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Fort Point 100 Acres Preferred Concept Plan - DRAFT



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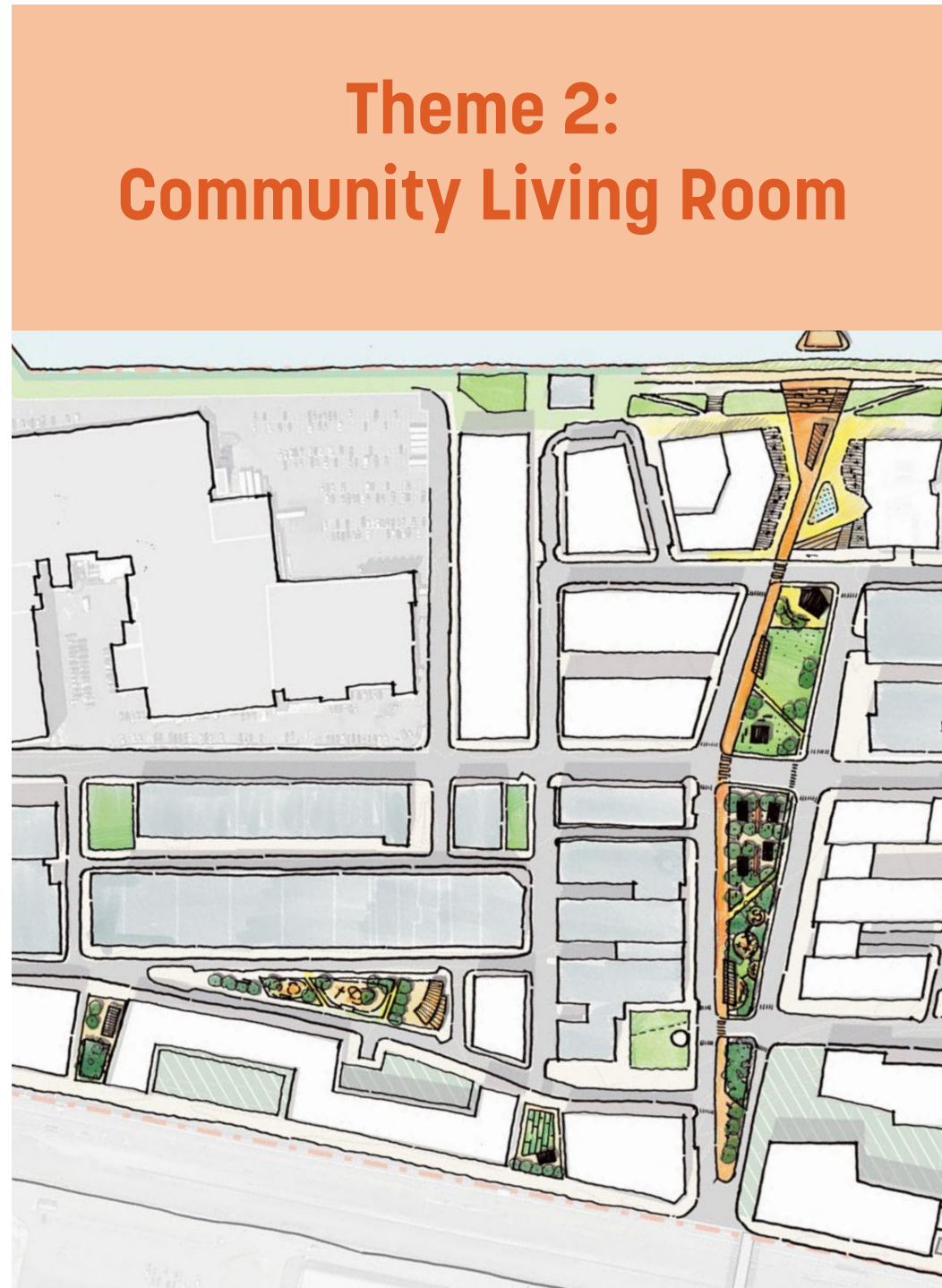
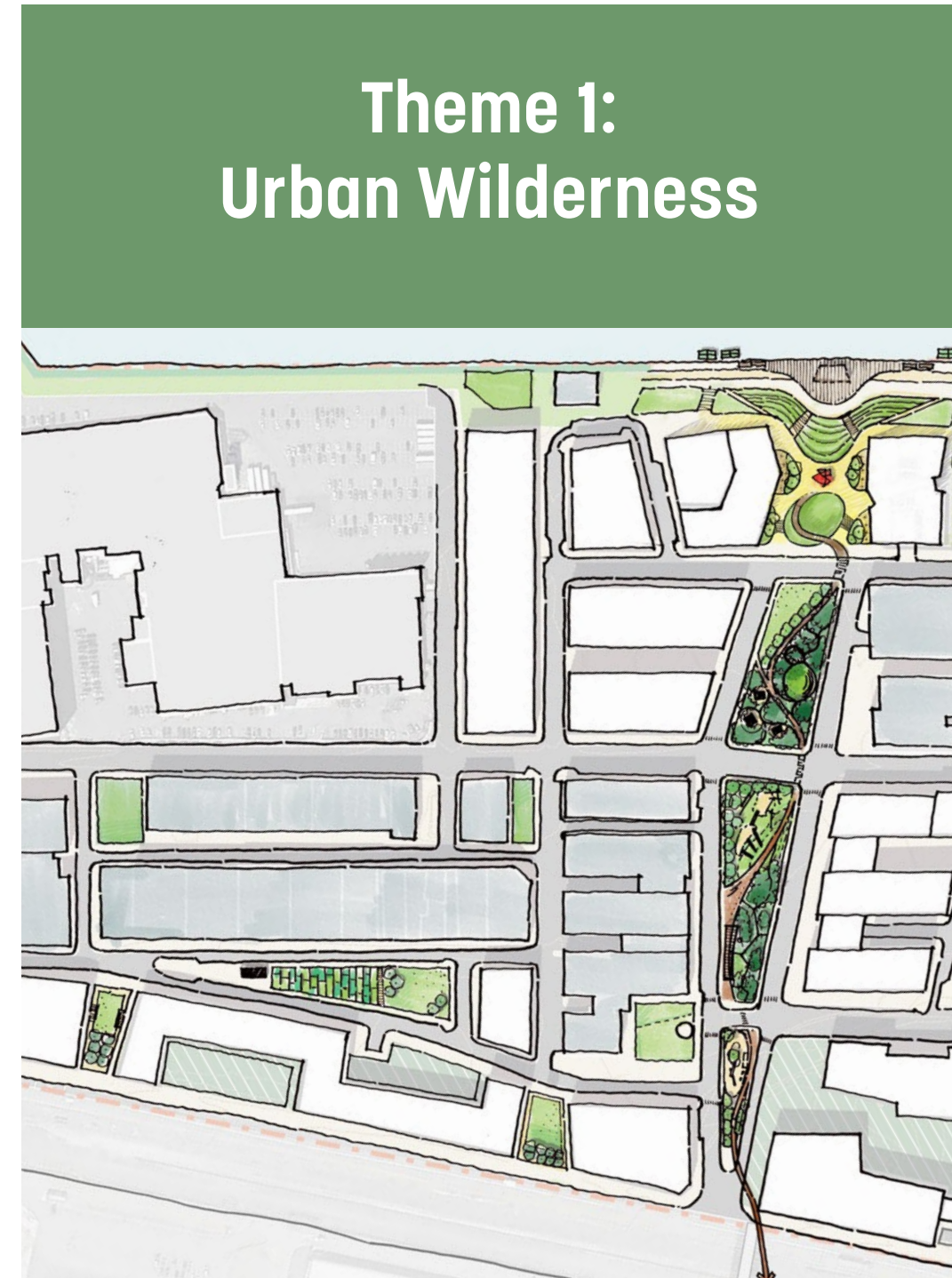
The Three Themes

