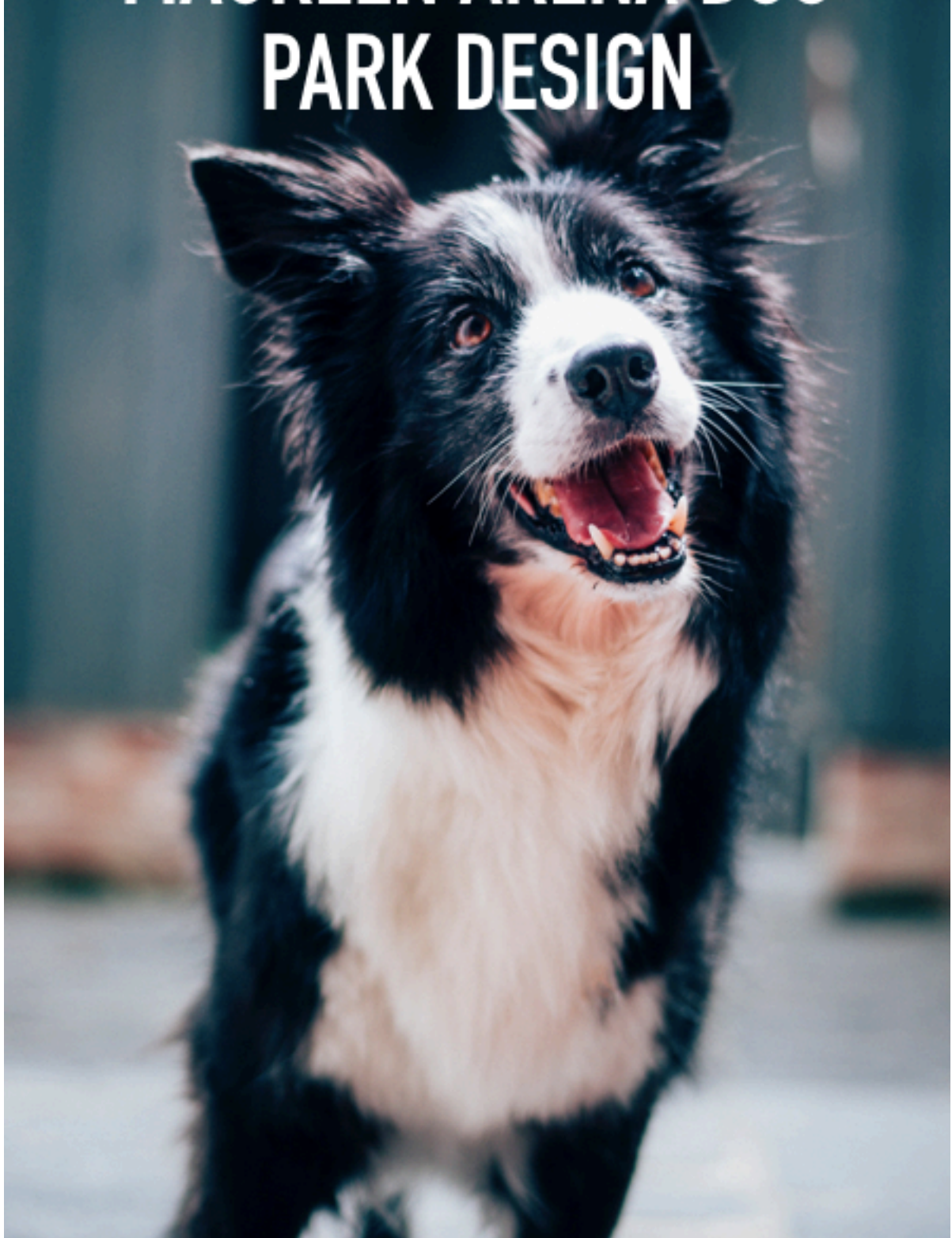


A REQUEST TO FUND THE MAUREEN ARENA DOG PARK DESIGN



Harvard-Allston Public Realm Flexible Fund

For Allston-Brighton

Application for Funding, Spring 2017

Total Amount Requested \$ 40,000

Applicant Organization Name: The Campaign to Build the Maureen Arena Memorial Dog Park			
14 B Portsmouth Street		Boston	02135
Organization Address: _____		City: _____	Zip: _____
Contact Person: Christopher J. Arena			
Title: Founder			
Telephone Number: 857-498-8778		_____	
E-Mail Address: ChristopherJArena@gmail.com			

Application submission(s) must be authorized and signed by an authorized signatory of the Organization.

Name and title of Authorized Signatory:

Christopher J. Arena Founder of the Maureen Arena Memorial Dog Park

Signature of Authorized Signatory:



INTRODUCTION



Harvard-Allston Public Realm Flexible Fund Application

Applicant Information

1. Name of entity(ies) applying for funding and name of project

This is a community driven campaign, started by Christopher Arena in fall of 2018, and supported by several elected officials in Allston-Brighton including Representative Michael Moran, Representative Kevin Honan, Senator Sal DiDomenico, and City Councilmember Mark Ciommo.

The name of the entity will be the **Maureen Arena Memorial Dog Park**. The entity will intend to ultimately exist as a 501c3 called **The Friends of the Maureen Arena Memorial Dog Park**. Until that nonprofit designation is completed - a process that takes nearly 18 months - we are seeking a registered 501c3 nonprofit as our fiscal sponsor. The Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation - run by Executive Director John Woods - has agreed to be our fiscal sponsor. They have submitted a letter of support and confirmation of fiscal sponsorship at the end of this grant application.

2. Background on applicant(s) type of organization, e.g. 501(c)3, public agency, etc.; organization leadership

This is a community driven campaign at this point, but is forming into a 501c3 and has the support of the land-owner - the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Christopher J Arena will serve as the President of the nonprofit. Yuqi Wang - another neighbor and dog owner on Portsmouth Street and Christopher's partner - will serve as the Secretary. Interviews are currently being conducted of the petition supporters to identify a Treasurer and Vice President for the 501c3. Those are the only anticipated officers. The activities of the nonprofit will be limited to enforcing rules, maintaining the property in perpetuity, fundraising, events and programming, and raising awareness around the dog park.

3. Primary contact person name, phone number, e-mail.

Christopher J. Arena
14B Portsmouth Street
Boston, MA 02135
Cell: (857) 498-8778
christopherjarena@gmail.com

4. Key personnel involved in the project.

Dog Park: Christopher J. Arena, Founder and President of the Park “Friends of” organization. Will soon be joined by the remainder of the 501c3 officers.

Email: christopherjarena@gmail.com

DCR: Sean Pierce, Director of Government and Legislative Affairs - DCR will own and maintain the land and surrounding property.

Email: Sean.Pierce@mass.gov

Elected Official: Representative Michael Moran is the key advocate for this project and will work with DCR to integrate it into other abutting organizations around Herter Park. Nakeeda Burns, Legislative Director in Representative Moran’s office, will also be involved in the project.

Email: michael.moran@mahouse.gov

Email: nakeeda.burns@mahouse.gov

5. Any partner organizations/property owners to be involved in project.

DCR: Sean Pierce, Director of Government and Legislative Affairs - DCR will own and

maintain the land and surrounding property.

Email: Sean.Pierce@mass.gov

Elected Official: Representative Michael Moran is the key advocate for this project and will work with DCR to integrate it into other abutting organizations around Herter Park. Nakeeda Burns, Legislative Director in Representative Moran's office, will also be involved in the project.

Email: michael.moran@mahouse.gov

Email: nakeeda.burns@mahouse.gov

Landscape Architect: TBD.

