

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Boston

FROM: Amanda Gaal, RLA; Tongyi Zhang, RLA

DATE: September 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Meeting #1 – 9/16/2025
Harambee Park Improvements Phase 5
Boston Parks and Recreation Department
City of Boston

ATTENDEES:

Amy Linné (AL, BPRD)
My'Kel McMillen (BPRD)
Amanda Gaal (AG, W&S)
Tongyi Zhang (TZ, W&S)

Presentation Overview:

- 1.1. AL introduced the project team and provided an overview of the project schedule, approach, city priorities, and BPRD goals.
- 1.2. AG summarized the master plan implementation to date, highlighting phases 1–4. AG then focused on the existing conditions and site analysis for the Phase 5 project area and followed with two preliminary conceptual plans and precedent imagery.

Discussion Items:

- 1.3. Design Comments:
 - a. Accessibility:
 - Ensure that spectator seating is ADA accessible.
 - b. Provide space for porta potties, including a pad with vehicle access.
 - c. Consideration for court lighting at the netball court.
 - d. Parking:
 - Teams are currently parking near existing boulders at the entrance drive for the tennis center.
 - e. Question raised about adding a second netball court by reducing the tennis courts to one.
 - The two tennis courts are needed for BPS matches.
 - f. Considerations should be taken into account regarding the access to the Sportsmen's Tennis Center parking area during construction. Alternate access will need to be provided while the entrance drive is under construction.
 - Steps will be taken to minimize disruptions to the Tennis Center operations, and will be coordinated.
 - g. The layout with the separate courts is preferred.

1.4. Netball Practice Schedule:

- a. Mid-May – Mid-September, with some leagues starting in April and going through to October
- b. Fall & Winter: Indoor play until the end of December; restart February – May.

1.5. Current Netball Court Issue:

- a. Concerns were raised about kids disturbing the court and interfering with daily practice, including nets being pulled down.
- b. Currently vehicles will park on the courts. Look into ways of preventing this.
- c. Tree pruning is needed.

1.6. Alternate Court During Construction:

- a. It has been difficult to find alternate spaces to play netball. Basketball courts were considered, but are too small compared to the standard netball court.
- b. The Boston Netball Club is using a private court in Jamaica Plain as the alternate court.
- c. The City will investigate additional options.

**Please notify our office if you have suggested changes
or additions to the notes contained herein.**