

9/29 Open House #1	Open House #1 Written Feedback	PROGRAMMING & EVENTS																
Feedback by Permit Zone Area	Athletic Zone	Central Burying Ground	Deer Park	Boylston St. Plaza	Adj. Boston Massacre Monument	Parkman Bandstand	Adj. VIC	VIC Plaza (Parkman Plaza)	Ranger Station	Adj. Brewer Fountain	Brewer Fountain	Park St. Plaza	Liberty Mall	Tadpole Playground	Frog Pond	Flagstaff Hill	Parade Ground	GENERAL
COMMENTS:																		
Astroturf for sports				Add programming here and food options	Why do some areas never have programming? Lafayette Mall in this area.	Love Shakespeare on the Common			More access to rangers, more rangers outdoors not inside	Water Fountains to help people reduce the use of plastic bottles and provide clean water	The food trucks are noisy and disruptive		Why is there never any programming here? Up by shaw memorial.		Activate with musicals	Keep the slope passive	No to Hempfest because it is filthy	There are too many race events. Give the Common a break.
Conflicts for time on the athletic fields with emerson					No more monuments	Move Hempfest to City Hall					Trucks here are an eyesore				Active with movies		No to Hempfest	Boston Symphony in the Common is fantastic. Live broadcast from Tanglewood.
Tennis courts are in disrepair						The Parkman Bandstand seems like a local place					Ditch the Arepas we need NYC style street food				The space around the Frog Pond is dead space		Why are we held hostage annually by Hempfest? And why are citations for smoking never issued?	I avoid events as a neighbor of the park, but I do go to the tree lighting.
Soccer Field Please															Relocate splash pad programming to an enlarged playground area		If we have an off leash dog we get harrassed here	Many events are too commercial looking
																	Free public concerts for all ages at different times of day and season	Noise is an issue with some events
																	Hempfest has got too big and it's horrible for children and passerbyers	More restrooms throughout
																	No Hempfest	create a calendar for events on the Common
																	Fewer large scale permitted events all over the Common	Enforce event deposit requirements and park rules. Hold users accountable and event hosts/staff responsible
																	Want less large events here but not sure where to put them. City Hall Plaza?	More food options
VOTES:																		
MORE PROGRAMMING	7		2	1		5	1			2	2		2	1	5	1		
LESS PROGRAMMING				1					1				2		1	3	5	

	Open House #1	STRUCTURED USE AREAS								
9/29 Open House #1	Written Feedback									
# Attendees: ~ 160										
Feedback by Area	Softball Field	Little League Field	Tennis Courts	Tadpole Playground	Frog Pond	Other structured use space ideas:		Dog Use	Dog Use Locations	
COMMENTS:							COMMENTS:			
	Assess who uses the ball fields - hold them accountable. If it is an organization/ club they should pay usage fees		Need renovations	Expand, need a larger safe space for families with young children that is clean and drug free	Fill entire frog pond with ice skating during the season	Bocce ball		An enclosed area for dogs is a good idea	Off Leash area near Tremont is too close to the street - big dog owners often don't use it for this reason - not as safe	
	These two ball fields could be transformed into a multiuse open space designed for multiple functions/sports rather than being only for two		Pickleball idea	Need play spaces for 5-9 year olds	Astoturf the Frog Pond during non-skate season. Move the splash pad programming to a proper splash pad area in conjunction with an expanded playground (like at Martin's Park)	Corn Hole		We need a dedicated space for dogs, large turf area	Off Leash area between parkman bandstand and Mayor's walk gets swampy with rain	
	turn one of these ball fields into a soccer field		realign with geometry	Swings		More fountains along paths		Need more space for dogs and owners; the rangers are more focused on the dogs than on trash, drugs, homeless etc. which is not okay	My dog ate drugs at the off leash area near armstrong/lyman paths and had to go to the hospital. Lots of needles in the grass	
						More food trucks and seating options		yes to an enclosed dog park with drainage, fencing, benches, water, and rules	people feel unsafe in armstrong/lyman off leash area because of homeless activity and drug activity	
						An overhead footbridge to the public garden		Would like to see an enclosed area for dogs	Favorite location is the off leash area on Parade	
						More benches, trees, shady spots to read and picnic		Dangerous for bikers		
						do not expand the underground garage		Yes to an enclosed dog park with benches		
						better food options, a nice restaurant like in NYC parks		a permanent location would help the turf		
						more trees sand biodiversity with more quiet and closed off natural areas to relax		I love the dog areas, a small fenced area with benches would be great		
						Light the paths		rotate more often		
						Increase tree canopy along Beacon Street Mall, depending on desity could encourage more of a mulch forest-like floor instead of grass in particular areas.		it is not appropriate for one group to have exclusive use of an enclosed area so no to an enclosed dog park		
								Enclosed dog park would make the park feel more cramped		
								Rotate more often		
								the dogs ruin the turf as a result of overuse, dogs who use the space should pay fees		
VOTES:							VOTES:			
Expand	2	4	8	13	7		No Dog Areas	1		
Reduce	5	2	1				Continue current off-leash program	10		
Relocate		1	2				Create an enclosed dog park	12		
Remove	3	2								
Leave as Is	2	1	1	2	4					

