

Cronin Wainwright Playground  
Third Community Meeting, Thursday, March 14, 2011  
Location: Epiphany School

Attending: Cathy Baker-Eclipse, Project Manager, Boston Parks and Rec. Dept.  
Liza Meyer, Interim Project Manager, Boston Parks and Rec. Dept.  
Clara Batchelor, Principal, CBA Landscape Architects LLC  
Members of the Community (See attached list.)

Cathy Baker-Eclipse opened the meeting by reviewing some of the overall parameters.

1. The park will be funded by the City's capital improvements budget and from a PARC grant.
2. The construction budget for the park is \$875,000.
3. The design needs to be completed by June 1, 2011. The construction needs to be complete by June 1, 2012. Construction should begin in August or September of 2011, after the summer camp programs have ended.
4. Cathy also added that she will be leaving on maternity leave next week and Liza Meyer will be filling in for her while she is away.

Clara presented the Design Development Plan. She first showed the chosen option of the four that were presented at the second public meeting. CBA had annotated the plan to illustrate the comments made concerning the chosen plan. From the annotated plan CBA prepared the "ideal" Design Development Plan. However, the estimated construction cost of the complete plan was \$1,260,000. CBA then prepared a "Value Engineered" Design Development Plan. Among the items not included in the value engineered plan were solar trash receptacles, the ornamental arch, brick paths, and custom iron fences. The number of bike racks, trees and benches had been reduced and all the lawn was seed, no sod. The smaller basketball court had no color coating. There also was only one drinking fountain. The construction cost for the value engineered plan is estimated to be \$913,800.

It also was pointed out that the outlets should not be on the path lights. Boston's Street Lighting Department controls these and if power is needed during the day, now power will be available. It is better to have the outlets on the basketball light poles or accessible via a lock box because the Parks Department can control these and turn the power on for day time special events.

Bollards will be needed at three entrances where the opening is wide enough to allow for maintenance vehicles to enter. The bollards will collapsible and accessible via Park Department staff.

The following comments were made.

The larger basketball court colors should be:

Dominant color green, Key blue or burgundy, out of bounds color same as key,  
3 point line and out of bound lines should be yellow, all other lines should be white.

A logo for the center of the court is requested. It is desired.

The smaller basketball court should be lined for tennis and have posts on either side where individuals or groups can bring and temporarily install a net for tennis or volleyball.

It was also noted that there should be a hose bib near the Wainwright/Brent Street entrance where the garden areas is to be located. Existing plants should be used/transplanted whenever possible.

It was requested that the park have recycle containers. Cathy explained that the Parks Department is trying to implement a recycle program. She suggested that the trash can pads are big enough to hold recycle containers so that when a recycle program is implemented the park will be ready.

Add alternates were discussed. The group wants the following to be “add alternates” in the order listed below.

1. Second water fountain.
2. More trees.
3. Picnic tables and posts for tennis net/volleyball net.
4. Sod to replace some of the seeded areas.

Ivan also mentioned that one set of bleachers should be considered if the money saved could be used for trees.

The play equipment was discussed but there was interest in discussing it in more detail. Clara and Liza will meet with a smaller group of people. This meeting should be in approximately three weeks.

Cynthia Loesch showed several pictures of an entry to a park that has low brick walls and brick columns. The corner of Brent and Wainwright is considered the main entrance. Clara said that CBA will do some sketches of the corner and email them out for people to see. Because of overhead wires the entrance arch does not appear to be the best approach. The general consensus of the group was that a nice entry should be developed without the arch.

End of Notes

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