Mel King School Garden Fence Public Art Project

Community Engaged Design Proposal

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About the Mel King School Garden

- Mel King South End Academy & Haley House
- 2. Emphasis on Social Emotional Learning
- 3. Service-Centered
- 4. Significance in the School & Neighborhood Community





About the Project

Redesigning and replacing garden spires & posts through hand-made designs by lead artist & students

Multi-series workshop involving site visits, outdoor sketching and hand-building

Using clay sculptures to make cast iron additions that are aesthetically consistent with the neighborhood



Opportunity for Creative Expression

Gardens love art!

Some students just aren't outdoorsy, but can still participate in making the garden

Creates further investment in the space

Building confidence

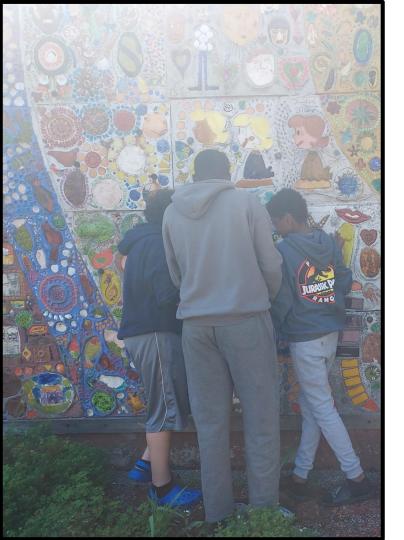
Art is an opportunity for self-expression & communication



Collaboratively Making Public Space haping their neighborhood

An opportunity for repair, given that many of the student's parents & grandparents were displaced from South End

Bringing children into the fold of public space



Being a Part of South End

Site visits encourage neighborhood literacy

Drawing reference directly from motifs in South End's natural and built environment

Unique but aesthetically consistent designs

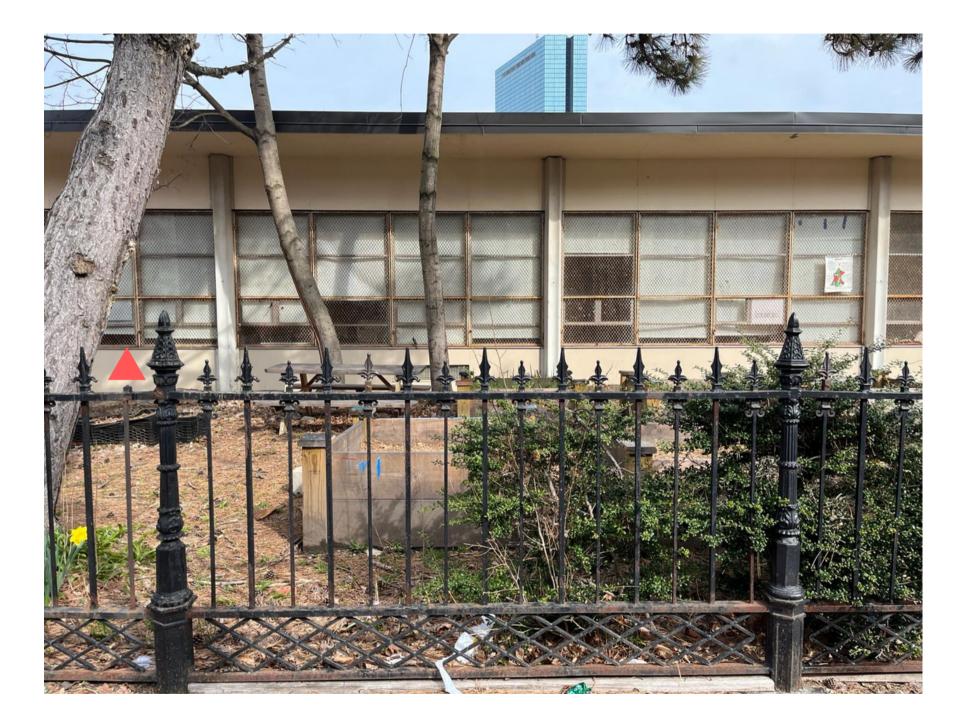
Meeting South End architects & designers

About the Artist:



Fatima Seck is a school gardener and community teaching artist. She has facilitated a number of socially-engaged art projects: making mosaics at farmers market using pantry staples for GrowBoston; creating memorials for Black enslaved people at Cambridge cemeteries with funding from the City of Cambridge; and in her role as a 2024 Artist-in-Residence at Mount Auburn Cemetery. She has worked with youth in a variety of settings & contexts, including the ICA Boston & Mel King South End Academy.

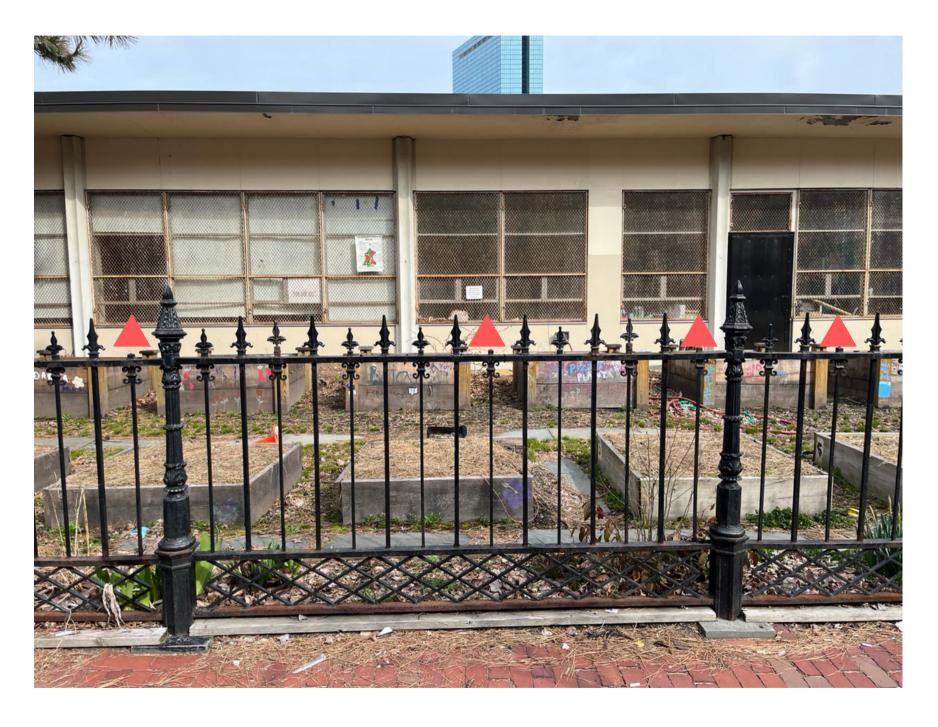
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24 Spires

One post

General repaint/varnish

Potential Collaborators:

- 1. Reliable Fencing
- 2. Independent contractors for welding services
- 3. FeLion studios
- 4. Richmond Iron

Thank you!

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