



Meeting Notes

Date: Dec. 12 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) Nathan Frazee

Topic: Virtual Public Meeting 2

Agenda:

1. Improving the entry experience

- Consider increasing the number of entryways while keeping the existing stone features.
- Hemenway was noted as a good example of a loop walking path

2. Multi sports

- It was noted that the idea of multi-activity is preferred, however we need to be prudent about increasing pavement area
- Concern: if these fields are redone, might not be able to be rented for private leagues
- Futsal was mentioned as a potential new activity

3. Other activities

- Look at the feasibility of incorporating a passive skating "pond" in winter.
- Activities such as Pickup football, Flag football, Tennis, Outdoor stage for performance, lawn games, open, pickleball were noted

4. Park Support and Accessibility

- Accessible park entrances are a priority
- Confirm the number of seats at the natural performance space in option B
- Nate to connect with George Huynh offline to discuss what we can accommodate for community garden beds.
- Consider tool storage and water access
- Generally Option A was preferred
- Like the natural performance space in option B; would like to incorporate enough seating
- Debate about community garden, assign to individual or educational purposes (public), length of time, ways of knowing when they will be available
- Basketball court should not be elevated

- It was noted that more planting with the community space is desirable, as well as a diversity of plants along the jogging path.

5. Community Engagement and Events:

- Finalize event schedules and communication channels.
- Incorporate feedback from community members into park design.
- Confirm event schedules and communication channels for upcoming community events, such as Viet Aid and other gatherings.
- Consider community feedback in park design to ensure it meets the diverse needs and preferences of residents.
- Court is needed for Community Day
- Need a scoreboard

6. Park Design and Amenities:

- Explore incorporating more natural elements (planting) into the park design.
- Some activities were noted as desirable, such as jogging paths and greenery to enhance the park's aesthetic and appeal.
- Lighting is important for community safety, pilot push buttons
- Arts and outdoor art spaces were advocated for.
- Places for sound system were noted
- Wayfinding signage is needed
- Accessible walkways for elderly community is preferred
- Some gathering spaces for elderly community are preferred

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.