

Quincy Street Play Area Community Meeting #1

Project: Improvements to Quincy Street Play
Meeting: Zoom
Prepared by: Design Team
Date: October 15, 2025
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Attendees: City of Boston: Max Sell
Design Team: David, Warner, Sameer Bhoite, Yiling Wang
Audience: Laura Younger, Angela Brutus, Michael Koza

- Max Sell kicked off the 1st community meeting to state the overall City of Boston's Park priorities and general schedule
- Design Team discussed the existing site conditions and program elements at the park
- The meeting was opened to the community for feedback and comments

The key comments are organized by the following categories:

Existing conditions:

1. Per the community, the Haynes Early Education Center is supposed to be open to public, but they are not sure how this is operated, and need follow up.
2. The basketball court is being used
3. The fitness stations are used sometimes by teenagers and adults but the layout when they are being used dissuades others from using the park.
4. The nearest bus stop is only for emergency use

Safety/site considerations:

1. Need to prevent kids climbing over the retaining wall by the basketball court and get to the garages that belong to the residents out back
2. Community cited some concerns around having more trees as they feel currently the park lawn and trees are not well cared.
3. Park signs exist but are not enforced as kids play basketball sometimes late into the night and some residents bring their dogs to the park
4. Potential security cameras for safety concerns
5. The chess picnic tables do not seem to be used.
6. Electrical outlet should be inaccessible
7. Site should be lit well to prevent people camping in the park.

Site Design/Programming:

1. Per Laura, the park doesn't seem inviting, and it lacks an identity. She emphasized as part of the design we consider what this park is going to be?
2. The parks need more programming and other activities

Follow-ups:

1. Next meeting: winter 2025/26
2. Potential people to include Holborn Gannet Gaston, Otisfield Betterment Association

3. BPRD to share questionnaire information

End of meeting notes

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