9/29 Open House #1	Open House #1	SAFETY & SECURITY						
Feedback by Safety Concern	Pedestrian and Bike travel	Drug activity and Homelessness	Police/Rangers	Other		On Average, Areas people feel LESS safe	On Average, Areas people feel MORE safe	
# Attendees: ~ 160								
COMMENTS:								
bikes and akte boarders are a real danger to pedestrians on Beacon Hill Mall		Human Feces, needles, and drugs	There are usually people in the Park St. Station area which makes me feel safe	Uneven surfaces at Boylston St plaza and Tremont St edge		Park Street Station/Plaza	Brewer Fountain	
I prefer to walk along Tremont outside the fence so as not to feel locked in		Homelessness and pan-handling in the vacinity of Park St Station is a concern	not enough active policing and ticketing and accountability to behave	There are no visible no biking signs		Soldiers and Sailors	Parade Ground	
the fence along Tremont makes the Common feel like a prison. There should be more openings		Union Club is working with Curch to improve the Park St. area?	Many elderly homeless near Boylston St. plaza	Significant difference between safety feelings at night vs during the day here		Lafayette Mall	Charles St. Entrance	
Access across Tremont St. from Park St. Plaza is unsafe		Too much enenforced/policed drug use in the park of both marijuana and illegal drugs make it feel unsafe	Park rangers do not enforce the no biking rule	It is more unsavory than unsafe		Armstrong/Lyman Path area	around Frog Pond	
Risky crossing Beacon and Park streets up near Shaw Memorial		I don't enter the park after about 6pm because of drug/pot use	Police appear to have an agreement not to control the Park St. Corner and Tremont St. congregations of homeless...why?	Light the Shaw memorial/top of Liberty Mall as it is dark at night		Park Stree Mall up to Shaw Memorial area	Charles St entrance up Railroad Mall	
Charles and Beacon Street crossing is busy		Some bench locations, like the ones on the paths leading up to Soldiers and Sailors are gathering places for certain unsavory activities - change these spaces so they do not facilitate this type of use and gathering		There are too many people congregating at the corners		Boylston Street Station/Plaza		
Charles St. is a racecar drag strip and is perilous for people walking to and from the Public Garden		Seasonal change in the Armstrong and Lyman path areas of homeless use		I enjoy the soldiers and sailors monument area but just don't feel safe in that location				
Feel unsafe crossing Tremont St. so busy		Problem benches and seat walls to consider moving						
Boylston St. crossing is also dangerous								

9/29 Open House #1		Open House #1	CULTURE, HISTORY & MONUMENTS		
Feedback by Monument		# of people unfamiliar with the monument	Positive	Other	MLK monument
# Attendees: ~ 160					
COMMENTS:					
Blackstone Memorial Tablet	1		Love the Shaw and 54th memorial	Please add/replace monuments to represent more recent and diverse histories. MLK is just a start	Yes to the modern MLK monument. Love the older monuments but it is time to get modern
Brewer Fountain			Love the Commodore John Barry Monument on Lafayette Mall	I am surprised that there are so many monuments! Many are well hidden in the landscape. Maybe having a unifying element/structure to distinguish that it is a monument/special would help	Too big, too shiny, inappropriate for the Common, no process of RFP, we are not New York City
Nova Scotia Tree Tablet	3		love the soldiers and sailors hill area	Currently they are spread out all over the Common with not much direction/purpose of place. Can we move them around to be in more appropriate/gathered locations or moved off site?	I think the MLK monument is not in keeping with the Common and other monuments. Too big and gaudy.
Marquis de Lafayette Monument	3			Would love a large monument which brings the Common into the modern era of parks	I like the idea a lot especially the tribute to racial justice in a segregated city like ours. Could we have a more spacially appropriate/local artist design it though?
Commodore John Barry Monument	6			Are there any other local, more modern activists we can honor from Boston?	out of place and out of scale. Bulky new imagery for MLK
Parkman Plaza Statues (3)	1			I much prefer to have no monuments on the Common	Love honoring MLK and racial justice
Declaration of Independence Plaque	2			Pay homage to activists in ways other than monuments? Dedicate an area of a themed playground or maybe another type of feature that people enjoy like a fountain, ampitheater, or trail	The large allocation of space to the MLK monument is aggressive. I would rather see spaces improved which actually serve city residents like the playground, green space etc.
Boston Massacre Memorial				Would love an audioguide app that anyone can access to learn the history of the various monuments	Should not be so central on the Common, current location makes it seem like the most imporant thing out there
Parkman Bandstand				maybe a 9/11 memorial	Love the idea but not the Plaza accompanying it - should be smaller and be a green and planted space not a hardscape area
Edward Filene Tablet	9				We need an MLK monument but this proposal is way out of scale, design, expense, and maintenance consideration
Fox Hill Plaque	5				Please do not add MLK monument to the Common. Save our green open space.
Royal Navy Plaque	4				I do not like the MLK monument proposed. I like the idea, but it is a frightening thing to look at
Papal Mass Tablet	2				Keep character as a pastoral park - minimal hardscaping for art
Nurses Plaque	9				MLK monument should be of a similar scale, material, and design as the other revered monuments in the Common and Public garden
Soldiers and Sailors Monument					
Oneida Football Tablet	4				
Founders Memorial					
Great Elm Plaque	1				
Frog Sculptures					
Guild Steps and Plaques	2				
Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial					
Liberty Mall and Steps	1				
Carty Parade Ground	3				
Central Burying Ground	1				

