

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Boston

FROM: Amanda Gaal, RLA; Tongyi Zhang, RLA

DATE: November 20, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Meeting #2 – 11/18/2025
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, then focused on the existing conditions, site analysis, and concept plans for the Phase 5 project area with precedent imagery.

Discussion Items:

- 1.3. Driveway and Parking:
 - a. Toni Wiley asked how the proposed 24' wide driveway compares to the current driveway entrance.
 - AG answered that it matches the current driveway width.
 - b. Arkey Taylor asked what the plans are for additional parking for the park.
 - AL answered that the four new parking spaces are part of the current plan, and additional parking may be considered in a future phase.
 - Arkey Taylor then asked whether the team will also manage the next phase.
 - AL answered that it is highly possible.
- 1.4. Concrete Pad for Porta Potty:
 - a. Toni Wiley asked whether there will be a permanent concrete pad for porta potties.
 - AL answered yes

1.5. Potential Future Court Location:

- a. Sharlene Greer-Allen asked if the area shown is intended to be an additional netball court.
 - AL answered that the use of that location is still to be determined.
- b. Toni Wiley asked whether the area could be paved now while equipment is available and the decision made later.
 - AL answered that it will not be paved at this time; the current effort is only to study the feasibility of adding another court, and no further decisions have been made.

1.6. Alternate Court During Construction:

- a. Sharlene Greer-Allen asked if there are plans for a temporary netball court for games and practices during construction.
 - AL answered that the location is still pending, and the City is open to further discussions with her about potential options.

1.7. Project Schedule:

- a. Denovan Blake asked about the anticipated construction start date.
 - AL answered that construction is expected to begin in June 2026, with project completion planned for Spring 2027. AL confirmed the timing of the pathway improvements to Talbot Ave will be scheduled around Joeseeph Lee School's summer vacation, but the courts and the pathway work would happen concurrently.

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

00:51:05 Toni Wiley: How does the 24' wide driveway compare to the current driveway entrance?

00:55:46 Toni Wiley: Thank you.

00:56:22 Sharlene Greer-Allen: "Potential future court location" is that going to be an additional netball court?

00:57:04 Arkey Taylor: Sorry I missed, what are the plans for more parking for the whole park?

01:00:25 Arkey Taylor: Will you all be on the team that manages the next phase?

01:01:13 Sharlene Greer-Allen: Any plans on a temporary location for netball that we can use for netball games and practices while construction is underway?"

01:05:45 Toni Wiley: Are you planning to pave the potential court area, while the equipment is on hand, and make a decision later?

01:07:43 Denovan Blake: was just interested to know if there is a construction start date

01:09:05 Amy Linne: amy.linne@boston.gov

01:09:18 Toni Wiley: Very comprehensive presentation, thank you.

01:09:24 Boston Parks: Project page: www.boston.gov/harambee-park

01:09:47 Sharlene Greer-Allen: Yes I will thank you for your continued support

01:09:51 Oslyn Brumant: Thanks everyone for your support