

DATE May 28, 2026
 PROJECT St. James Street Park
 TO Kenya Thompson, Project Manager, BPRD
 FROM James Pfeiffer, Project Manager, G2 Collaborative
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 TOPIC Community Meeting #2
 IN ATTENDANCE Lisa Giersbach, Jonathan Kuhr, James Pfeiffer, G2 Collaborative
 Kenya Thompson, Boston Parks + Recreation Department

Meeting Minutes - Community Meeting #2 - May 20, 2026

Item	New Items	Responsibility
0.0	<p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenya Thompson introduced the project team members and began the presentation. She noted that the purpose of the meeting was to solicit feedback from the public of three concepts prepared by the design team, and to share feedback received at the recent pop-up meeting on May 4, 2026. 	
1.0	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design team provided a review of the context maps and existing conditions in the park. Diagrams highlighting existing materials, topography, and park activity were shared. The design team summarized the feedback received to date which included three specific forums: Community Meeting #1 in March, a pop-up meeting on May 4, and the public survey on the City's park renovation website. The designers provided a synopsis of the major themes of the feedback that was received. The designers then highlighted the major inspirational themes for three design concepts. The designers shared that the natural features of the park site and the deep sense of community are what inspire the overall design thinking. The design team described the three plan options that were prepared. Major differences between the three included the use of topography to establish play spaces, incorporation of water and natural elements for play, and creating space for community gathering. Major elements of the three design schemes were shared. The play structures, seating areas, and natural elements of each scheme were described in detail. There was an emphasis on how the topography is incorporated in those elements. 	



2.0	<p>Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the presentation, the public were allowed to provide comments or ask questions. • Comments that were shared included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The existing play structures seem small, so bigger play structures would be appreciated ◦ There was an appreciation for maintaining the open lawn ◦ The designs seem to appeal to a broader age range of children ◦ The ideas for spinning and climbing features would make it so that neighbors do not have to travel to other parks for those amenities ◦ The covered gathering/seating areas as a place for small gatherings were well received 	
3.0	<p>Conclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenya concluded the meeting by thanking the public for attending. She also noted that the next meeting has not been scheduled, but is tentatively planned for mid-summer. • Kenya also reminded attendees about the City's website for park renovation information, and asked that neighbors complete the public survey. 	