



2nd Virtual Public Meeting

Date/Time

October 19th, 2021, 6:00 PM – 7:50 PM

Attendance:

Lauren Bryant (Project manager, BPRD)
Christine Brandao (Outreach coordinator, external affairs)
Deborah Myers (Principal, DMLA)
Jeff Thoma (Principal, DMLA)
Chris McCormick (Landscape Architect, DMLA)
Yuhan Ji (Landscape Architect, DMLA)
Community Members

A. Meeting Agenda

- Project team introduction
- Project overview
- Meeting 1 overview
- Meeting 2 Presentation
- Listening & discussion
- Closing remarks & next steps

B. Meeting Notes

Option 1 – Likes

- Telescopes.
- Playground for different age groups
- Chess / checker game tables
- Color on stairs
- Hill play

Option 1 – Questions, Concerns & Suggestions

- Kiosk was suggested as a food and vending amenity. It is different than a shed for storage. – Vending is a separate program and a vending meeting is being arranged.
- Landscape area with flowers, not only evergreens. Natural color to be brought into the park
- Why isn't dog park available? – One of the options does include a dog park
- Are there flowering trees? – Yes!
- Is the current dead space in the park being used?
- Games tables to be considered
- Breaking stairs for resting spot and have landing with seating options halfway up the stairs
- Rock climbing equipment

Option 2 – Likes

- Dog Park is important and there are dog owners in the neighborhood – Design team to look at size comparisons of other dog parks
- Upper terrace design
- Maximized view

Option 2 – Questions, Concerns & Suggestions

- Bring in loop path for tricycles
- Yoga lawn appears too small (15 people yoga class)
- No breakup of the stairs
- Dog enclosure isn't that big compared to nearby dog parks, and dogs need space to run and chase off leash.
- Small dog park that takes space from other activities isn't worth it.
- Little slope activity
- No passive adult exercise equipment
- Existing upper plaza has been used for yoga
- It would be better to have dog park space be a yoga lawn
- Dog Park isn't that important
- Upper terrace could have children's play area for those parents not able to go to the bottom of the hill
- Have larger play area for children

Option 3 – Likes

- Accessibility important to community

Option 3 – Questions, Concerns & Suggestions

- Is it possible to have swings similar to the ones that are at Lawn on the D in the park?
- It is important that the park have a large playground and water play
- Incorporating existing community elements (especially on Washington Street into the park to make it more welcoming to the community. (like Snap Chef)
- Feels like an adult park and not a place for kids?
- Would ramp runs be concrete, or elevated decking?
- There are young families and new babies in the community, play space is essential for this community park
- Is there another accessible route from Claybourne Street to Washington Street?
- This plan feels like a plan that breaks the current uses of the park
- Ramp seems cumbersome to me, and I wonder if people using wheelchairs could have some input on this ramp design

General Comments After Presentation

- What are the community priorities?
- Leave space on side for later establishment of elevator for accessibility?
- Option of connecting Snap Chef to the park so it would be more open to the community.
- Is along the slope a possibility to provide accessibility option so it doesn't take over the entire park?
- Request for grills
- Things our household would use: kiddie things, amphitheater, lawn for picnics, water play, and picnic tables/grills.
- Compare dog park size to Ronan / Garvey Park

C. Next Steps

- Parks and Design Team to assess collected comments. We will be coming back to the community with either an additional meeting, or a survey to better gain insight into the needs of the community. If people would like to receive an email when the next steps are determined, please email Lauren Bryant at Lauren.Bryant@Boston.gov