

*History and Public Art at*  
**MALCOLM X PARK**



**WELCOME**



Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
Boston Parks and Recreation



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# MEET THE TEAM

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**Marisa Luse** (she, her, hers) is Roxbury native with a wealth of non-profit management, community engagement and civic leadership experience. She is committed to creating and shifting spaces that value humanity, breaking down silos that results in system, organizational, and community change, increasing civic engagement and participation, and inspiring others to be courageous leaders and advocates for themselves, their families, and communities. Marisa is the Founder and CEO of The CoLu Group and RAPP Boston. She also serves on several community boards and committees in Roxbury and Boston that focus on arts and culture, civic and community engagement to early education.



**Shana Bryant** is a community advocate and social entrepreneur born and raised in Roxbury. As a thought leader in event planning her passion and purpose align with the empowerment of black women and girls, strategic planning and goal setting. She is best know as the founder & CEO of Shana Bryant Consulting, an organizer of Chaos, Curator of Signature Experiences, and Creator of the one and only Trifecta Approach



**Bernard "Smok N Strok" Johnson Jr.** Born and raised Bostonian. Still a current resident. Builder of the Adidas box at Malcolm X Park. Member of the Dorchester Art Project Board of Directors. Massachusetts Hip Hop Archive contributor & community consultant. 6 Ses One 7 ambassador. Creative genius. Intellectual property real estate agent. Emcee and lover of the people

# CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TIMELINE

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**MAY 2020**

Community Leaders  
Outreach

**JUNE 16, 2020**

VIRTUAL Community Meeting #1

**WINTER 2020-2021**

Community Meeting #3

**FALL 2021**

Construction begins

*Estimated cost of construction:  
\$7.7 million*

**AUGUST 25 & 29, 2020**

VIRTUAL Community Meeting  
#2  
On-Site Public Workshop

**SPRING/ SUMMER 2021**

Design Development +  
Construction Documents and  
Public Bidding

**FALL 2022**

Anticipated  
park opening

*\*Timeframes may  
shift due to COVID-19*

# CURRENT PLAN

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY FROM WASHINGTON STREET

MULTI-USE SYNTHETIC FIELD

GATHERING GROVE

DALE ST.

TERRACED BARBEQUE PLAZA

SEATING AREA

PAULDING ST.

FUTURE CONNECTION(S) TO NEW DCR FACILITY. DESIGN TBD

TERRACED BASKETBALL COURTS - 84' X 50'

COLLEGE / PROFESSIONAL SIZE BASKETBALL COURT - 94' X 50'

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.