So far we have contacted:

Verdant LA - <http://verdantlandscapearchitecture.com/>

318 Harvard Street, Suite 25

Brookline MA 02446

(617) 735-1180

bh@verdantla.com

Kyle Zick Landscape Architects - <https://www.kylezick.com/>

Rob Barella, RLA

Landscape Architect

Kyle Zick Landscape Architecture, Inc.

36 Bromfield Street Suite 202, Boston, MA 02108

t: 617-451-1018 c: 401-662-1436

e: RBarella@kylezick.com

e: kzick@kylezick.com

LeBlanc Jones Landscape Architects, Inc. - <http://www.leblancjones.com/>

535 Albany Street No 5A

Boston, MA 02118-2500

info@leblancjones.com

617.426.6475

PATRICIA VAN BUSKIRK LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS - www.patriciavanbuskirk.com

18 Summit Drive

Hingham, Ma 02043

781-812-5455

tricia@patriciavanbuskirk.com

6. If applicant is a non-profit organization, provide qualifications and prior history of executing similar projects.

We are not yet a non-profit organization, but we are supported and advised by and involved with hundreds of neighbors who have dogs and vast experience with dog parks. We are also supported by every elected official in Allston-Brighton and have full buy-in and support from DCR and their expertise at our disposal. In addition, we have contacted 5 different landscape architects - not including approved DCR architects - to gather proposals and estimates on the cost of this park given the current parameters. We will seek to either become a nonprofit organization or have a fiscal sponsor in 2019.

Project Information

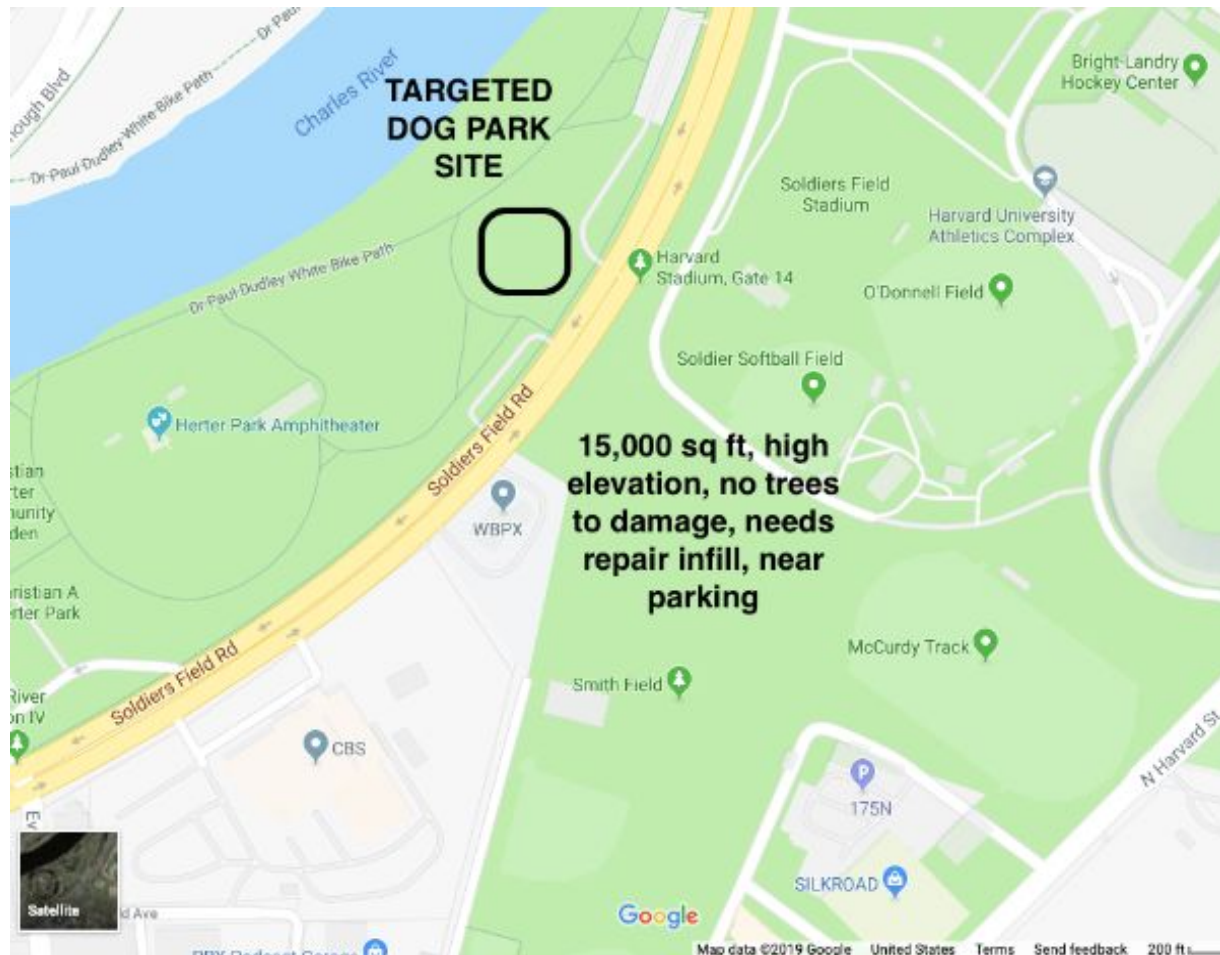
1. Briefly describe the proposed project. Include a description of the site with a map and identify all property owners. If the applicant is not the sole property owner, please include letters of support from property owner(s).

Permanent property owner: The Massachusetts Department of Recreation and Conservation

Through the incredible support from our elected officials and especially the drive from Representative Moran - the elected official who has taken the lead with me on this project - we conducted a site walk of several key sites along the river with staff from DCR in early April 2019.

Through that walk, we identified a site that perfectly fulfills every core need for the park and works in solving many of the concerns such as infill issues and invasive geese. There may be slight changes to the site plan, but this is the premiere site for a possible dog park that we are now focused on and we will be working with DCR and Representative Moran to assess any design and environmental challenges in a way that respects the illustrious history of the Charles River and the Allston community.

Here is that site:



[This campaign started with this petition.](#) The petition asked supporters to include their name, address, and email. ***The language of the petition was as follows:***

“This petition supports the creation of a public dog park in North Brighton/Allston.

We would like to see the park built between Lincoln Street and the Charles River along the Western Ave corridor from the Harvard Business School to the IHOP on Soldiers Field Road.

We are attempting to push the following site as a prime location and encourage our elected officials to get involved:

DCR parklands along the Charles River adjacent to Herter Park

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We are specifically asking for a large PUBLIC dog park (13,000+ sq. ft.) with a fence for off leash play, a water source, unique architectural design elements, benches, and a single entrance/exit with double doors for safety of the dogs.

This would be a DEDICATED space for dogs to play away from children and ball fields, not a shared space in any way. We will not be seeking to convert any current ball fields or otherwise used green space into a dog park. This will be targeting underutilized sites, exclusively.

Currently, the closest fully-fenced dog parks adjacent to this neighborhood are the Tudor Street Dog park in Cambridge (3 miles), Hunnewell on the Newton/Brighton line (2 miles), and the Mansfield Street dog park (not maintained, not grass, privately owned).

If you support this endeavor, please answer the following questions. Share as little or as much information as you would like. We may email you in the future with updates!"

That petition then led to **over 260 signatures of Allston-Brighton neighbors in only 4 months** as of this grant application. We created an email list for the 220 of those who included emails in their signature. Word of mouth took off across the neighborhood as this was a clear need.

