



OPEN HOUSE #3

WHAT WE DID

Lunch-time and evening for flexibility

Offered in seven languages

Summary notes posted to website

KICK-OFF PRESENTATION AND FOUR OPEN DISCUSSION FORUMS

- Visitor Activities and Play
- Park-wide Strategies for Improvements
- Performances and Active Recreation
- Gateways and Edges



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WHAT WE HEARD

WAYFINDING

- Develop informational handout with park map and enhance interpretation at the Visitor Information Center
- Provide visual orientation using signs and design elements to help visitors find special features/destinations

“Is there a wayfinding plan? Lighting and wayfinding could be incorporated to tell people what is on the Common for them to experience.”

“I'm in favor of adding more trees throughout...trees are very important to the city especially in terms of climate change.”

TREE PLANTING

- Manage maintenance and care
- Increase shade while maintaining sightlines and a healthy lawn

“...I am worried about more built structures in the park since there are already a lot. Can we limit the proposed restrooms to the edges?”

BENCHES

- Coordinate style and locations throughout the park
- Add more benches looking inward to the Parade Ground

“Is the team planning to change the current design [and number] of the benches and are they going to be consistent throughout the park?”

EVENTS AND PARK AMENITIES

- Improve tree cover and seating options at Parkman Bandstand
- Provide events programming and integrated support infrastructure
- Balance permitting of events in high-use areas with greenspace care

“I feel that [the proposed dog park] is too small. Is it possible to extend it further beyond the Earl of Sandwich to connect to Mayor's Walk?”

DOG PARK

- Offer a size compatible with all types of dogs
- Ensure resilient surface material

“The splash pad concept is beautiful and a great way to use all of the extra space.”

ACCESSIBILITY

- Provide accessible route to the Shaw 54th Memorial (Accessibility study previously completed will be incorporated into the Master Plan)
- Increase access to the Central Burying Ground
- Organize and announce arrival at Park Street Plaza/MBTA station

WHAT'S NEXT

- Develop a plan for improvements to Boylston Street Station and Deer Park Maintenance Yard
- Coordinate operational and maintenance access with pedestrian safety
- Outline park maintenance and management guidelines

SCHEDULE

FALL '20 WINTER '20-'21 SPRING '21

Stakeholder coordination

Concept refinement and high-level cost estimates

Build out the Master Plan report

Develop implementation strategy

Master Plan launch & public comment period