TENNIS COURT WITH PICKLEBALL STRIPING

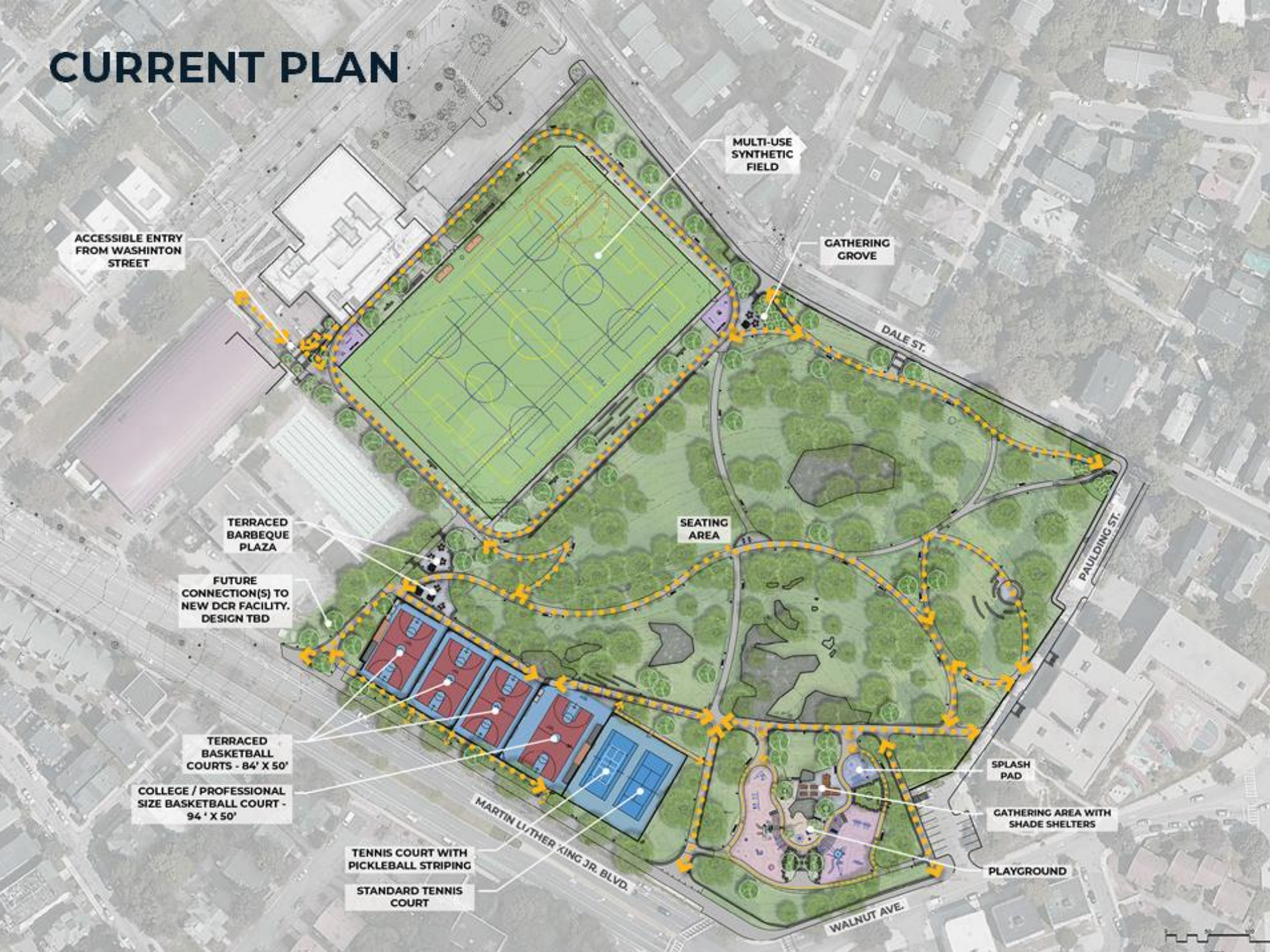
STANDARD TENNIS COURT

SPLASH PAD

