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MEETING NOTES

Date: September 12, 2013
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Room 202

Council Members Present: Alderman Lisle Baker, Ward 7; Alderman Stephen Links, Ward 2; Gloria Gavris, President of the Chestnut Hill Association; Stephen Bart, resident; Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development, Tom Keady, Vice President Governmental & Community Affairs

Others present: Alderman Ruthanne Fuller; Jeanne Levesque, Director of Government Relations

1. St. Mary's Hall update. This project is half done, and the Jesuits will move back in December 2014. In January 2015, the academic portion of the building will open. Roof and stone work continues on the exterior, and framing, electrical, and other interior construction is taking place concurrently.

2. Campus Construction Updates. An air conditioning and dehumidifier system was installed in Conte Forum. \$3 million renovation to general chemistry teaching labs in Merkert Hall also completed.

3. Shuttle Bus to Newton Center. About 45 students have been riding the shuttle. The College will continue to keep track of ridership and may explore the possibility of expanding the route to include the Route 9 shopping centers.

4. Fall Football Schedule. BC plays USC on September 14th and if there is enough interest by students to view the game, BC will play game on big screen in Alumni Stadium. Neighbors may hear the game coverage. Katharine McPhee is going to be performing during Parents' Weekend on Friday, September 27th at POPS on the Heights scholarship benefit in Conte Forum. Homecoming will be on the first weekend of October (4 & 5) and will include a pep rally and fireworks display on Shea Field for 10-15 minutes around 8 p.m. on Friday, October 4th. The event is open to the public and the neighbors will be notified in advance. Police details will be on hand to direct traffic. Newsletters from the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs have also been distributed around the streets in close proximity to BC with magnets displaying the 2013 football schedule.

5. Police Details. State, Boston, Newton, Needham, Brookline, and MBTA patrols have been engaged in the football game day management plan. Based on low sales and attendance for games this season, reductions in the police staffing levels were proposed by the University to Boston, Newton, and State police. The Boston police have agreed to a reduction and have a plan that was approved with the entertainment license; the State also has agreed to a reduction. T. Keady noted that football attendance has declined, so details should be reduced at such times; however, they will engage more details with popular games. BC staff has met with the Police Chief to discuss support they can provide, such as installing barricades and directing traffic at key intersections. T. Keady expressed his concern and frustration that service is no longer at the same level as it has been in the past and wants to make sure that safety and security meet the standards expected, and to receive the value for their investment in staffing.


6. Neighborhood Parking. During football games, Stone Avenue, a private way, is monitored by a LAZ parking attendant to ensure that all BC employees with an SA hang tag park in the lot. The only other cars authorized to park on

Stone Avenue are the Newton Police detail officer's car and the LAZ parking attendant. In the past there have been problems with unauthorized individuals parking on the road or in the lot. . The OGCA continues to monitor parking by BC employees in the Suffolk Road, Kingsbury neighborhood there is still one repeat parker (an employee) who refuses to move along, while others have heeded requests to relocate.

- 7. Lighting.** T. Keady also noted that a cobra head light (Comm 160) on College Road near the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue has been out for 6 months. The problem has been reported to Newton Transportation Director Bill Paille who indicated that it is most likely a problem with the underground connection. MassDOT is currently responsible and hasn't addressed. B. Paille is pursuing. The ornamental light is on constantly and that is also under review with Newton for adjustment to timing.
- 8. Newton Campus.** Phase 2 of the landscaping project near the Newton Campus has been complete involving installation of new granite curbing, grass, shrubs and additional trees. Bill Paille has agreed to post signs that have been missing ("No Parking in the Neighborhood" signs) during BC football games. S. Bart noted that it seems as though the Public Address system during soccer games is being used more over time, but has not yet become a serious issue. Also, there is a statue of St. Thomas Mor, noted English attorney, statesman, and philosopher is being installed outside the Law Library on the Newton Campus.
- 9. Hero Campaign.** For the 2013 football season, BC has partnered with the HERO campaign, a non-profit organization with a mission to prevent drunken driving tragedies and promote designated drivers. tragedy. . The campaign and Student and employee volunteers staff the HERO tent at all home football games pass out information on the campaign and encourage people to pledge to be a designated driver.
- 10. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 12th.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEWTON

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: CHIEF MINTZ

DATE: 8/31/13

FROM: CAPT. BERUBE

SUBJECT: B.C FOOTBALL

RE: AFTER ACTION REPORT

The Boston College vs. Villanova football game was scheduled for a 12-noon kickoff. Roll call was conducted at 8 a.m.

The three motorcycles began their shift at 6 a.m. in an effort to tow illegally parked motor vehicles and to assist the company who puts out the traffic barrels for the event.

No officers were forced to work the game.

Traffic flow for the game was light before and after the game. Pedestrian traffic along Commonwealth Ave. and Beacon St. was consistent with other B.C. games.

