

MARTIN'S PARK: CONSTRUCTION UPDATE- July 13, 2018

First, as you can all see, the building is really taking shape and moving along nicely. All of the frame work and scaffolding has come down and the beautiful board form concrete is much easier to see. Work on the building will continue over the next month and will wrap up this summer. (picture below)

A second thing that has happened during the duration of the construction portion of this project is the release of the Climate Ready Boston Report. The information provided in this report raises the flood elevation. The park was designed using previously released flood elevations. Due to this, design and engineering work needed to be completed to make sure that the park took into consideration this information and planned for future resiliency. This created the need to shift some of the focus of construction onto the design aspect of the work. What was important to us was that the resiliency worked with the current design in order to still provide the park design promised to the community while making the Park more resilient.

Work has been happening both on site and off site towards the construction of the Martin's Park. The contractor is lucky enough to have a lay down yard close to the site for material storage and site work. Many tasks are taking place in that location that are not visible to people looking in on park construction. We want to make sure that you are all aware of these important elements of the construction as well. Sample panels, walls, etc. are all being prepared and produced off site in order to save precious space on a small construction site. Playground equipment is also being delivered and stored until installation. Almost all play equipment (including the boat, see pictures below) have been received by the contractor.

In addition, important work outside of the construction site is happening towards the park including tree tagging and stone selection at quarries. All of these items make take contractors away from the site from time to time, however work is still continuing on the project.

As the building itself is getting closer to completion and a significant amount of underground work comes to a close, you will begin to see more and more work above the ground and be able to watch the park come together over the next several months.

Here is what to look for in the next 2-3 weeks:

- Continued work along Sleeper Street and with the garage, including curbing, paving, etc.
- Bridge abutment work for the ends of the bridge. Work has started on one already. You can start to see how the geofoam blocks work to help build up the topography (see picture below)
- The seat wall along the Harborwalk is being poured today.
- We will also be installing piles along the Harborwalk as part of the new resiliency strategy. These are mini piles that are drilled in instead of hammered unlike the larger piles for the building. Unlike before there will not be the loud hammering noises. There will be a generator running during the pile installation which will have a humming type noise.

Our anticipated construction completion is late fall. If this changes we will provide updates.

As always, please feel free to reach out for any questions or comments.



