



WHARF DISTRICT
COUNCIL
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DECEMBER 15, 2020 (5-7 PM) Wharf District Council Meeting

BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT A-1 UPDATE

SERGEANT STEVEN MOY

Boston Police Department (BPD) Sergeant Steven Moy provided a police report at the December Wharf District Council (WDC) meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD INCIDENTS

NOVEMBER 17TH 2020: 3:15PM AT 53 STATE STREET—LARCENY FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

Officers responded to a 911 call made by a construction worker who had left his vehicle doors unlocked and later returned to find several items stolen from the center console, including most of his diabetic medication. Video surveillance has been obtained and detectives are following up.

DECEMBER 2ND 2020: 10:30AM AT 1 CENTRAL WHARF (NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM ATLANTIC HARBOR SEALS EXHIBIT)—BREAKING AND ENTERING

Officers responded to a call made by the New England Aquarium's facilities manager. Motion detection equipment had alerted staff to two individuals who had broken into and gained access to the Atlantic Harbor Seals exhibit by climbing over the glass. One of the suspects then proceeded to feed the sea lions while the other served as a lookout. Suspects were able to escape via the rear egress.

This was the latest in a series of three incidents according to Sergeant Moy, who stated that BPD has been in contact with NEAQ's EVP, Chief Operating and Financial Officer Eric Krauss and photos of the suspects have been distributed to A1 patrol officers, as well as the BPD's mental health clinician.

This case is currently under investigation.

DECEMBER 4TH 2020: 2 BROAD STREET: DINE-AND-DASH (LARCENY)

Officers responded to a complaint by a Wharf District restaurant reporting that a party of twelve patrons that had been served in two tables of six had left without paying the full amount on their \$473 bill. In addition to video surveillance, detectives have been able to make use of contact information left behind by the patrons who had paid.

This case is currently under investigation.

DECEMBER 15TH 2020: 2:30AM AT 75 STATE STREET—LARCENY FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

Officers responded to a 911 call where a female individual stated that she'd parked her car at 5:00pm and upon returning at 1:00am found the driver's side window down and her purse snatched from the passenger seat. There were no signs of forced entry. This case is currently under investigation.

The group in question often range as far as Cambridge and other localities.

RASTA ROOTZ CANNABIS DISPENSARY

FERNANDO BENT-MULLINGS, CO-FOUNDER AND CEO OF RASTA ROOTZ

Fernando Bent-Mullings gave a detailed presentation on his company's proposed cannabis dispensary at 21 Broad Street.

The dispensary would consist of basement offices, an express checkout with a waiting area, and additional floors featuring budtenders (staff members) providing consultation and sales.

Rasta Rootz would sell, but not manufacture cannabis products, and blend into the fabric of the

Wharf District according to Bent-Mullings, who emphasized wanting to drive business to surrounding establishments through customer discounts.

WDC Executive Director Susanne Lavoie asked about whether security would be present at the entranceway, Bent-Mullings affirmed there would be.

In terms of next steps, Bent-Mullings pointed to [the public meeting on Thursday evening, December 17](#), and seeking a community host agreement.

VERDANT CANNABIS DISPENSARY AT 150 STATE STREET

FORMER BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR TITO JACKSON, FOUNDER AND CEO OF VERDANT MEDICAL INC

Following his appearance at November's meeting, Boston City Councilor Tito Jackson, Founder and CEO of Verdant Medical Inc., updated the WDC on steps taken following the feedback he received for his proposed cannabis dispensary at 150 State Street.

Jackson covered concerns on excessive queuing, security, public safety and outside consumption as well as potential parking and traffic impacts.

Declaring that he's been in conversation with The Greenway, Jackson announced that Verdant has expressed an interest in sponsoring an additional park ranger.

Both Rasta Rootz and Verdant Medical Inc. would later be discussed at the during the WDC's executive session.

MAYORS OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UPDATE

JOHN ROMANO JR, CITY OF BOSTON NORTH END/WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD LIASION

John Romano spoke about the City of Boston's [decision to return to a modified Phase 2: Step 2 of the reopening plan](#) beginning Wednesday, December 16th, 2020, for at least three weeks. Links were

shared on [general guidance](#) and for [businesses](#). With a winter storm expected Wednesday evening into Thursday, Romano urged residents to stay safe.

THE GREENWAY

Marketing and Community Affairs Manager for The Greenway Rachel Lake briefed the WDC on a few items:

- The Greenway Carousel will continue to operate Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11AM to 6PM.
- For the holiday season, the Carousel will be closed on December 25 and will extend its hours on December 23, 24, 31 and January 1 from 11AM to 7PM.
- The next Greenway webinar "[Curating for the Chinese Zodiac: Furen Dai and Andy Li on The Greenway](#)" will take place on Thursday January 28th 2020 from 7:00pm to 8:00PM.

HOOK LOBSTER PROJECT UPDATE

- Developers representing the Hook Lobster Project will be delivering a presentation at the next WDC session.
- Read a preview of the project and see a rendering at the [Boston Globe](#).
- The IAG (Impact Advisory Group) for the project has been established, with updated binders recently sent out to members.

BOSTON PUBLIC MARKET UPDATES AND WINTER HAPPENINGS

Carrie DeWitt, Director of Community Engagement at the Boston Public Market (BPM) stopped by to discuss the latest holiday happenings taking place. DeWitt was joined by BPM's CEO Cheryl Cronin, who thanked the WDC for their support.

- Boston Public Market has partnered with WhatsGood, a New England-based delivery service. Online ordering is now available for shoppers who can gain access by scanning a QR code or [visiting the BPM website](#).
- The Creator market is taking place, with the last day scheduled for Sunday, December 20th.
- Holiday hours have gone into effect from Wednesdays to Saturdays from 8AM to 6PM and Sundays from 10AM to 6PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no significant updates to report on regarding Climate Resilience and the Harbor Garage Project.

- WDC member Doug Gribbel provided information on the [newly-formed petition](#) taken up to oppose proposed changes included in the State Street Renovation Project.
- On New Year's Eve, Boston Harbor Now is organizing an [Ice Sculpture Stroll](#) to over a dozen sites from 1:PM – dusk on December 31, 2020. Wharf District locations including Christopher Columbus Park and One International Place are among the stops along the way

To view the full December meeting, [click here](#) and use password: 03SbD0+L

Minutes credit to Steve Vilkas

THE NEXT WHARF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020 FROM 5 TO 7 PM ON ZOOM