9/29 Open House #1	Open House #1 Written Feedback	TREES & SITE FEATURES					
# Attendees: ~ 160							
	Trees	Grass/Other Planting	Other	Improvements to Promote Gathering		Where people LIKE to gather (marked with sticker dots)	Where people do NOT LIKE to gather as much (marked with sticker dots)
COMMENTS:							
	More trees along Tremony	Gardens in the Common	Educational opportunities in Landscape - plants/insects	Sustainable building and landscape design alternatives		parkman bandstand area	Park St Plaza needs to be improved
	Bring back the double or triple allee along Lafayette Mall	Garden that offers biodiversity: plants, animals, insects	landscape opportunities: meditation, calming spaces	provide more restrooms - with attendants is best		flagg staff hill on the parade ground side	Parkman Plaza is not a place to hang out
	Flagg Staff Hill could support more trees, grove character	I miss the flower boxes on Tremont St. soften that edge	Please do not reduce green/permeable space	Picnic tables under trees and in the shade		frog pond	Boylston street edge is not easy to hang out on
	Boylston T Plaza grass areas and orchard looking area looks awfu		block views of large metal utility boxes all over with plantings	more trash cans, more dog poo receptacles		sports field bleachers for lunch	
	Provide tree info - interpretive materials, 'tree walk', pamphlet		The Common is not conducive to sitting/relaxing	more benches with tables that are both permeable (rain)		grass behind tennis courts and Earl of Sandwich	
	the maple trees around Brewer look skimpy		Using leaf blowers is unnecessary and not great	Benches facing in to lawn areas not always outward			
	tree maintenance, feeding, and pruning is critical						
	Species name tags and dates on trees						
	Sponsorship plaques on trees or for allees so they are maintained						
	a grove of trees would be nice, more wild, forest/mulch floor						
	flowering trees - pears						
	Beacon St. Mall flowering trees!						
	Some trees are too old and mishapen to be kept alive - better to remove and replace rather than hang onto some of these - elms at shaw for example...						

Open House #1						
9/29 Open House #1	Written Feedback	ACCESS, CIRCULATION, & BIKES				
# Attendees: ~ 160						
	BIKE Circulation	PEDESTRIAN Circulation	Other		Origins of travellers	Destinations of travellers
COMMENTS:						
	Separate bicycles	I feel like I am playing Frogger with my life getting to and from the Common	The noise of the traffic around the Common degrades the sanctuary within		north end	beacon hill
	No bikes within Common or Public Garden	Need flashing lights or more cross walks at intersections around the Common			park st plaza	charles and beacon st corner
	No bikes, enforce the law!	Would love to see some 'Greenway' like paths to create visual interest and increase interest - side paths, curvy paths, topo...				boylston st plaza
	If there were physically separated bikes lanes around the Common on the street I would never ride in the Common	Put Charles St. underground or build a pedestrian bridge over it				downtown
	I'd like to bike down Railroad Mall but it's always too crowded					backbay
	Would definitely bike through with my children is there were dedicated bike lanes					
	dedicated/marked shared bike paths around the perimeter					
	Create connection to other bike lanes that are being introduced downtown					
	No bikes inside, keep them around the dges					
	Beacon St. is hard for bikers. One ways are less effective for bikes than the Common					
	Need bike lanes through the Common					
	Bikes need safe and direct routes - desire lines that bisect the Common diagonally - the problem will not go away unless addressed formally					
	Direct bikes around Common on their own lanes/paths					
	Enforce no bikes or skateboarders in Common and Public Garden					
	Allow one path from Boylston T plaza to Beacon and Charles corner					
	need bike lanes					
	need bike lanes in the common					
	Need bike lanes through the Common					
	if we need more paths for bikes make sure we are not paving too much. Maybe use stone dust/gravel for some walking paths to alleviate impervious pressure.					
	Yes to bikes					
	A proper protected trail along the edge OR a separated bike lane within					
	Charles St. is a one way so no good for bikers who need to get from beacon hill into downtown					
	I ride in the park to avoid beacon St. dangers					