[I took the following action outlined in this campaign update email after the petition picked up steam to ensure this project was fully fleshed out before we began to get funding.](#)

Over the past few months, to ensure this proposal is responsible and well researched, I've met with the following organizations:

Mass DCR

Boston Parks

Councilmember Mark Ciommo

State Representative Kevin Honan

State Representative Mike Moran

State Senator Will Brownsberger

City Council Candidate Brandon Bowser

City Council Candidate Craig Cashman

City Council Candidate Liz Breadon

City Council Candidate Lee Nave Jr.

The Charles River Conservancy

The Charles River Watershed Association

Several Allston Civic Association Board Members

The Allston Board of Trade

The Brighton Board of Trade

Representatives from Harvard

Representatives from the Harvard Community Trust Fund

Representatives from Boston College

The Herter Park team

Almost 2 Dozen Neighbors

Through these meetings I've heard environmental concerns around the invasive geese nests along the river, potential developments in the pipeline in Lower Allston that will bring more dogs and neighbors to the neighborhood, infill and water runoff, parking and accessibility of any site, security measures for the site, and many more pieces of feedback.

2. Describe public benefits of the project with reference to review criteria.

Permanent, maintained, public dog park along the Charles River driving revenue to DCR and partnering with the local beer garden, Herter Park, and other community groups.

3. Explain why HAPRFF funding is required.

Now that there is interest in completing this dog park, we must contract with a landscape architect to build a full set of design plans and a shovel ready design. Given the estimates attached, we believe that can be attained with the money we are asking for in this grant. Once that design is completed, we will take it to additional funders including Harvard University, private developers, and community foundations to acquire the full funding to build the park. As it is VERY early on, we do not have an exact number of what it will cost to build this park, but we are looking to raise between \$400,000 and \$600,000 to both build the park and fund the maintenance for a considerable amount of time. We will also consider crowdfunding the final project once the design is ready. This design will serve as the core fundraising tool to further support the build out of this park. While a park could certainly be built for less money, we would like this park to solve significant soil and infill issues in that area, be a destination park for all Bostonians and Eastern Massachusetts residents, and bring people to this area. We want this park to be the inspiration for all that come after - especially given that it is the first of its kind in the Boston Metro Area.

4. Explain if this project/funding would be part of a larger phased project, and if HAPRFF funding would be sought for future phases.

Phase 1: Design Scope - est. \$40,000, used to have shovel-ready plans to bring to funding sources. ***HAPRFF funding will be sought for this phase.***

Phase 2: Full fundraising - est. \$400,000 - \$600,000, will be used to gather all the funds for full build and informed by Phase 1. Any excess will go into the nonprofit maintenance and programming fund. ***HAPRFF funding may be sought for this phase.***

Phase 3: Build - optimistic estimates for Spring 2020. Will be determined by unknowns around construction. ***HAPRFF funding will not be sought for this phase.***

Phase 4: Opening, Press, and Photo Opportunity - optimistic estimates for beginning of Summer 2020. Opening may be pushed to Summer 2021 if any delays occur. ***HAPRFF funding will not be sought for this phase.***

Phase 5: Maintenance Fundraising as needed. Should any additional funds be needed beyond the first core phases, the nonprofit leadership will raise those funds for maintenance and upgrades. ***HAPRFF funding will not be sought for this phase.***

5. Timeline (start date, end date, milestones).

Petition Started: December 2018

200th Signature: March 2019

All elected officials sign on: March 2019

DCR supports the project: March 2019

HAPRFF grant proposal submitted: April/May 2019

Grant Approved and Design Begins: June 2019

Design Finished, Fundraising begins, DCR posts RFP: August 2019

Phase 2 Fundraising completed: Fall 2019

Phase 3 Build and DCR RFP selection: Winter 2019

Building complete: Spring 2020

Park opens: Late Spring/Early Summer 2020

6. Project maintenance requirements, protocols, and sources of funding.

No maintenance will be needed from HAPRFF. All maintenance fundraising will happen in 2019. If additional fundraising is needed, the organization will fundraise from park users and private organizations.

7. Anticipated project sustainability/life span

This park is expected to exist in perpetuity and be a permanent change to this landscape. As it does not have a temporary owner and is permanently owned by DCR, we expect this park to be a permanent fixture and an agreement with DCR in place as such.

8. Anticipated regulatory review and necessary permits

All permits will be requested and handled by DCR. There will be limited public process and will confirm to current zoning. There may be a land use permit needed. DCR and Representative Michael Moran have agreed to assist in any permitting challenges we encounter.

Materials

1. Budget, including anticipated total cost and percentage to be funded by the HAPRFF.

Phase 1: Design - \$40,000, anticipated to be funded by the HAPRFF

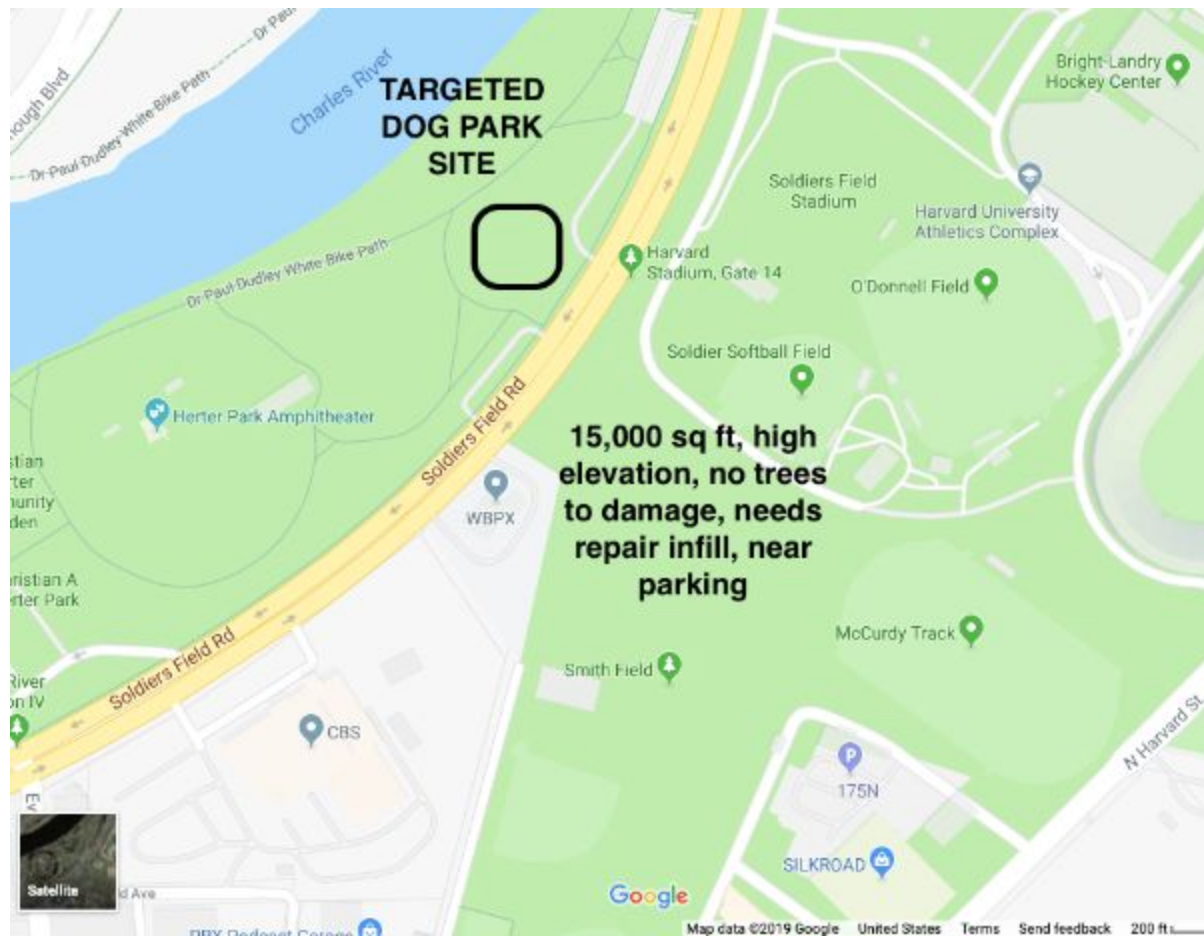
Phase 2: Build and Maintain - \$400,000 - \$600,000 not anticipated to be fully funded by the HAPRFF

We are asking HAPRFF to contribute approximately 10% of the total funds needed for this project. Any funds that are received but not used in the design or construction phase will be rolled over into a maintenance fund. We do not anticipate any funding from Phase 1 to rollover into Phase 2. Building funds may roll over into maintenance funds.