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**Theme 1:
Urban Wilderness**

**Theme 2:
Community Living Room**

**Theme 3:
Flex Space / Outdoor Gallery**



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KEY ELEMENTS

Waterfront Amphitheater

Berm pulls in to create terraced seating with views to the Channel

Elevated Waterfront Plaza with Water Play

Fill in the back side of the berm to create a raised plaza; create an interactive water themed play area

Shaded Promenade

Generous walkway along lawn creates a public edge/transition to abutting buildings

Active Core

Create a multi-use sports complex paired with other neighborhood uses

Community Pockets

Pockets with a mix of smaller-scale programs

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2 Landmark Art Elevated Plaza



4 Interactive Water Fountain



6 Floating Stage (Temporary)



9 Swings along Harborwalk

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- Gentle slope path connects two building entrances
- Elevated plaza on the same height as the berm
- Gentle green steps with ADA accessible path on one side
- On the elevation of 21.5, an alternative path of the harbor walk connects to the north side, and slowly down to the harbor walk

Site Elevation Reference System: Boston City Base (BCB)

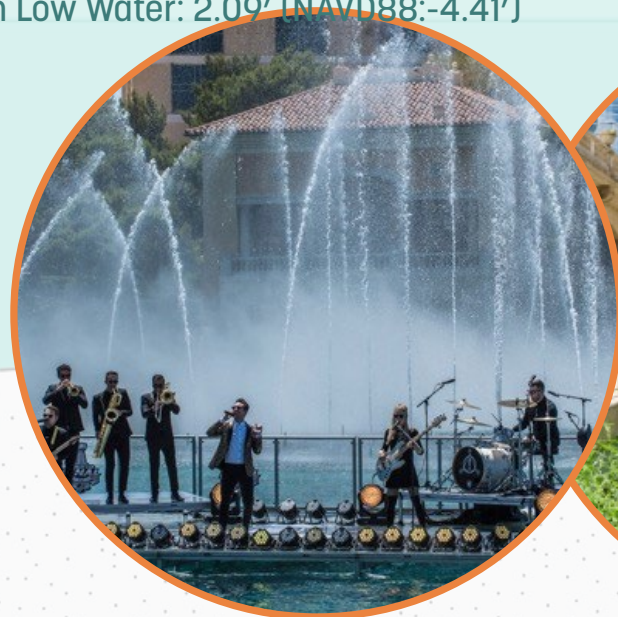
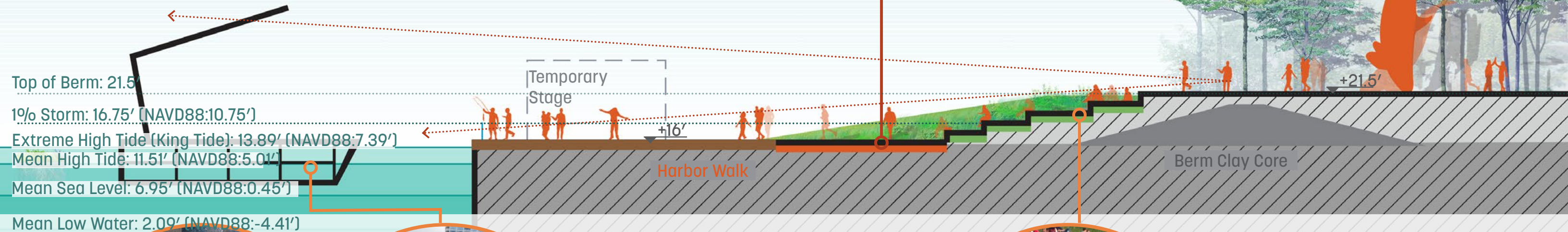
Related Beal G4 elevation refer to 20201007 Related Beal Transportation Presentation

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Water's Edge

A waterfront amphitheater steps down from the top of the berm, providing water views and a gathering space that can accommodate a temporary stage.