GATHERING AREA WITH SHADE SHELTERS

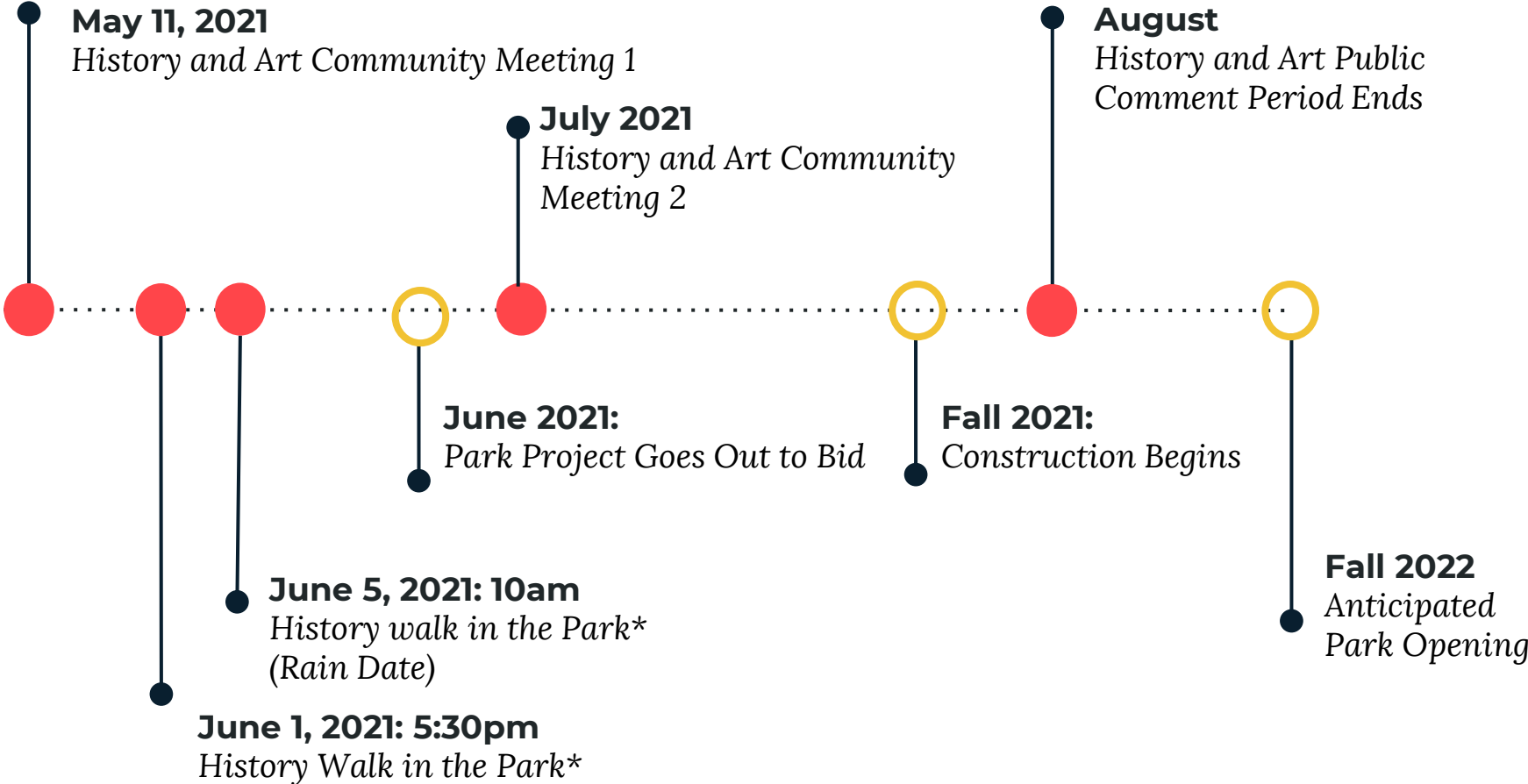
PLAYGROUND

WALNUT AVE.