2. Other funding sources, if applicable, and amount and status (e.g. funds granted, requested, date when status will be known).

There are no other funding sources currently received. We have had preliminary conversations with possible funders, but we will not begin proper fundraising until the design is completed and until the landscape architects provide us with an accurate total project cost to fundraise against.

3. Images, renderings, and other relevant information







Building a Dog Park in Lower Allston/North Brighton

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INSPIRATION:

<https://www.citylab.com/life/2017/04/how-to-design-the-best-dog-park/522870/>

https://www.instagram.com/p/Brc_cpEgTIL/

<https://www.johnscreekga.gov/recreationandparks/parks-and-facilities/newtown-park/newtown-dream-dog-park>

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/newtown-dog-park-johns-creek>

<http://www.whitefishdogpark.org/about.html>

<https://friendsofronanpark.org/dog-park/>

<https://www.gazettenet.com/Planning-for-dog-park-in-Amherst-continues-24873434>

DOG PARK BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Parameters and Park Needs

- 15,000 sq foot dog park along the Charles River (site outlined above)
- Does not interfere with any other DCR permits
- Water feature/source for drinking for humans and dogs with water bottle filler on top
- Turf or grass surface - no stone. We may have to go turf, but we want something that is good for paws, handles the elements well, but looks like it belongs. We want to pay respect to the current aesthetic of the river.
- At least 2 benches in each park
- ADA accessible
- Guard rail added on Soldiers Field Road on the strip closest to the park ****DCR request****
- Fully fenced at all corners with a fence that you can see through but is at least 5 feet tall
- No trees will be harmed, relocated, or under threat in the area of this project
- As close to the highest elevation/Soldiers Field road as possible
- Double entry/secure entrance so that one may enter, take their dog off leash, and let them enter the park.
- Community board with rules and regulations as well as a space for community cards, events, and news
- Approximately 10,000 sq foot paddock for large dogs
- Approximately 5,000 sq foot paddock for small dogs
- Infill to build the soil up to manage runoff that close to the river and work with the Charles River Watershed Association on ecological concerns
- Looks like it belongs along the river and pays homage to the river itself
- Dog play components and active play areas in the fabric of the design
- NOT NARROW/A DOG RUN. Designed in a way where dogs can circle and spread out and have a full range of motion to play.
- A guaranteed way to prevent urine runoff into the river/environmental mitigation.

4. Letters of support

Audience

Campaign to Build a Dog Park in Allston

Your audience has **292** contacts. **290** of these are subscribers.

325 Newsletter Subscribers/Petition Signers

33 did not give email address. 292 did.

(2 unsubscribes were my personal emails to test that button on mobile and web)

PETITION SIGNATURES



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Name	Address	Phone	Email	Note
Aakash Masih	1700 Commonwealth w	6174777575	Aakashforall@gmail.com	Brighton Tree Lighting Chris neighbor
Abby Phillips	16 Waldo Terrace	8576363416	abigailphillips@gmail.com	
Alex Crew	Waverly Apartments			
Alex Schroeder	4 Western Avenue, Brighton, MA, 021			
Alexis Coleman	87 Gordon St			Brighton Tree Lighting
Alyssa Enos	Commonwealth Ave. Brighton, MA		amenos513@gmail.com	
We need a dedicated dog park with grass, not the gross gravel pit on Mansfield. It's embarrassing to call that a dog park. With all the new dog friendly buildings in the area (Lanterna, Radius, Continuum) , how can we not have something better and more impressive?				
I remember when Library Park was being redeveloped, and all many of us wanted was a fenced in dog park, which we didn't get. Waah. I kind of gave up after that.				
But I'm totally on board with what you are proposing. It needs to happen. And I think the area near Herter Park could be good. Maybe where the beer garden was last year, which they put zero effort into and was also a little embarrassing. Thank you for your hard work and determination in trying to make this happen.				
Amie Searles	Franklin St	617-529-1990	amiesearles@gmail.com	Resident/Dog Owner
Amy Parzych	49 Imrie Road	6175718831	amy_parzych@hotmail.com	
Andrew McNally	Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton		amcna1817@gmail.com	Make Rogers Park off leash official
Andrew Tremblay	20 Penniman Road, Allston MA 02134	7746446477	adtremblay13@gmail.com	
Andy Haggerty	150 Chestnut Hill Ave Brighton		conquistacorsa@gmail.com	Sent by a friend
Ann Hewson	Oak Square, Brighton	617 4131533	ahews46@gmail.com	
And please include efforts by animal control to ticket and fine people who are ignoring the leash rules in regular neighborhood parks such as Rogers Park.				
Ann Mahoney	29 Rogers Park Ave	617-320-5352	ammahoney2017@gmail.com	ACA
Anna Quintiliani	2 Larose Pl	6176998443	aquintiliani@yahoo.com	
Annie Grealish	Lake Street, Brighton			Allston resident
Anthony D'Isadoro	80 Raymond St		anthonydisadoro@msn.com	
Anubha Thapliyal	163 Chestnut Hill Ave, Brighton	6179907805	anubha@bu.edu	Chris neighbor
Arin Lustberg	119 Brainerd Road		arinlustberg@gmail.com	
Ashley Halpern	Tremont Street, Newton MA		halpern.ashley@gmail.com	resident homeowner/dog owner/dog lover
Ashley Thrasher	Waverly Apartments			
Barbara Moss	57 Oak Square Ave.	617417-2058	barbaramoss1@mac.com	

