



Meeting Notes

Date: March 6, 2024

Project Name: Improvements to Town Field

Project Number: AG 2272

Attending:

Agency	Kate Tooke, Radhika Mahan
Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD)	Nathan Frazee
Community Members	Jaime Buckley, Ann Walsh Julian Phillips, Catherine Vu Andrew McDonnell, Courtney Avery Tracy Pichardo, Jessica Dasilva Kevin Monahan, Mike Joyce Judy Whitter, Daniel Joseph Candice Gartley, Kwanna Wise

Topic: Virtual Public Meeting 3

Discussion:

1. Community Garden:

- It was noted that Community Garden Space wasn't shown on the plans, but Parks is continuing the conversation with Viet Aid. It was noted that the design doesn't restrict space for future community gardens to be located along the southern edge of the site.
- It was noted that there is a potential sledding opportunity along the southern slope along the edge of the site.

2. Sports

- A community member proposed a futsal court, and would like to confirm if people need a key to access soccer balls? It was discussed that Parks can explore viable options for soccer ball access.
- It was discussed that there is a tradeoff between basketball and futsal, or softball. While the option is not off the table, it might need advocacy by the community to have that included.
- It was discussed that the project is trying to balance many needs
- It was discussed that with the shifting of seasons, they try not to have baseball and softball at the same time.

3. Passive Space and Accessibility

- Explore the possibility of adding more seating areas to differentiate between

- sports.
 - Consider incorporating more seating areas for socializing.
 - A community member liked the core seating area but suggested diversifying seating options. The design team suggested that age-friendly seating can be incorporated in the two plazas. It was discussed that seating can be added along the walking path with space for activities like chess.
- 4. Multi-purpose Space:**
- It was discussed that the design team should study the feasibility of creating a multi-purpose space that accommodates various activities.
 - It was discussed that the expansion of space for community events is desirable.
- 5. Community Engagement and Art:**
- It was discussed that community engagement and art could be brought together on the Town Field site. For example, a community member is working on a memorial entitled “1975: A Vietnamese Diaspora Healing Memorial”
 - It was discussed that the process of approval for public art is through the Arts Commission, with coordination from Parks.
- 6. Lighting:**
- It was discussed that the design team should explore options for safe and sustainable lighting, potentially utilizing push-button activators to reduce power consumption.
 - A community member emphasized the importance of safe and sustainable lighting for a greener future.
 - Parks noted that push-button activators are more sustainable and user-friendly, using less power.
- 7. Community Garden:**
- It was discussed that the design team should evaluate the possibility of accommodating the Viet Aid community garden in an alternate location and consider short-term implementation plans for this summer.
 - Viet Aid suggested an alternate location for the community garden but was uncertain about the functionality in the long term. Planning for a short-term community garden in the upcoming summer season.

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.