

**Byrne Playground  
Community Engagement Process Summary**  
4/29/2024

**Context**

Over the past 6 months, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department has led a community engagement process, alongside Crowley Cottrell Landscape Architecture, to build a collective vision for a holistic renovation of Byrne Playground. A series of virtual community meetings were held and are linked below.

**Community Meeting 1**

The purpose of this community meeting was to share Crowley Cottrell's site analysis and facilitate a discussion about what stakeholders like and dislike about the current park. At the end of the meeting, a link was shared to a community survey.

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**Community Meeting 2**

The community meeting started by reviewing the community survey results. The presentation led to an overview of the organizational strategy of the existing park. Crowley Cottrell then presented three organizational strategies incorporating the feedback from Community Meeting 1 and the community survey. A discussion was had weighing the pros and cons of each option and hearing from stakeholders about which organizational strategy they preferred. The result of this was a consensus that Option 2 was preferred.

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**Community Meeting 3**

The meeting started by reviewing the results of Community Meeting 2 and sharing the organizational strategy that informed the further developed plan. Crowley Cottrell presented a draft of the Concept Plan based on Option 2 (which the team had understood to be the community-preferred option). When the meeting opened for discussion, it came to light that many community members disliked the location of the pickleball and basketball courts. The project team agreed to revise the Concept Plan to incorporate the court locations from Option 1 presented at Community Meeting 2. BPRD agreed to issue an updated Concept Plan incorporating the additional feedback to the community, thus concluding the Community Engagement phase.

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