Floating Stage and Floating Wetland

Temporary floating stage can attract visitors with performances on the water.

The floating wetlands clean the water and create protected habitats in Fort Point Channel.



Amphitheater Terraces

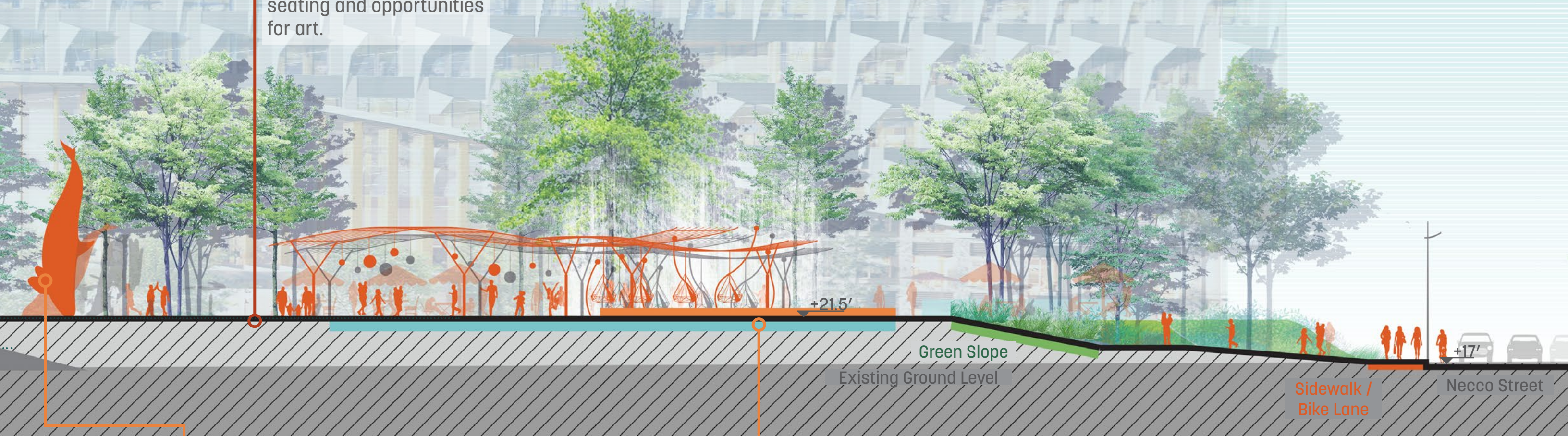
The design creates a gradual green slope with terraced seating facing the Channel.

Tom Hanafan Park
Council Bluffs, IA

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Elevated Plaza

At the top of the berm, a compact plaza includes seating and opportunities for art.



Public Art

A public art piece on the elevated plaza can create a focal point for people coming from both the inland park and waterfront edge.

The Space Whale,
The Pier Group with Matthew Schultz, Android Jones and Andy Tibbetts from Reno, NV



Shade Structure+ Interactive Fountain

Create an active space for visitors, and a destination quality program to attract families.

Smale Riverfront Park
+ Dilworth Park

Land Side

A gradual vegetated slope with an accessible pathway connects to the central park



Green Slope

Pockets of pollinator gardens are linked by a nature path. The path ramps up on a meadow slope and extends to the elevated plaza, bringing the energy of an urban wilderness to the waterfront.

Necco Street along the park can be temporarily closed to vehicles for bigger events

Necco St between Fort Point Ave and Wormwood St is designed as a plaza flush with the sidewalk. The road can be easily pedestrianized and closed during events.



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Elevated Plaza

At the top of the berm, a compact plaza includes seating, opportunities for art, and interactive fountain.



