Smith Playground

Public Meeting #3

11/30/2016
Meeting Agenda

- Project Overview
- Project Progress Update
- Review Input from 1st & 2nd Community Meetings
- Consensus Design
- Questions and Comments
Project Overview
Community Meeting Process

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

• **Meeting #2**  
  *Design Alternatives*

• **Meeting #3**  
  *Review Final Proposed Design*
Construction Schedule (Estimated)

- Design Completion: Fall/Winter 2017
- 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
Previous Community Meetings
Public Comments:
• Contemplative space(s)
• Plantings incorporated into hardscape
• 4 season hardscape
• 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
• 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
• 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
Concept Alternatives
Community play

Concept A

Concept B

Concept C
50/50 hardscape/softscape plaza

splash pad

2-5 yo

5-12 yo

 tiered/spectator seating

sculpture

50/50 hardscape/softscape plaza
amphitheater
hardscape plaza
splash pad
2-5 yo
5-12 yo
sculpture
sculpture
amphitheater
hardscape plaza
splash pad
2-5 yo
5-12 yo
sculpture
Plaza
Wall
amphitheater
hardscape plaza
splash pad
2-5 yo
5-12 yo
sculpture
Public Art

‘Quest Eternal’ by Donald DeLue, 1967

Public Art Design Proposal Process is another alternative
• Park History: land purchased in 1893 and originally named the North Brighton Playground

• playable base—such as stepped contours designed for parkour—would modernize it and combine old and new ideas about athletic prowess
Playground
Play Structures: Inclusive
Play Structures: Merry-go-round and Swings
Nature theme
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Water features: Splash pads
Amphitheater
Community Play
Courts
Questions and Comments