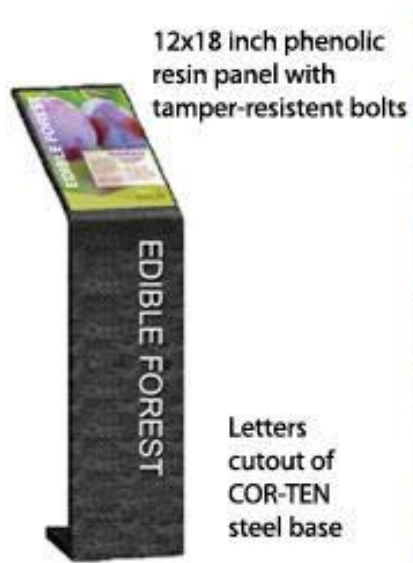
# HISTORY AND ART TIMELINE

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\*Registration Required

# Interpretive signage examples





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

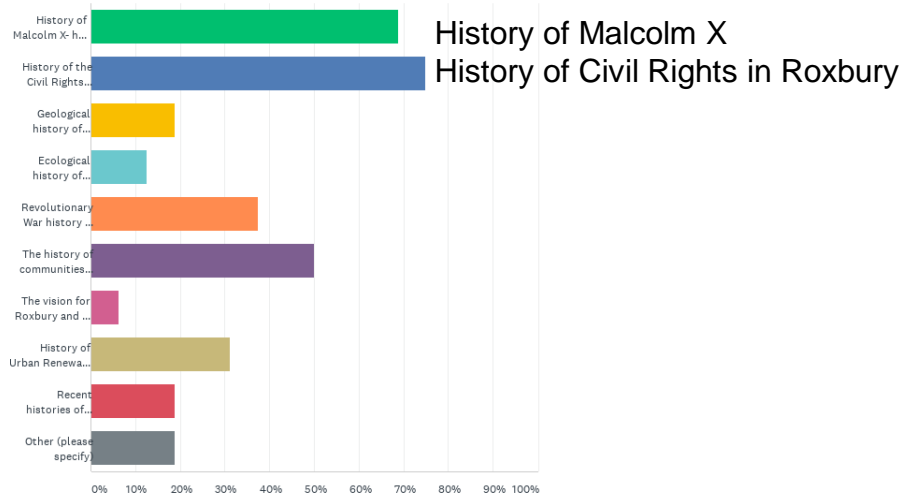
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- Coach Dennis Wilson
- Malcolm X- Ella L. Little Collins Foundation – Arjun Collins
- Wakullah Street residents & Math Walk

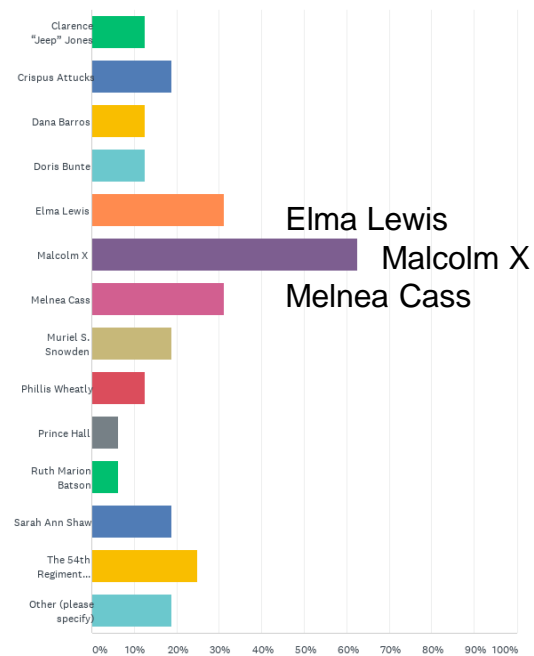
# SURVEY RESULTS

16 responses so far. Please take the survey!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DKNWJH>

**Q1 Interpretive Signage:** As part of the Malcolm X Park project, Boston Parks will be installing up to 5 interpretive panels in the park. During the community process several topics have been suggested for these panels. Some topics that have been brought up in public meetings and interactions with community members, including the Community History Liaisons. Please vote on 3 of your favorite topics, or write in additional suggestions for the group to consider:



**Q2 Name Acknowledgements within the park:** As part of the Malcolm X Park project, Boston Parks has the opportunity to recognize community leaders and historical figures. This could be through names on benches, tables, signage, etc. During the community process many names have been suggested for such recognition. Please see commonly proposed names below. Please vote on 3 of these figures for each section, or write in additional suggestions. Please click on the name to learn more. Local Icons (Choose 3):



## **Possible historic themes to include on interpretive signage:**

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- History of Malcolm X- his time in Roxbury/Boston
- History of the Civil Rights Movement in Roxbury
- Geological history of Malcolm X Park/Roxbury
- Ecological history of Malcolm X Park/Roxbury
- Revolutionary War history of Malcolm X Park/Roxbury: “Honeysuckle Hill”
- The history of communities around the park
- The vision for Roxbury and the Emerald Necklace
- History of Urban Renewal and Malcolm X Park/Roxbury
- Recent histories of the Neighborhood- people/events etc.

# Possible name recognition to include on interpretive signage or artwork:

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## Local

- Clarence “Jeep” Jones
- Crispus Attucks
- Dana Barros
- Doris Bunte
- Elma Lewis
- Malcolm X
- Melnea Cass
- Muriel S. Snowden
- Phillis Wheatly
- Prince Hall
- Ruth Marion Batson
- Sarah Ann Shaw
- The 54th Regiment (Sargent William H. Carney)

## National

- Angela Davis
- Audre Lorde
- Barack Obama
- Booker T. Washington
- Dick Gregory
- Dr. Francis Cress Welsing
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Ella Baker
  