Shade Structure+ Interactive Fountain

Smale Riverfront Park
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1 Shaded Promenade



2 Flexible Lawn with Landform



3 Nature Play



4 Picnic with Grill

5 Temporary Street Market

6 Temporary Stage

7 Shared Street

8 Bike Path

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- Raise path to 19' to create better views and landform for the nature play and picnic zones

Site Elevation Reference System: Boston City Base (BCB)

Shared Street related elevation refer to 20200917 Related Beal Transportation Presentation

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1 Market Space



2 Stormwater Garden



3 Flexible Lawn



4 Art Corridor

5 Renovated Pocket Park

6 Bike Path

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1 Tai-chi Grove / Pocket Plaza



2 Multi-use Sport Courts:
Basketball, Tennis, Table
Tennis, Foursquare, Rolling
Skating, etc.



3 Dog Park

4 Green Buffer of Haul Rd

5 Renovated Pocket Park

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DISCUSSION Q&A



OPEN HOUSE - FEBRUARY 2020



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Open House + Survey Results

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KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR EACH THEME

	Urban Wilderness	Community Living Room	Flex Space / Outdoor Gallery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Idea is original, something that is lacking in other parks, a unique experience• Provides a relief from an urban setting• Supports climate resilience and biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A lot of different amenities to attract users• Large scale open area for flexible programming• More active rather than passive uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for arts programming• The overlook could be an interesting destination
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Too passive - need more programs and options• Not "user friendly" - not enough space for visitor amenities• Not enough open space - too complicated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Too similar to what already exists in the Seaport and A Street park today• Introduces commercial uses into the park (cafe)• Not enough nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large open lawn may be underutilized• Large open lawn may cause too much traffic during events• Too similar to waterfront amenities that already exist

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TOP TEN THEME ELEMENTS

(Based on % of "Thumbs Up" rating)

- Pedestrian promenade that connects from the park to the Channel
- Waterfront overlook
- Pollinator and stormwater gardens
- Waterfront terraces
- Urban forest
- Nature path with interpretive signage & educational opportunities
- Experience a diversity of activities, events, and arts
- Waterfront amphitheater & gathering space
- Rolling landforms in the park create elevated viewpoints
- Market space



BOTTOM TEN THEME ELEMENTS

(Based on % of "Thumbs Down" rating)

- Fitness stations
- Multipurpose recreational court space
- Largest elevated plaza with an interactive fountain
- Art-themed Playground
- "Outdoor Rooms," each with different design/activities
- Several pocket playgrounds
- Art Barge, Performance Barge, or other special activity barges
- Largest flexible lawn
- Small plaza with cafe near A street
- Market space

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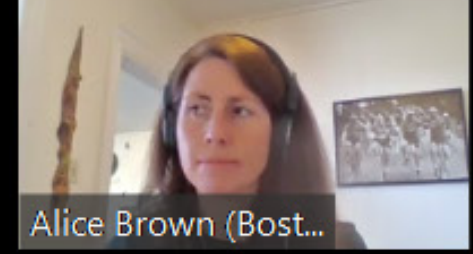
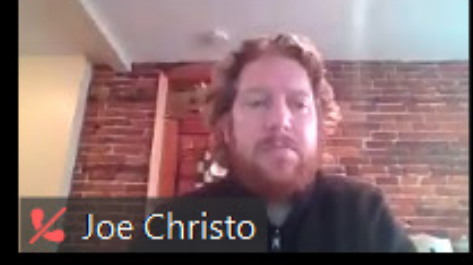
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Boston Harbor Now Forum

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Standout ideas:**

- Floating wetlands
- Waterfront amphitheater
- Waterfront overlook
- Shade structures
- Water play feature

- **Major open space priority:**

Experience nature in the city

- **Preferred waterfront approach:**

Gradual waterfront slope

- **Ideas for attracting more users:**

- **Nature as a destination and draw**
- **Practical amenities**
(ex. restrooms, benches)
- **Accessibility & connectivity**
- **Additional programming, especially free and family-friendly**
- **Watersheet activities**
(ex. docks, kayaking, boating)

