Smith Playground

Public Meeting #2
9/28/2016
Meeting Agenda

- Project Overview
- Project Progress Update
- Review Input from 1st Community Meeting
- Community Space Design Alternatives
- Questions and Comments
Project Overview
Community Meeting Process

• **Meeting #1**
  Project Introduction & Overview

• **Meeting #2**
  Design Alternatives

• **Meeting #3 (Winter 2016-17)**
  Review Final Proposed Design
Construction Schedule (Estimated)

- **Design**: Summer - Winter 2016
- **Construction Start**: Fiscal Year 2018 (7/1/17-6/30/18)
- **Construction Timeline**: Approximately 1 Year
EXISTING PARK

Basketball Court
2-5 & 5-12 Yr Old Playground
Little League

Softball
Hockey Court
Multi-Purpose Fields

N. Harvard Street
Master Plan (phase I)
1st Community Meeting
Public Comments:

• provide many community spaces
• create multi-use spaces that accommodate but are not limited to food trucks, markets, craft fairs, concerts, movies, etc.
• the increase in dog population must be addressed
• the stone wall along Western Ave stands as a distinctive feature of both Smith Playground and Allston as a whole
• portable toilet locations need to be defined
• there is a desire for natural and sculptural play elements
• the playground must be beautiful and fun for children and their parents
• the amphitheater must be carefully designed to provide adequate performance space for the community it serves
• trash barrels must be located throughout the park
• there needs to be a permeable edge between the street and community spaces
Design Alternatives
Design Priorities

- Create a neighborhood hub
- Provide Multi-Functional Spaces
- Accommodate Users of All Ages
- Increase Accessibility
- Improve Play Value of Tot Lots
- Provide Water Play
- Provide Drinking Fountains
- Retain Existing Trees and Increase Shade
- Provide Perimeter Walking Paths
- Respond to Adjacencies
Plaza
Public Art

‘Quest Eternal’ by Donald DeLue, 1967

Public Art Design Proposal Process is another alternative
amphitheater
hardscape plaza
splash pad
2-5 yo
5-12 yo
sculpture
Water features: Splash pads
amphitheater

hardscape plaza

splash pad

2-5 yo

5-12 yo

sculpture
Playground

Iconic Play Structure
Playground
Play Structures: Inclusive
Play Structures: Merry-go-round and Swings
Nature theme
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Amphitheater
Concept B
Plaza
Water: amphitheater cascade & mister towers
Water: amphitheater cascade, mister towers & rain garden
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Concept C
50/50 hardscape/softscape plaza
splash pad
2-5 yo
5-12 yo
tiered/spectator seating
sculpture
50/50 hardscape/softscape plaza
Tiered Seating
Amphitheater section

- tiered/spectator seating
- amphitheater
- stage
- field

Diagram showing the layout of an amphitheater section with tiered seating, an amphitheater area, a stage, and a field.
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Community Play
Courts
Questions and Comments