



Meeting Notes

Date:	Oct. 18 2023	
Project Name:	Improvements to Town Field	
Project Number:	AG 2272	
Attending:	Agency Landscape + Planning	Kate Tooke, Radhika Mahan, Jingzhi Fan
	Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD)	Cathy Baker-Eclipse
	Community Members	Lisa Searcy, Ayomide Olumuyiwa, Lorenzo Whitter
Topic	Virtual Public Meeting 1	

Agenda:

1. Introduction

- The team emphasized the importance of community involvement during the design phase.
- Highlighted the need to consider costs, community input, and eventual City Council approval expected in late spring.
- Noted the significance of safety and adherence to regulatory guidelines.

2. Existing Conditions Discussion

- Address safety concerns raised by Lisa Searcy, particularly regarding proximity to traffic and potential conflicts during Dorchester Day events.
- Investigate the need for handicap van parking.
- Evaluate the need for additional bathrooms, especially for families with young children.
- Improve signage and wayfinding, particularly at the Bourneside Street entrance.
- Consider incorporating a water feature near the soccer field.
- It was noted that lighting can be brighter at night.
- It was noted that there is a potential conflict with public transportation posed on kids in basketball courts

3. Poll Results Discussion

- Frequency of Visits:
 - Consideration should be given to maintaining the attractiveness and functionality of the park for frequent visitors.
 - It was indicated that the frequency of visit of one of the participants were twice a week on average

- Memorable Events:
 - Recognize the significance of open street events
 - Ensure continued support and promotion of open street events to foster community engagement.
 - The annual Louis D. Brown Peace Institute Mother's Day Walk
 - National Night Out Dorchester Day

- Entrance Preferences:
 - Address the difficulty in finding the Bourneside entrance.
 - Improve signage and visibility at the Bourneside entrance to enhance accessibility.
 - It was noted that some participants mostly enter from Dorchester ave and Park street

- Favorite Park Features:
 - Recognize the importance of various park features such as the fieldhouse, sports field, trees, community garden, courts, and playground.
 - Ensure maintenance and enhancement of these features to meet community preferences and needs.

Other Notes

- Further community engagement and input will be sought throughout the planning process.

These meeting notes are submitted for the purpose of summarizing the important details of the meeting noted above. Please read carefully and notify us promptly if there are any additions or corrections to be made.