

<b>Date</b>	July 5, 2023	<b>Meeting Date</b>	June 28, 2023
<b>Project Name</b>	Ceylon Park	<b>Meeting Time</b>	6.00 - 7.30 pm
<b>Project No.</b>	28226.00	<b>Location</b>	Conference Call (Zoom)
		<b>Recorded by</b>	Amy Linné
		<b>Purpose</b>	Design Meeting 3

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#### Design Team Attendance

**Boston Parks and Recreation Department:** Amy Linné, Alize Cabral, Shanna Dixon

**Sasaki:** Zach Chrisco, Garrett Craig-Lucas, Kira Sargent, Sophie Bellemare

**Interpreters:** Mizza Celestina Barros (CVC), Esther Paul (HC), Emily Getchell (ES)

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## Meeting Notes

The purpose of this meeting was to present the schematic plan for Ceylon Park to the public and solicit feedback. The meeting format was a Zoom presentation of the project overview, review of the design meetings and community engagement feedback, and final schematic design. Following the presentation was a discussion and comment period.

### Presentation

Refer to PDF. Presented by Sasaki and BPRD.

### Summary of Discussion

The second half of the meeting consisted of discussion. Comments have been compiled below.

- Turf Field Renovation
  - A community member expressed concern about the use of synthetic turf. BPRD replied that virgin infill materials will be utilized, that are chemical-free and are safer than historical synthetic turf materials.
- Gathering Area-Columbia Rd
  - A community member asked about including a concession area, likely in the current gathering area. BPRD noted that is a good idea to keep in mind, and that more temporary fixtures may be able to be incorporated but a permanent structure to support activities/services is not likely.
- Dog Waste Containers
  - Several community members cited challenges with dog waste in the park, particularly on the field.

- A community member stated that provision of waste bag is not needed, but rather signage and waste bins to prompt good habits of waste clean-up would be beneficial.
- Basketball Court
  - Community member requested drinking fountains to also be added to the basketball court.
  - Historical references of the basketball court were brought up and described by a few community members.
- Playground-Magnolia St
  - Community member stated they prefer some of the equipment on the playground as it is, and upgrading it to new equipment with similar function (ex. The three yellow swing types that have loops and act as monkey bars)
  - Community member stated preference for swings and obstacles.
  - Adding diversity of languages particularly in the toddler area was recommended by a community member.
  - Fencing concerns were brought up for the play area for child safety and protection against unleashed dogs.
  - Portable Restroom was requested at the Magnolia St gathering space to support basketball programming by a community member.
- Playground- Columbia Rd
  - Concern for slide material was noted, citing metal slides as burn hazards by a few community residents.
    - Note: measures to prevent burning that will be considered: non-metal slides and location in an area that is densely shaded.
  - Considerations for a fence of lower play area was stated by a community member.
- Key Takeaways
  - Importance to consider dog presence in the park and maintenance management plans.
  - Community members expressed satisfaction with the schematic design plan.
  - Community member expressed significant interest in the upper playground at Magnolia St
  - Provision of safety elements and park amenities (safety call boxes, portable restrooms, and drinking fountains) were frequently brought up.
- General Comments
  - Community member noted preference for female trees to avoid pollen overload.
  - A community member asked about maintenance strategies for fallen branches at the corner of Magnolia St and Intervale St
  - Community member asked if the park would continue to be lined with boulders.