
February 2, 2021
6:30-8:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

1. Covid-19 Check-in
2. Covid-19 Restaurant/Food Safety protocols (Jessica Thomas)
 - i. Especially with coffee shops – seeing folks wearing masks improperly, touching masks with gloves
 - ii. What can people do to help fix these problems?
 - iii. Jessica Thomas, ISD – best thing is to do a 311
 - iv. Dan Prendergast, ISD
 1. In other communities, reach out to their board of health
 2. In Boston, definitely call in or file a complaint when you see these things happening.
 3. First and foremost priority is health and safety. ISD has responded to approx. 2400 complaints related to Covid over the last year. ISD has 18 health inspectors, and 6000+ licensed food service establishments.
 4. The process is to issue a written warning on the first time an inspector witnesses a violation. The second time, ISD issues a \$300 fine.
 - v. Flavio Daveiga, ISD - The Dunkin Donuts at 684 American Legion Highway did get a visit from ISD after receiving a complaint.
 - vi. How does the public find out about outbreaks at particular stores?

1. DP – when an employee tests positive, the nurses at the Boston Health Commission are informed so that they can do their contact tracing. They also may need to close to disinfect.
2. FD – We also keep a spreadsheet of all the cases of employees being infected. If they don't report those, they can be fined.
- vii. In the Mayor's food court, all records of health inspections over the past two years are posted. <https://www.cityofboston.gov/isd/health/mfc/Default.aspx>
- viii. What about gyms, barber shops, salons, etc where violations have occurred? Is that information available anywhere?
 1. DP – you should reach out to the Boston Health Commission with specific concerns, but there's no list like the Mayors Food Court
3. Itasca Power Lines (David Holness)
 - i. Power lines are low hanging across the rear parking lot, causing the dumpster in the rear of the lot to be inaccessible by trucks.
 - ii. This has been a problem at this property in the past.
 - iii. How can we escalate this to another agency which could mandate the trash pick up?
 - iv. This should go to City Council, and Roudnie should be the one making the phone calls to the property managers.
 - v. Eversource has done what they need to do, but Comcast and Verizon still need to move their wires.
4. Crash Data (Katherine O'Shea)
5. Updates/Announcements
 - i. Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan Letter (Matthew Skelly)
 1. It's really important to our Committee that Senior Citizens are being considered. Is there anyone from the disabilities department being involved in the planning for this project?

2. Vivian is planning to help with the City's efforts in outreach on these
 - ii. Cummins Highway Pilot Project Check In
 1. When the pandemic is over, how are emergency vehicles going to get through on Cummins Highway when there are bike lanes up? Will there be enough room for them to get through?
 - iii. American Legion Highway Project
 - iv. Almont Park restroom
6. New Items? - please email Matt in advance if possible

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. Savannah/Monterey Residents Only Parking Update (Dennis Roach)
7. AARP Livable Communities