



Meeting Notes

Project: Codman Square Park
Date: November 6, 2023
Attendees:
Cathy Baker-Eclipse, BPRD
Nelle Ward, BPRD
Shanna Dixon, BPRD
Destiny Palmer
Rob Barella, KZLA
Kyle Zick, KZLA

Up to 12 members of the public

Below is a summary of the comments and questions from the meeting.

1. Appreciate the addition of the drinking fountain.
2. New pathways will really help with flow and accessibility.
3. How will the temporary barriers be incorporated? What will they be made of?
Response: post and rope systems, sandwich board signs, KZLA to explore other options, ex: sleeves in pavement for posts.
4. At the corner of Talbot and Centre, the path bends, but doesn't flare out like Washington and Talbot. Can that flare out more toward the bus stop?
Response: to protect the existing tree in that area, we did not propose flaring the pathway.
5. Can the concrete pavement have sawcut joints versus hand tooled joints?
Response: sawcut joints can be proposed.
6. Could the lighting be brighter to improve visibility at night?
Response: while we are preserving the existing lights, we are studying if any additional lighting is needed.
7. Like the way the performance space can be used from the Second Church site.
8. Can we move the fixed seating to not obstruct line of sight to the performance?
9. Can the "I am Codman Square" letters be interactive for children?
10. Will the park be easy to maintain?
Response: Lawn is the easiest green surface to maintain. The proposed lawns will not have a curbed edge, which makes mowing easier as well. Rain gardens and trees have specific maintenance needs that BPRD can handle. New tree planting will be warranted for 2 years after planting. The Boston Green Infrastructure Department will have crews monitoring the rain garden.
11. Have you considered adding a kiosk for event posts or flyers?
Response: we haven't heard that comment yet, so we can look into this. Cynthia confirmed that a board would be nice, and CSNC recognizes they would maintain it.
12. Will trash/recycling be provided in the park?
Response: Trash receptacles are shown at the 3 entrances. It is typical for BPRD to pick up trash 1 to 2 times per week.

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13. Is the tree that is in poor health going to be removed?

Response: There is a dead tree in the Washington/Talbot sidewalk that is dead and would be removed.

14. Can one of the proposed trees be used for a holiday tree lighting? The existing spruce is too large for lighting; therefore the city brings in a temporary tree to light.

Response: Yes, we will look into proposing a new tree for lighting events.

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