

AGENDA – June 6, 2022

I. Franklin Park Action Plan | Liza Meyer, RLA, Chief Architect | Project Manager

Please join us as our guest Liza Meyer, goes thru the proposed action plan, as well as a discussion about amenities and open space and traveling through the park.

Franklin Park is Boston's largest open space and a part of the Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace. Ask anyone who has grown up in Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan – they'll say that they think of Franklin Park as "*our park*".- *Roxbury Homecoming, Juneteenth, Kite Festival, Turkey Trot, BAMS Festival, playing golf, working at the zoo as a teen, etc.* It is not gentrified. One does not feel excluded. Blue Hill Avenue is the connector – Franklin Park Rd to Circuit Drive connects it to Morton St; at American Legion Hwy slopes down another side of the park, and at Seaver St, it continues to connect to our surrounding communities. You can still walk into it and not hear anything from the surrounding streets.

Since Franklin Park has been built, it became a battle for competing interests. Much of it is contradictory to Olmsted's vision of open spaces. If we are not wise and realize that there is a need to ensure that the lungs of the City are large enough to absorb that which we cannot breathe in, we are going to be the losers.

II. Mattapan Mapping Project | Allentza Michel, Powerful Pathways

The Mattapan Mapping Project is a research initiative focusing on celebrating Mattapan whilst collecting a more realistic picture of the land use conditions. We're building an online mapping tool that displays development changes and resident stories in order to inform and empower residents to take action around our neighborhood. This is an update on the project.

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