Boston City Hall Office Hours

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Standout ideas:**
 - Urban forest
 - Floating stage
 - Flexible lawn space
 - Waterfront terraces
- **Barriers to the Fort Point waterfront today:**
 - Access and transportation
 - Year-round programming
- **Ideas for attracting a diversity of Bostonians:**
 - **A mix of programs**
(food, skateboards, art, grilling stations)
 - **Think about the soft programming**
(farmer's market, BAMS fest, celebrations)
 - **Representative programming staff**

Equity Worksession

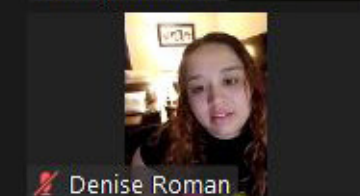
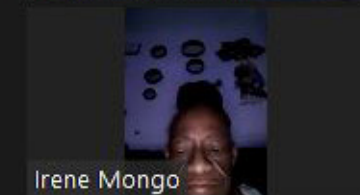
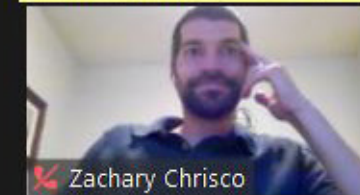
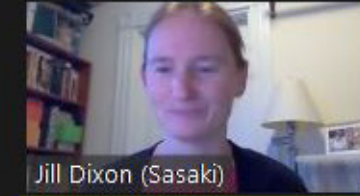
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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Be mindful of the subtle cues communicating who belongs**
 - Planting palette and design details
 - The presence of everyday amenities
 - “Overcome the preciousness of privately-owned public spaces”
- **Factors that influence who is ‘in charge’ of the space**
 - The mission of the future management entity
 - The “eyes on the street” - who are the users in the buildings?
- **Proactively building welcomness:**
 - **Temporary interventions**
Art installations and activation in FP today
 - **Recruitment**
Specifically inviting artists from different neighborhoods to plan programming
 - **Naming of space**
Park/program names as an act of reclamation

TACC FAMILIES WORKSHOP - AUGUST 27, 2020

**This is your plan for the future of Fort Point:
Este es tu plan para el futuro de Fort Point:
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TACC Families Workshop

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Standout ideas:**

- Floating wetlands
- Water play (crowd favorite!)
- Shade structures / Open field

- **Elements of a welcoming park:**

- **Maintenance / Cleanliness**

“I want to take my shoes off and run around”

- **Practical amenities**

Restrooms, nursing rooms, benches, a place to buy snacks

- **Sense of safety**

Especially for children of color and elderly

- **Desire for a full-family park:**

- **Activities for children of all ages**

Pre-teens, teenagers

- **Options for the guardians**

“A place for adults to play cards while watching the grandkids”

- **A park with learning opportunities:**

- Art, gardening, winter activities

- **A park to spend the whole day in:**

- **Places to relax**

(Hammocks, lounge chairs, library)

- **Entertainment and events**

**“It can be as beautiful as you want,
but if our children don’t see people that
look like them and feel comfortable, it
isn’t valuable to us.”**

TACC FAMILIES WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT

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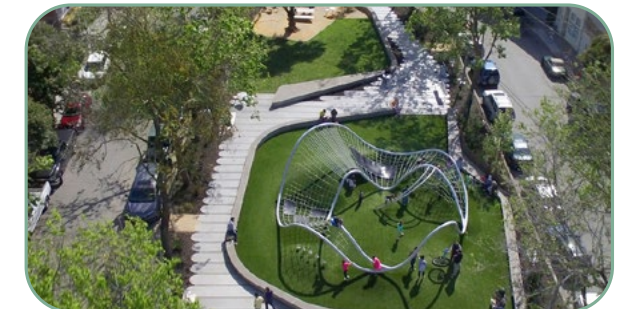
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2 Fitness Station



3 Public Art Plaza under Trees



4 Pocket Lawn

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