

Community Meeting #2

Improvements to Cuttillo Park

Date/Time: April 13, 2021 / 6:00 PM

Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Next Meeting: May 27, 2021

The following meeting notes document the April 13, 2021 meeting held between Boston Parks, the Project Team and the North End Community.

General Welcome and Introductions

- Brief summary of the project team, funding and schedule.

Project Overview

- Brief summary of the existing park features and a review of the Design Team's initial design concept alternatives for the park.

Community Comments/Feedback

Design Feedback:

- Desire to reduce the park programmatic elements (play, adult exercise, water feature, dog area, etc), so that the remaining priority programmatic elements have a reasonable amount of space.
- Concerns that attracting dogs could lead to noise problems, but there was also support for the social aspects of dogs & their owners meeting at the park.
- Support for moving the court away from both Morton & Stillman Streets to open the edges of the park and make it more inviting.
- Desire for gross motor play, open play, and natural play opportunities.
- Concern picnic tables may draw large numbers of people to the park. Picnic tables may also result in large volumes of trash.
- Support for saving all the trees. (understanding some trees may be removed, such as the female ginko)
- Attendees generally preferred the ½ court option.
- Attendees generally preferred a larger play area.
- Attendees generally preferred a flexible seating area.

Other Issues/Concerns:

- Existing lighting is adequate in terms of coverage but the poles/fixtures are dated and should be replaced.
- Desire for Boston Police Department security cameras, Boston Parks has already begun the conversations with BPD.
- Desire to retain & reveal any historic park elements that may still be present in the park.
- The community would like to see Morton Street (outside the scope of this project) be improved as a pedestrian space compatible with the park. Boston Parks has

elevated this comment to the Parks Commissioner and Boston Transportation Department.

- o Desire to add a drinking fountain.
- o Concerns raised about trash on Morton street and the associated odor and rodent problems.
- o Discussion that park maintenance will be important after the proposed improvements.

The meeting adjourned around 7:00 PM

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