Motorcycle officers tagged and towed 4 motor vehicles that were illegally parked.

The temporary Taxi stand on the carriage lane of Commonwealth Ave. had no complaints. The spots were marked with temporary signs by Newton DPW and the signs were removed after the game.

Off. Valente had a minor accident when he backed into a signpost. All necessary reports were filed.

The game concluded at 3 p.m. and all officers were dismissed at 4 p.m.

All officers worked 8 hours except for the motorcycle officers who worked 10 hours and the Command Post Captain who worked 9 hours.

To: Chief Howard L. Mintz

From: Captain Marc Gromada

Re: After Action Report Boston College Football Sept. 6, 2013

Date: September 9, 2013

Roll call was held by Captain Gromada at 1600hrs. The compliment consisted of Two Captains, Two Lieutenants, Seven Sergeants and Twenty-Nine Officers (3 were assigned to motorcycles). Captain Marzilli was taken from his assignment and assigned to the BC Command Center. He attended a briefing at 1430 hrs in the BC Command Center.

Three Motorcycle Officers were assigned at 1400 towing vehicles illegally parked. No motor vehicles were towed and only one violation was issued. The lack of violations were due to the fact that all the meters on Commonwealth and Beacon streets around the campus were bagged in the morning and the parking spots were being monitored by our parking Enforcement Officers until the arrival of our Motorcycle Officers.

At approx 1415hrs we received multiple complaints in the Traffic Bureau from the Mt. Alvernia School from the administration and very unhappy parents. Apparently Liddell had closed off Commonwealth Ave. westbound by the Boston Line with traffic barrels and cones. The traffic was forced up the carriage lane causing a long backup into Boston. This caused problems in regards to children being picked up and buses trying to leave the school. I personally went to assess the situation and had to utilize the Motorcycle Officers at approx 1445 hrs. Liddell never had our permission to shut down the lane on Commonwealth Ave. We had no Officers assigned to this post to 1600hrs.

One Sergeant and six Officers were assigned to early posts at 1500 hrs to help with the flow of traffic from BC employees leaving the campus early due to the Friday night kickoff. The posts were two Officers at Beacon & Hammond and one Officer assigned to Commonwealth & Hammond, Commonwealth & Grant, Beacon & Lawrence Rd and Beacon & Hammond Pond Parkway.

At approx 1700 hrs Sgt. Cahoon requested a Motorcycle Officer to assist with traffic backups in Centre St. and Church St areas. We had no posts assigned to Officers at Church & Centre and Sargent & Centre due to the cut back in assignments.

At approx 1715 hrs Captain Marzilli requested assisting the backup of traffic on Hammond Pond Parkway & Beacon St. the traffic was reportedly backed up to the Chestnut Hill Mall. Another Motorcycle Officer was sent to this location since the State Police and our department had no posts assigned here due to cutbacks in personnel.

Around this time a request from BC for the Motorcycle Officers to help with football motorcade was denied since all three Motorcycle Officers were tied up at traffic posts. (The third Motorcycle Officer was assigned to the 66 Commonwealth Ave area).

The parking gates opened at 1700 hrs. The traffic consisted of Friday night rush hour and football traffic. Once the gates opened and the traffic problems were addressed the flow became light.

The game kicked started at approx.2005 hrs.

I was informed by Sgt. McMains at halftime that a security guard at Stone Ave. earlier had told him he could not park his police vehicle on that roadway per BC Police. (I did not know that BC owned Stone Ave.) I believe this roadway is in the city of Newton.

Also between halftime and the duration of the game multiple cars exited the main gate campus and proceeded to take a left turn onto Commonwealth Ave to head west bound. The exited was coned off

to force drivers to go right but this was ignored by many since we had no post assigned to this location due to the cuts in the detail. One of our Officers at the College Rd. bus stop post was nearly struck by one of these vehicles.

At 2300 hrs an arrest was made on Commonwealth Ave near the Boston Line for a warrant on a taxi driver who had made an unauthorized pickup. Sgt Babcock was the arresting Officer.

After the game ended Sgt McMains along with Officer Adam moved up to the bus stop on Beacon Street to assist with foot traffic and the departing buses. This left the crosswalk at Stone Ave. unattended. I personally stationed myself at this location since three after game posts had been eliminated due to reduction in personnel for the detail.

It should be noted that there was a lack of lighting for Officers at the following locations. Commonwealth Ave & Grant @Island, Commonwealth Ave. & Hammond @ Island and Commonwealth Ave @ Turn Around by the Boston line.

The detail was dismissed at 2400hrs by Captain Marzilli.

Recommendations:

1. Chief after this game it is clear to due to the fourteen posts that have been eliminated that we can not provide escorts for BC or cover the Beacon St. bus stop after the game without compromising other areas that need attention or cover. I suggest adding four more officers to the detail to address the problems at the Main Gate, The Beacon Street Bus Stop and the escort.

Cc: Captain Marzilli
Sgt. Babcock