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Becky McGhee	375 Market St. Brighton, MA	5087363080	mcgheeerk@gmail.com	
Bernadette Lahey	Coolidge Rd		blahey@rcn.com	ACA
Bevin Hale	97 Surrey St	6173193265	bevin76@hotmail.com	Brighton Tree Lighting
Bianca Medina	153 Washington St. Boston, MA 02111	7814398550	bmedina346@gmail.com	
Billy Philhower	Brighton		philhowerbilly@gmail.com	Neighbor
Brad Searles	72A Franklin St.	617-529-5708	bsearles@gmail.com	resident homeowner/dog owner
Brad Searles	Franklin St., Allston, MA 02134	6175295708	bsearles@gmail.com	This is badly needed in the lower Allston area, and would be so much appreciated.
Brandon Bowser	39 Mansfield Street	857-249-8193	brandonbowser3@gmail.com	Neighbor
Brenda Birmann	58 Nottingham Rd, Brighton	617-789-4643	bnda.birmann@channing.harvard.edu	Neighbor
Brendan Raising	Farrington Ave		brendanraising@gmail.com	
Brian Blood	1713 Comm ave	7742772045	bblood16@gmail.com	
Brittany Tieu	15 N Beacon St, Allston	206 455 1301	tieubritany@gmail.com	Allston resident and dog owner
Brooke Leifer	Kelton Street	2157152379	brookie900@gmail.com	
Bryan carfio	152 n beacon st	9787353983	bcarfio@gmail.com	
Carolyn McCAFREY	35 Aldie Street			DCR Telford Street Walk
Caroline Bartlett	4 Hatherly Rd, Apartment 3	5853302626	ladybug9356@yahoo.com	
Caroline Dizalo	1368 Commonwealth Ave		amarley3081@gmail.com	Brighton Tree Lighting
Casey Strickland	50 SHEPARD ST	8503267059	caseystrick95@gmail.com	Children's parks are alive with little kids - give our pups a place to run <3
Chaitra Bhat	165 Chestnut hill Ave	6176943342	chait.bhat@gmail.com	
Charles Christman	21 Mackin St	6172310038	chaz1267@hotmail.com	
Charlotte Artt	Strathmore Road, 02135 Brighton		charlotteartt@gmail.com	
Chelsea Green	141 Franklin St		chelseacristen@outlook.com	ACA
Chelsea Grossman	85 Adamson st	774 249 8918	Morning.chelsea@gmail.com	Neighbor
Cheryl Cirillo	180 Telford Street	6178755648	chercirillo@comcast.net	DCR Telford Street Walk
Chris Arena	Portsmouth Street, Brighton	857-498-8778	christopherjarena@gmail.com	Started petition
Chris Skevofilax	1980 Commonwealth Avenue	5705741487	chris.skevofilax@gmail.com	
Christina Hession	17 Fairbanks St #2, Brighton, MA		cdecormier@gmail.com	
Christina Long	23 Holman Street, Allston, MA 02134	3392232219	christina.l.marin@gmail.com	Let me know how I can help!
Christine Variale	219 Western Ave, Lower Allston	508-259-2329	christine.variale@gmail.com	AB2006/BACC dog owner
Claire hernandez	6 CALTHA RD	16173087098	Cahernandez01@yahoo.com	Cannot use Hunnewell dog park, must have Newton dog tag. Animal officer comes by frequently

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Name	Address	Phone	Email	Note
Colin Parmalee	1501 Commonwealth Ave	5183684220	colin.parmalee3@gmail.com	Please consider Ringer playground! It's quite large and underutilized, and is quite close to a well developed area.
colleen cirmoch smith	Comm ave		colleen.cirmoch@gmail.com	
Corey Howard	212 Washington street Brighton		poethoward@gmail.com	Neighbor/former and future dog owner Neighbor
Corey Kempton	144 Lincoln St	8572053088	coreykevin@msn.com	
Daina Rosa	44 Holton St. Lower Allston	617-216-2111	dainarosa@comcast.net	
Daniel Dodman	85 Adamson St, #3	508-873-6077	daniel.dodman@gmail.com	
Daniel J Bubliski	23 Etna St	6177333931	danieljbub@gmail.com	
Daniel Lee	Allston-Brighton		daniel66lee@gmail.com	Hater of irresponsible dog owners/let's give them a place to do the right thing
Danielle Stephenson	255 Clark Rd	16175948880	ddstephenson3@gmail.com	
David Rosar	Waverly Apartments			Chris neighbor AB2006/BACC
David Strati	24 easton st	617-823-0259	david@uniformsforamerica.com	Brighton Tree Lighting FB
David Sullivan	340 Fanuiel St			
Dawn McClellan	17 Antwerp St	6174613113	dawmmcclellan02135@gmail.com	Allston resident and dog owner
Deanna Tambrelli	Commonwealth Ave near Harvard Ave	401-230-4322	deetambo@gmail.com	
Deborah Baye	Brooksdale Rd	857 919 3648	Debbaye@rcn.com	Brighton Tree Lighting
Derek Norberg	57 Bennett St	6177631584	dnorberg@asgsolutions.net	Chris neighbor
Derek Thrasher	Waverly Apartments		thrasher8390@gmail.com	Great idea
Diane Joyce	43 Etna St. Brighton		diane.joyce@rcn.com	Saw this on Facebook
Donna Bruno	53 Bellamy st	6175947943	Donna.bruno@gmail.com	I use a Brighton Doggie Day care who would benefit from a local dog park
Donna Cohen	225 Lamartine St	6172128582	dbethcohen@gmail.com	
Edward J Gold	Washington St Apt 9D Boston, MA 02	3392239457	golden223@gmail.com	
Elaine Thomas	Lower Brighton	617 254 1780	Elaine02135@gmail.com	
Eleanor Laffey	Duval St Brighton		laffeyfam6@comcast.net	
Elisabeth Ryan	588 CAMBRIDGE ST, Allston		elisabeth.ryan@gmail.com	
Elizabeth Aragao	15 South Street, Brighton	4014190200	eaaragao@gmail.com	Home owner/Dog owner
Elizabeth Egan	1726 Commonwealth Ave		Lizskates@gmail.com	
Elizabeth Gavin	49 Mapleton Street, Brighton, MA	617.959.5909	bethgavinhome@gmail.com	
Elizabeth Loftis	21 Sparhawk St.	617-903-4777	bblotfis@comcast.net	Great ideal
Elizabeth Sullivan	340 Fanuiel St		elizabeth.h.sullivan@gmail.com	Brighton Tree Lighting
Emily Damon	1440 Beacon Street		emily.g.damon@gmail.com	

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Emily Harmon	Harding Rd. Rosindale, MA 02131		emilyharmonmezzo@gmail.com	<p>This petition was forward from my friend who works in the area. Comments: This is very much needed. I live in Brighton (closer to the I-90 side), and currently there are only three dog parks that are in my neighborhood, and one isn't even an official "dog park." Out of the other two, one is large with an off-leash area, but the other is extremely small and not that suitable for many dogs (it unfortunately turns to mud at the drop of rain). It would be so nice to have a nice park where owners can go and meet other dog owners, meet people from their community, bond, and also make it a place to meet. Having benches is such a good idea, especially for dog owners who might be older or have physical limitations that don't allow them to stand for long periods of time but they still want their dogs to get exercise. I love this idea and many in my community would certainly support it!</p> <p>Brighton Tree Lighting</p> <p>Chris neighbor</p> <p>It's very important to have a dog park closer to home. Dogs and owners need a safe place to have their dogs run free. Less biting and more safe exercise.</p> <p>Neighbor</p> <p>Thanks to Big Dog Walkin'</p> <p>DCR Telford Street Walk</p> <p>DCR Telford Street Walk</p> <p>I hope this petition is received with the same thoughtful manner in which it was proposed.</p> <p>This is a truly wonderful idea and would be a fantastic addition to the neighborhood.</p> <p>Yes! We need another dog park. I am owner of Big Dog Walkin' in Brighton.</p>
Emily Killian	16 Burton Street	5188172042	eakillian1@gmail.com	
Emma Walters	116 Franklin St		emma.l.walters@gmail.com	
Erin Baumann	3 Commonwealth Ave Brighton MA 02		eebaumann@gmail.com	
Faye Fang	Waverly Apartments			
Felice Spector	72A Franklin Street—Allston	9176035157	Stelice718@aol.com	
Fred Hapgood	165 Chestnut Hill Ave. #7	617-782-3175	hapgood@pobox.com	
Frederick Pritikin	23 Sparhawk Street	6175624488	fred@pritiKin.us	
Galen Mook	59 Aldie St	70333954232	gmmook@gmail.com	
Grace Ulinski	26 Chiswick Rd		grace.ulinski@gmail.com	
Harry Mattison	28 Mansfield Street		harrymattison@gmail.com	<p>DCR Telford Street Walk</p>
Heather A	Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton		halterisio@hotmail.com	
Henry Shapiro	18 Richardson st		Hshapir3@gmail.com	
Hilary Peguero	24 Sidlaw Road		Hillary.o.peguero@gmail.com	<p>This is a truly wonderful idea and would be a fantastic addition to the neighborhood.</p>
Hyon Su Yi	Duval Street		hyonsu.yi@gmail.com	
Ian Kelly	9 Holworthy St. Cambridge MA 0213	5087285353	ikelly8162004@yahoo.com	<p>Yes! We need another dog park. I am owner of Big Dog Walkin' in Brighton.</p>
Irene Kapsidis	393 Langley rd		irenekapsidis9848@gmail.com	

