Improvements to McGann Playground
Hyde Park
Community Meeting #1
July 15, 2021
Boston Parks and Recreation
MEETING RECORDING

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be recording the meeting and posting to our project webpage for those who are unable to attend the Zoom meeting live.

It is possible that participants may also be recording the meeting with their phones cameras or other devices. If you do not wish to be recorded during this meeting, please keep your microphone and camera off.
VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

We want to ensure this conversation is a pleasant experience for all and that all community members/stakeholders are comfortable sharing their comments, questions and feedback.

Please be respectful and mindful of each other's time when asking questions/providing comments, so that all attendees are able to participate in the meeting.

Keep questions/comments project-specific and not personal to yield solution-driven discussion.

Please wait until all attendees have had the opportunity to ask a question/provide a comment before providing additional questions/comments.

You can always set up a conversation with Lauren Bryant, Lauren.Bryant@boston.gov to further discuss the project or process.
ZOOM TIPS
Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

**DURING THE PRESENTATION:**

- **VIA WEB:** Turn video on / off.

**DURING THE Q&A:**

- **JOINING VIA PHONE?** Use *9 to raise hand to ask for audio / video permission to ask questions or provide comments.

- **VIA WEB:** Chat to ask questions / comments or provide responses to poll questions.

- Raise hand to ask for audio / video permission to ask questions or provide comments.

To use these non-verbal options click on participants (bottom of screen); these options will pop up in side bar.
Zoom test question

How do you primarily access this park?

A) Walk
B) Drive
C) Bike
D) Bus
AGENDA

1. PROJECT TEAM INTRODUCTION
2. PROJECT OVERVIEW
3. PROJECT SCHEDULING AND FUNDING
4. PRESENTATION + COMMUNITY INPUT
5. LISTENING & DISCUSSION
6. CLOSING REMARKS & NEXT STEPS
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

McGANN PARK

WEST STREET
**PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING**

- **JULY 15 2021**
  - Community Meeting 1

- **JULY 19 2021**
  - Pop Up on Site

- **FALL 2021**
  - Community Meeting 3
  - Design Development + Construction Documents

- **SPRING 2022**
  - Construction
    - Estimated cost of construction: $685,000

- **FALL 2022**
  - Anticipated Park Opening
City of Boston Priorities

Safety Guidelines + Regulatory Guidelines

Parks + Recreation Goals

Community Input
CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

• Expanding walkable access to parks

• Addressing equity

• Climate resilience

• Health

• Housing and community building
PARK & RECREATION GOALS

• Accessible and available to all

• Diverse, balanced, and efficient mix of uses

• Meaningful and inclusive community engagement

• Adaptive and resilient landscapes

• Promote connections
THE SITE

- Golf course
- Open lawn
- Playground

Surrounding neighborhood

WEST STREET
ENTRANCES OFF WEST STREET
PLAY STRUCTURES + WATER FEATURE
SWINGS
SEATING
PARK PERIMETER - SIDES
SHADOW STUDY - SPRING + FALL
SHADOW STUDY - SUMMER

9AM  12PM  4PM
SITE GOALS

• Activate + utilize more of the site

• Increase site accessibility

• Provide diverse play opportunities for a variety of ages

• Maintain water play

• Add more strategic seating
QUESTIONS

Questions for you!
Questions

What time of day do you most visit the park?

E) 6am-9am
F) 9am-noon
G) noon-3pm
H) 3pm-6pm
Questions

Who do you normally go to the park with?

I) My own kids

J) Daycare

K) I meet up with other friends/family

L) By myself

M) Other - write ideas into chat box
Questions

When visiting the park, how many other visitors are generally there at the same time?

N) 0-5
O) 6-10
P) 11-15
Q) 16+
Questions

Are the play opportunities sufficient for the number of children in the park?

R) Yes
S) No
Questions

Does the playground accommodate the ages of children in the neighborhood?

T) Yes

U) No
Questions

What do you love about this park?

V) The play equipment
W) The water feature
X) The open space for my kids to run around
Y) Other - write ideas into chat box
Questions

What makes you want to come to this park over others?

Z) It’s close to my home or work
A1) It’s not too crowded
B1) The play equipment is great for kids
C1) There’s space for adults to supervise kids easily
D1) Other - write ideas into chat box
Questions

What most needs improving in this park?

E1) Accessibility of the play equipment

F1) Play equipment needs to be moved farther into the park, away from the street

G1) The open space could be better utilized

H1) The play equipment is aging and needs to be updated

I1) Other - write ideas into chat box
Questions

What would you most like to see in a future park?

J1) Updated play equipment + water feature
K1) Updated entrance with new gates
L1) Green space
M1) A trike loop
N1) Spaces for older adults
O1) Other - write ideas into chat box
LISTENING & DISCUSSION

Help us build great parks.
Let us know what matters to you.
THANK YOU!

On Site Pop Up: Monday, July 19
McGann Park, 4-6 pm

Please come by and give us your feedback in person!

For questions, maintenance requests or concerns regarding any of our parks contact 311

For questions or comments on the project, please reach out to Lauren Bryant at Lauren.Bryant@boston.gov or at 617-961-3019

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