- Frannie Lou Hamer
- Fredrick Douglas
- Harriet Tubman
- Huey P. Newton
- Ida B. Wells
- Madam C. J. Walker
- Maya Angelou
- Michelle Obama
- Nina Simone
- Rosa Parks
- Shirley Chisholm
- Sojourner Truth
- Susan B. Anthony
- W.E.B. Dubois



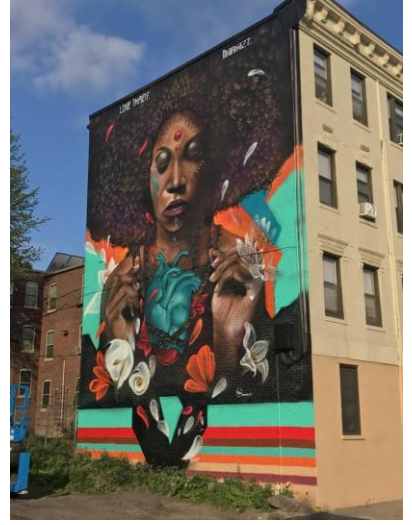
# PUBLIC ART

Dale Street retaining Wall

BCYF Shelburne Facade

Basketball Courts/Retaining Walls

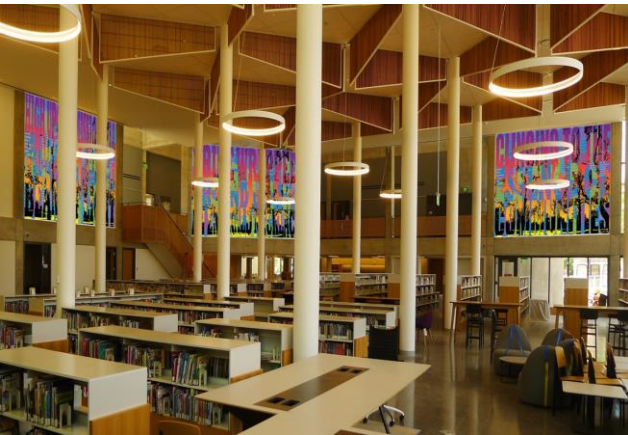




Mayor Kim Janey

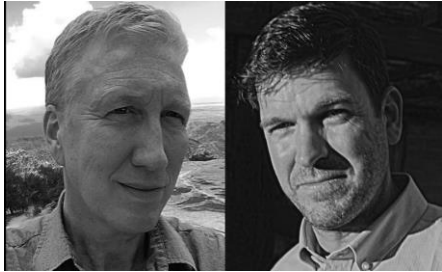
# Public Art + Capital Projects

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# Recently Commissioned Artists



# Public Meetings and the Boston Art Commission



Artworks proposed for City of Boston property are reviewed at public meetings held by the Boston Art Commission



## WATCH: PAST ART COMMISSION MEETINGS

MONTHLY MEETING:  
JANUARY 12, 2021



MONTHLY MEETING:  
DECEMBER 8, 2020



MONTHLY MEETING:  
NOVEMBER 10, 2020



MONTHLY MEETING:  
OCTOBER 13, 2020



MONTHLY MEETING:  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020



MONTHLY MEETING: AUGUST  
11, 2020



PUBLIC MEETING: PUBLIC ART  
AT THE NORTHERN AVENUE  
BRIDGE



SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING ON  
EMANCIPATION GROUP: JUNE  
30, 2020



SPECIAL MEETING ON  
EMANCIPATION GROUP: JUNE  
25, 2020



MONTHLY MEETING: JUNE 9,  
2020



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Boston Art  
Commission meeting

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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## *Pop-up in the Park*

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

5:30pm

## *Pop-up in the Park*

Saturday, June 5, 2021

10am

## *Equitable Procurement Meeting*

May 18, 6pm

A black and white photograph of a park scene. In the foreground, there is a grassy area. A stone wall runs across the middle ground. Behind the wall, there are several large, leafy trees. In the background, a playground with a slide is visible. The entire image is overlaid with a blue gradient that is darker at the top and bottom edges.

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# **LISTENING & DISCUSSION**



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