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Iris Zeng	North Beacon Street, Allston, MA 021		irisen08@gmail.com	I saw this petition on Reddit! I realize I'm 3 months late but I hope you're still accepting signatures. It's been difficult finding an off-leash place for my dog so we usually drive to Peter's Park which isn't too far but it's out of the way. There's so many dogs that live in this area so it's a shame that we don't have a dog park in Allston yet!
Jane McChale	102 Litchfield Street	6177971859	jane@janemchale.com	DCR Telford Street Walk
Jason Kaplan	11 Bothwell Road	8478263231	jasonkaplan1@gmail.com	
Jean Powers	3 Adamson Street Allston		jean.powers@gmail.com	I think this dog park will be a huge benefit to the community. It will provide a safe and controlled space for our growing dog population, and keep off-leash dogs out of our public spaces. This is a great idea!
Jeff Ross	11 Cumston Street, Boston, MA 02118	617-504-0732	jr@teamjeffross.com	Allston Brighton Google Groups!
Joan Pasquale	Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 402, A		PCBGInc@Mail.com	
Joanna Schwenke	Brighton, MA		joanna.schwenke@gmail.com	Brighton Tree Lighting
Joe Itkis	16 Waldo Terrace	6175574528	jitikis@gmail.com	Love dogs!
Johanna Steinbauer	98 Strathmore Road	60333008682	johannasteinbauer@yahoo.com	DCR Telford Street Walk resident homeowner
John Andreo	344 Market Street			
John Bruno	470 Western Ave			
John Miner	10 Portsmouth St	(617)254-2496	uoft70@yahoo.com	
John Sheldon	21 Trapelo Street			
Jonathan Scott Ellberg	1738 Commonwealth Ave. #5 Brighton	617 921-2010	jellberg@comcast.net	
Jordan Meehan	35 Mount Hood Rd, Brighton	603-505-2366	jordanmeehan19@gmail.com	Neighbor/Dog lover
Josephine Halvorson	8 Commonwealth avenue Brookline n	5082374649	Halvorsonwork@gmail.com	
Judith Gavin	47 Mapleton Street, Brighton, MA	617.787.5954	judygavinboston@gmail.com	
Julia Albert	39 Aldie St, Allston, MA 02134		juliagray43@gmail.com	
Julia Wolfe	1 Bentley Street, #2, Brighton MA 0213	8647876625	juliawolfe715@gmail.com	
Karen Essrow	Bellvista rd		Kle0128@netzero.net	
Karen smith	North allston		Kms02134@gmail.com	Strong preference for river site and getting the dogs' help with the flicks of nasty geese We walk "Goose PoopAlley" regularly and the geese are getting more aggressive, especially when we walk a couple of smaller dogs
Katherine Herold	36 Nonantum Street		kshoreyherold@gmail.com	Home owner, dog lover
Kathleen Lahey	23 Coolidge Rd			ACA

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Kathleen Simon	Bayard St, Alliston MA 02134		kathleen.simon@simmons.edu	This is a great idea and I fully support it! I would love a safe, dog dedicated space to go with my dog as there are not many in the area.
Katie Ayers	88 Hawthorn st. Newton MA		Katieayers@comcast.net	
Kelly Karakhanyan	22 Bellvista Rd, Apt 5	9732485752	.LY.A.KARAKHANYAN@GMAIL.C	
Kelly Mcgrath	223 Parsons St Brighton MA 02135		kelly9175@gmail.com	Good luck
Kelly Packard	713 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton, M	413-237-5083	packard.kelly@gmail.com	My 12-year-old rescue dog would love a fenced-in park closer than Hunnewell!
Kelly Peterson	85 Brainerd Rd, ALLSTON MA	4048891097	Knpeterson1097@gmail.com	
Kelsey Mcoolough	Waverly Apartments			Chris neighbor
Kerry Quirke	51 Riverview Rd Brighton, Ma 02135	617-254-8131	kerry.quirke@DOT.State.ma.us	Woof
Kevin Van Horn	70A Franklin Street, Alliston			AB2006/BACC dog owner
Kimberlee Wall	Western Avenue		kimberlee.wall@gmail.com	
Laura Crowley	Gem avenue	5087333322	lac029@bucknell.edu	How about in Ringers park behind the tennis court
Laureen Goodhue	13Alliston st	8572496235	Citytails @comcast.net	
Lauren Abraham	48 Strathmore Rd Brighton MA	603 303 7783	ksclairen@yahoo.com	
Lauren Leigh Jones	1572 Commonwealth Avenue	4137701636	ljones91395@hotmail.com	Dog Walker, neighbor
Lauren Ravert	Wiltshire Rd, Brighton		laurenravert@gmail.com	
Lee Nave	1455 Commonwealth Avenue	6175016090	lee.navecafc@gmail.com	DCR Telford Street Walk
Lenice Armour	7 Duval St	6172542544	leni720@yahoo.com	
Leo Bressette	180 Telford Street	5084233436	kseisb@aol.com	ACA
Leu Kelleher	11 Aldee St			Brighton Tree Lighting
Lisa Norberg	57 Bennett St	5087354235	lyendruga@gmail.com	
Lisa Tucker	Newton Center		mmoble26@hotmail.com	I found this petition through Big Dog Walkin'.
Liz Breadon	33 Champney St	617-702-4925	lizbreadon@aol.com	
Lucy Conetta Campbell	55 S Waverly St	617-794-9624	Laconetta@rcn.com	A friend
Lynnelle Pittet	14 Michael Rd, Brighton		mcmamela@gmail.com	
MA. Cherrylin Trinidad	180 Telford St, Boston, MA 02135		lentrinidad@gmail.com	Ideally, a closed dog park with 12-3 parking slots would be good. so we can drive to the park if its quite far.
Mallory Salvaggio	Farrington Ave		Mksalvaggio92@gmail.com	
Marc Goldstein	02135		Mgcoa@yahoo.com	Dogs rule 1000%
Marian T. McLane	16 Gordon Street	6177824928	marianmclane@verizon.net	
Mariana Sanguinetti	Waverly Apartments			ACA
				Chris neighbor

