

**TADPOLE PLAYGROUND****PUBLIC MEETING #1**

## Meeting Summary Notes

**DATE:** October 24, 2023 @ 6:00 pm to 7:30pm**LOCATION:** ZOOM**PRESENTERS:** Nathan Frazee (NF) | Boston Parks & Recreation Department (BPRD)  
Cassie Bethoney (CB) | Weston & Sampson  
Lindsey Abbott (LA) | Weston & Sampson

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**PRESENTATION:**

- NF opened the meeting with noting that this will be recorded and will be available on the city website and YouTube.
- NF discussed the project's general schedule, funding, and introducing the Weston & Sampson design team. NF also provided background on BPRD goals and play value considerations.
- Next, CB shared findings from the Boston Common Master Plan (BCMP) and contextualized Tadpole Playground's goals and objectives to those of the Common. CB then discussed the playground panel's history. CB discussed feedback specific to the playground heard during the BCMP process.
- CB next discussed site analysis including sun/shade studies, an examination of the panel's topography, circulation, and inventory of the playground's play elements. A poll was conducted asking participants "What ways do you wish you could play at Tadpole Playground?" Participant were asked to respond in the meeting's chat.
- Next, LA reviewed precedent imagery indicating the possibilities of what the play equipment and designs can look and feel like. Slides covered topics about color, scale, materiality, landform, and history. LA prompted another poll asking participants "What sort of playground would inspire you most?" Participants were again asked to respond in the meeting's chat.
- NF concluded the meeting with an opportunity for informal discussion of the presentation's content.

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**General Comments:**

- No verbal comments were made during the presentation.
- Participants mentioned in the chat a desire for swings to be present in the new playground, as well as plenty of color and a variety of textures.

End of Notes.