

To: Nathan Frazee, Boston Parks & Recreation Dept. **Date:** January 23, 2018
From: Nancy Goodin, BSC **Proj. No.** 23263.28
Re: Mary Hannon Playground

Date of Meeting: January 22, 2018 **Time:** 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Place of Meeting: Cottage Brook Apartments Community Room
Purpose: Mary Hannon Park/Field improvements

Project Team Attendees: Boston Parks & Recreation: Nathan (Nate) Frazee, PM; Marchelle Jacques-Yarde, Outreach Coordinator, External Affairs
 BSC Group: Jef Fasser, Director of Planning & Landscape Architecture; Monique Hall, Landscape Architect; Alexandra (Ale) Echandi, Ecological Scientist; Nancy Goodin, Landscape Designer

Item	Discussion
Project Team Introduction	<p>Nate introduced project team to the meeting attendees. A total of 10 people attended the meeting outside of the project team including: Six local community members (3 of the 6 benefitted from Spanish interpretations from Ale), 3 students from Northeastern University who wanted to learn about the process and outcomes of the community meeting and 1 man who was also soliciting service. Most attendees received notices on their doors or in their mailbox to inform them of the event or heard from a family member or neighbor who received the notice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants insisted that the notices should be mailed to the constituency, otherwise, there is no guaranteed that the information will be disseminated properly.
Project Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nate provided an overview of the location of the park and project timeline: design/development and construction documents through Summer 2018, construction through Fall 2018 and Anticipated park opening in Spring 2019. • The parks design will encompass the City of Boston initiatives, safety guidelines and environmental regulations, Parks & Recreation goals and community input. • Boston Initiatives include: Inclusion, shade, access to the parks, drinking/water bottle filling stations, water play and climate resiliency. • Parks & Recreation goals include preserve and protect existing trees, expand usable park area, improve universal access, enhance park visibility, improve access to parks and design flexible, multi-functional park spaces. • Park history: established in November 1940, playground renovation in Spring 2017 and current park renovation beginning January 2018.
Site Analysis & Inspirations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Analysis: proximity to other open spaces and ballfields, existing site conditions, existing uses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During presentation, community members expressed dissatisfaction with the existing baseball field and its lack of intended use. Baseball field ‘should be completely removed’ and is a menace, only attracts dog owners who do not clean up after their pets.

ACCURACY NOTICE
 We have sought to record accurately the minutes of this meeting. If any of the above items do not agree with your understanding, please contact us within seven (7) days from the date of this document.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspirations: enhance existing park features, provide common lawn with paths, provide common lawn for sports
Listening & Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive dot activity board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees allocate 10 dots to their favorite activities and/or features they would like to see at the park Dot activity board results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total dots: 92 Lighting: 7 Fencing: 8 Pathways/treelined walks: 1 unlined path : 7 tree lined path Stage: 10 Splash pad: 20 Fitness equipment: 9 Outdoor tables: 7 bench/table 3 small board game table Shade/shelter: 10 canopy/artistic 2 roof shelter 5 pergola (one person was concerned about teenagers climbing on the pergola) Bocce ball: 1 Additional post-it note ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little kid basketball area, low hoops/small size Access from four corners Shrubs/flowers (+1 dot) Multi-use area Cognitive play Stuff (play equipment) for toddlers, what happened with slide? (+1 dot) Interactive site plan activity board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two teams design a concept plan of their ideal park using cutouts and post-it notes over aerial site plan Discussion: individual comments included security in general/need for increased patrols and issues involving safety at night as well as safety and access to and from the bus stop, light levels, areas for different age groups – consider designated times or designated play areas, places for ‘older people’ to hang out such as a pavilion for card or domino playing, family friendly and kid friendly park, multi-functional park, ‘hot-spots’ and safety, seating areas should be provided being mindful of not attracting unwanted activities in the park, relocation of the current stands (make them two sided), centralized location for a water fountain and/or additional water access, splash pad, blue button alert system, bath house, restrooms, parks inability to maintain restrooms and use by public for drugs and sleeping at night, current use for dogs and lack of clean-up, future small space for designated dog area with City provided doggy bags and garbage pick-up, open corners for easier access and so kids don’t run out into the streets, free wi-fi at the park, general maintenance, dust suppression

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	<p>(infield), more shade. Additional feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stage: to be used by the community for dance and theatre performances (showcase local talent) as well as movie nights-Visibility, perimeter fence and landscaping: give all residents a nice view of the park. Should be equal and well balanced on all sides. Should provide access on all sides.
Closing Remarks & Next Steps	Nate wrapped up the meeting with contact information and announcement of next community meeting TBA.

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