

# **COMMUNITY MEETING #1**

Improvements to

# **Downer Avenue Park**

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM St. Mary's Center for Women & Children 90 Cushing Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02125



### THE PROJECT & PROCESS

As part of the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department's continuing effort to provide quality open space and recreation areas for use and enjoyment by all residents of the city. The process will include input and collaboration from the community through a series of meetings facilitated by Boston Parks and Recreation and the design firm, Ground, Inc.

Tonight's meeting will include a brief presentation of the project scope and community members will be able to offer input regarding the material presented, the program for the park, and the design process. The anticipated project scope includes: updated play equipment including potential water play, streetscape and entrance beautification, improving underutilized park open space, new site furnishings, vegetation management and integration of existing and desired activities and amenities.

## COMMUNITY INPUT & DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

Meeting #1: TONIGHT

Presentation of site analysis and community input

What do you love about your park?

Considerations for improvement: Programming, Safety, Aesthetics, Other Issues?

Meeting #2: To Be Determined

Presentation and discussion of ideas stemming from Meeting #1

Meeting #3 and possible additional meetings: to be determined

Further discussion and work towards agreement regarding design development

You may also provide additional input via survey:

http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3241581/Downer-Avenue-Improvements

#### **CONSTRUCTION BUDGET & TIMELINE**

Construction funding for park improvements: \$910,000.00 Construction Schedule: Summer 2017 through Spring 2018

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