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Mariel Vandersteel Wyslouch	Brighton Center		MarielVandersteel@gmail.com	We would love a dog park in this area!!
Marilyn Pritikin	23 Sparhawk St	6173088820	marilyn@pritikin.us	This would be a great asset to the community. A very large number of dogs live in Brighton. Please keep me informed on developments. Thank you.
Mark Dahl	9 duval street	6173042180	dahl.ma@gmail.com	
Mark Gerlovin	Winchester Street	617-555-1000	clear.photo.optics@gmail.com	
Mary Blackburn	77 Undine Rd	617-783-3719	Maryblackburn7@outlook.com	Neighbor
Mary Bridges	19 newton st	6172545578	mbridges1952@mail.com	Brighton Tree Lighting
Mary Christie	5 Foster St. Brighton	8579280306	Christme@bc.edu	A friend forwarded this petition to me. I heard some time ago that Rogers park in Brighton was going to add a dog park but nothing happened. More and more people have dogs in the city it would be nice to have a place to take my dog so that he can get the socializing he needs. Please keep me posted on whether there will be a park for dogs. Thanks Mary
Mary Geisser	9 Glenley Terrace, Apt. 1	4018297143	marygeisser@gmail.com	We need a dog park desperately. Even if a portion of Rodgers park could be dedicated to dogs.
Mary Kilgallen	Newton st brighton		Maryk19115@yahoo.com	Brighton Tree Lighting
Maryann Kenneth	81 Arlington St	6174476023		Brighton Tree Lighting
Matt Charette	23 Donnybrook Rd	7742886448	mcharette774@yahoo.com	I won't use it personally, but I love dogs, and I want them and their owners to have a safe and welcoming space to spend time with their pets.
Matthew Dezil	10 Melvin Avenue, Brighton, MA	6097908129	Matthewdezil@gmail.com	Allston resident and dog owner Chris neighbor
Maura Johnston	COMMONWEALTH AVENUE Allston	9173739819	maura@maura.com	
Megan Birgy	Islington St	(832)921-0314	megan.birgy@gmail.com	
Meghan Butress	Waverly Apartments			
Meghan Monson	Bigelow St Brighton, MA 02135		meghanmonson@gmail.com	
Melissa Scarpa Van Horn	70A Franklin Street, Allston	973-617-7268	melissascarpa@gmail.com	AB2006/BACC dog owner
Melissa Warner	Random Road, Brighton 02135		Mtwarner92@gmail.com	Circulated by the doggy daycare we take our dog to!
Michael DeMarco	Orkney Road, Brighton		michaelgdemarco@gmail.com	Neighbor
Mina Sherman	Waverly Apartments			Chris neighbor
Molly DeQuattro	Islington & Armington, Allston		dq.molly@gmail.com	I am thrilled to support this proposal. Our city-dog is almost never off-leash for her safety and as homeowners in Allston, we are committed to long-term investments that improve every day life for all residents--including the canine ones. (Cats don't care.)
Molly McDonald	59 Aldie St #2	4044444525	mollykatem@gmail.com	

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Moses Li	Brighton			Neighbors
Najmia Amirina-Nave	1455 Commonwealth Ave		chakriamirina@gmail.com	
Natalie Blahunka	219 Western Ave Allston, MA 02134			
Nathalie Schlis	Strathmore Rd, Brighton, MA		Schlisn1@gmail.com	
Neal Klimman	72 Lake Shore Road	617-981-2881	Nklimman247@gmail.com	AB2006/BACC expressed interest I don't even have a dog but this is such a great idea! Found this petition via Allston Rat City on twitter.
Neil Guertin	Brighton Ave		archimedes34@gmail.com	neighbor
Nina Sayles	Westford St., Lower Allston			
Olivia Iafraite	27 Riverdale St Allston MA		Olivia.iafraite@gmail.com	I'm a dog walker in the area and I think this is much needed. Dogs hate the 'dog park' on Mansfield St... they don't enjoy running and playing on rocks. DCR Telford Street Walk
Oscar Lopez Jr	1291 Commonwealth Ave	6177222470	olopez07@gmail.com	
Paige Dorion	Market st	7745718716	Paigedorion1@gmail.com	As an owner of two labs, I would fully support this dog park. Hunnewell on the Newton/Brighton line is restricted to Newton residents and you can get a ticket if you bring your dog here. Rogers Park, close to my house has been a place to bring your dog however, during Little League season/baseball season, it's just not cool to have your dog down there off lease. Not to mention the play ground with small kids there. ACA
Patricia Joyce	68 Oakland Street	16175961400	mclaugpp@bc.edu	This wonderful dog park is long overdue! Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the furry residents of Allston!
Paula Alexander	226 N Harvard St		rinaa3344@hotmail.com	
Peggy Iafraite	27 Riverdale Street Allston MA 02134	8574981112	peggy@stregamarketing.com	
Peter Bryant Kingman	146 Arlington St.	61777826111	pkingman@earthlink.net	
PJ Sheldon	21 Trapelo Street			Would like to see other areas in Allston/Brighton considered for dog parks. I don't feel safe accessing my neighborhood park in Brighton (Roger's Park) because it is always entirely over run with off leash dogs. Roger's Park is in need of a fenced in dog park so kids and people can feel secure too! Ringer Park in Allston should also have a fenced in area dedicated for dogs.
PJ Szufnarowski	21 Trapelo Street	61777879424	pj@artontour.net	
Praveen Yadupathi	16 Chestnut hill ave	6179998355	Raghav.praveen@gmail.com	A dog park would be a godsend, provided it's well-maintained and has the proper security/safety measures put in (like the aforementioned double door system for entry!). Please let me know any further way I can help raise awareness and support within the community for this!
Rachel Costley	32 Hobson Street, Brighton MA 02135	773-577-0039	mcostley@gmail.com	

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Rafael Ramos IV	130 Brainerd Road	4044311361	sarkdh@gmail.com	BACC, dog owner
Rebecca Schofield	Harriet St, Brighton	6179556712	beccascho@gmail.com	
Red Zmudzien	Brighton			
Renny McKinney	52 Coolidge Rd		rtv@renny.tv	ACA
Rita Vaidya	11 Raymond Street	6175628693	rita.vaidya@gmail.com	DCR Telford Street Walk
Robert McCAFrey	35 Aldie Street			DCR Telford Street Walk
Robert O'Neill	126 Kilsyth Road	978 828 1784	Ripior7717@gmail.com	ACA
Robert V. Dale	62 Raymond St			ACA
Robyn Poarch	164 Strathmore rd		robyn.poarch@gmail.com	
Roshan Bhakta	10 Mansfield St		rvbhakta@gmail.com	ACA
Ryan Downey	Waverly Apartments			Chris neighbor
Ryan Sandberg	1500 Commonwealth Avenue		rsandberg24@comcast.net	
Ryley Copans	Commonwealth Ave near Harvard Ave			Allston resident with a service dog puppy
Sandra Elman	Brookline, MA 02445		Elman.I.sandra@gmail.com	
Sandy Hurwich	Lake St, Brighton	617-254-5085		Home owner
sara fields	1501 commonwealth ave., apt. 102		saravirginiafields@gmail.com	
Sarah Mulvey	150 Chestnut Hill Ave Unit 401	4848027568	sgmulvey@gmail.com	
Sarah Ribeiro	33 Brackett Street, Brighton MA 02134	8608413549	ELIZABETH.RIBEIRO@GMAIL.CO	
Seth Gordon	147 Kenrick St., Brighton	617-680-0705	sethg@ropine.com	resident homeowner and dog owner
Shane Hewson	15 Brayton Terrace	6178694393	hewsonshane@yahoo.com	
Shannon Rouvel	Rogers Park Brighton 02135		Shannon.rouvel@gmail.com	I see these parks in other major cities. I wish my Park was closed in so I can have my dog fetch a ball.
Shannon Stump	25 Dighton St, Apt 4, Brighton, MA	9096458578	shannon.stump@gmail.com	
stacey solomon amster	Collins road newton	6175126657	ssamster2002@yahoo.com	
Stephanie Joseph	122 Faneuil Street	6177873665	SJo7576607@rcn.com	I think it is a fantastic idea, as a lot of dogs need space and Brighton apts. and yards are too small for a dog to exercise. It is also great to meet and know your neighbors.
Steven Theer	206 N Beacon St	6099548420	steventheer@gmail.com	More dog parks!
Susan Rutkiewicz	44 lake Shore road	617-615-1979	Susanrutkiewicz@icloud.com	From neighborhood group
Suzie Kim	Brighton			Neighbors
Tara Saulnier	Parsons Street		TaraKlutzzLove@gmail.com	

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Tess Jutras	25 N Beacon St		tjutras@bu.edu	
Tessa Lundquist	Mansfield st allston	4138844168	Tessalundquist@gmail.com	
Thalia Sass	16 Square, Faneuil St., Brighton MA, 02	314-570-7259	thalia.sass@gmail.com	I found this petition on twitter. I would love to have more public park spaces and dog friendly spaces in my neighborhood.
Theresa Gallagher	16 Duncklee St Brighton	6177827957	Tgallag459@aol.com	
Thomas Griffin	Oak Square, Brighton 02135		tpgriffi@hotmail.com	
Thomas Sullivan	Portsmouth st Brighton ma 02135	617-952-2812	Dawntom4ever1@gmail.com	I think it's a great idea for the people in the community be a safe environment to bring your dog to play
Tim McHale	102 Litchfield St	6177472122	Bostonminstre@aol.com	DCR Telford Street Walk
Tom Lally Jr	11 Alcott St		tpjally@gmail.com	ACA
Tom Lally Sr	10 Alcott St		oldtomlally@yahoo.com	ACA
Tom Rolls Sr	Waverly Apartments			Chris neighbor
Tommy Rolls Jr	School st Brighton		Tommyrolls@gmail.com	Yes
Tory silver	2 Alcott st, Allston, ma	3308441476	tory.silver393@gmail.com	
Valarie Lima	Brighton	8579190221	valarie@gmail.com	allstonbrighton2006@googlegroups.com
Victoria Hom	Arlington Street, Brighton		vehom@yahoo.com	Found out about this via email sent to hobart park listserv.
Wendy Escobar	8 Cambridge st, apt 2 Allston, Ma 021			
Wilma Wetterstrom	Oak Sq, Brighton		wetterst@fas.harvard.edu	Former dog owner, dog lover
Yuci Wang	Portsmouth Street, Brighton	224-578-0277	yuci.2w6@gmail.com	Chrs' partner
Zeth Weissman	59 Aldie Street	2155103449	zethw1@gmail.com	
John okeefe	henshaw st. brighton		jake550@gmail.com	
BEATRIZ COTTA	NEWTON	6177687090	BEATRIZCOTTA@GMAIL.COM	
Stephanie Johnson	8 Elko St Boston MA 02135		stephannj95@gmail.com	
Cecilia K Heaney	113 Murdock Street	16037157176	liaheaney@gmail.com	
Amber Meyer	67 Foster St	5852177958	ameyer3@su.suffolk.edu	
Surisadai Aquit	461 Washington St Brighton		saquit@wellesley.edu	
Robert Bruce	27 Bennett St.		robertmbrucejr@gmail.com	
John Christian Dolan	Chiswick Road Apt. 7 Brighton Ma 02	5162384591	dolanjcd@gmail.com	
Evelyn Graff	11 Chestnut Hill Ave apt 2 Brighton MA 02	6033707050	Egraffnh@gmail.com	Big Dog Walking
Kenneth Burch	150 Chestnut Hill Avenue		kburch6@icloud.com	
Monrud Becker	17-B Sparhawk Street Brighton MA		monrudbecker@gmail.com	
Mary Geisser	9 Glenley Terrace, Apt. 1	4018297143	marygeisser@gmail.com	

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Alex Leifer	147 Kelton st		aleifer2@gmail.com	
Ari Greenberg	155 Strathmore Rd Brighton ma	857-231-1076	ari.s.greenberg@gmail.com	We need this park!
Kevin Mannering	25 Stuart Street Watertown, MA	6176402716	Kevin@RodeoCPG.com	
Alicia Lambert	Commonwealth Ave. Brighton MA		aliciaa_1004@yahoo.com	
Linda Lynch	131 Windsor Road	617 694 5228	lhelenlynch@gmail.com	Wholly support this effort as a happy client of Big Dog Walkin'!
Courtney Fairbrother	25 Stuart Street, Watertown		fairbrotherc11@gmail.com	
Molly Tidrick	106 Queensberry St		mjtidrick@gmail.com	
Christopher Albert	Aldie Street, Allston, MA 02134		chrisalbert@gmail.com	
Nathan Hsu	180 Telford st, Brighton, MA02135		Billjiokimo@yahoo.com.tw	
Ingrid Tse	180 Telford Street	8573315600	Ingrid.tse.x@gmail.com	
Iwona KurRocco	180 Telford Street	617-783-3514	ykurrocco@yahoo.com	It will be great to have a dog park
Ina Yi	180 TELFORD ST		ener.0217@hotmail.com	
Cheryl Cirillo	180 Telford St Brighton Ma	6178755648	chercirillo@comcast.net	Online
Madeline Kelly	180 Telford Street		madeline.kelly2@gmail.com	this ideal There is no other dog park nearby and so many dogs in the
Diana Doyle	6 Newbrook Circle Chestnut Hill 0246	8052595707	di_doye@hotmail.com	I read about this petition from the BDW email updates.
Justin Dorsett	164 Strathmore Road, Boston, Rd		Dsett02@gmail.com	
James Stone	Sparhawk St, Brighton, MA		jhistone0@gmail.com	
Laura Crowle	Gem Ave Brighton	5087333322	lac029@bucknell.edu	lore things need to be dog friendly! A dog park is a great place to star
Abigail DeMille	Coleman Rd		Abigail.demille@gmail.com	
Mary King	1870 Beacon Street	6304522653	MaryKing416@gmail.com	
Andrew Patton	1870 Beacon St	9734932709	apatton1989@gmail.com	
Gus Polstein	1501 Commonwealth Ave	6174162749	guspolstein@gmail.com	
Matthew Niermeyer	50 Athol St	9788777827	matt.niermeyer@gmail.com	The more dogs (and dog parks) the better!
shweta chaudhary	1758 commonwealth ave. Brighton		Shwetachaudharymasih@gmail.com	
Daniel Birch	49 Royal St, Allston		duffster3@gmail.com	
Alex Birch	49 Royal Street, Allston	4014894498	alexraebirch@gmail.com	
Ashleigh Davis	276 Corey Road Apt 33	19372676492	ashleighdavis612@gmail.com	
John Torney	Commonwealth Ave, Brighton, MA 0	6179815139	jtorney311@gmail.com	
Rose Parker	8 Mead St Allston Ma		veritybknown@yahoo.com	I love a dog park and it would be a wonderful addition to the neighbo
Laurie Gold	Chestnut Hill		logold@verizon.net	found on Big Dog Walkin'
Amy Frankenthaler	1961 Commonwealth Avenue	5083285222	frankena22@gmail.com	
Ivina Kononova-Shakverdovand	Pond Pkwy, Apt 201 Chestnut Hill,	6176505700	Olvinac@gmail.com	

COMMUNITY SUPPORT





Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Dear Members of the Harvard-Allston Public Realm Flexible Fund,

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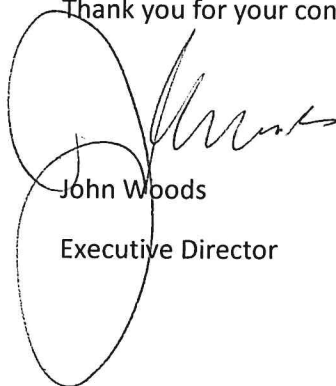
Evelyn Redshaw

Amelia Youngstrom

As the Executive Director for the Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation (CDC), I am writing to express my support for the Allston Brighton Dog Park Initiative, we will also be serving as fiscal sponsor for this initiative. As the fiscal sponsor, I am honored to support this project as it started as an idea of Chris Arena, who engaged his neighbors, met with elected officials, built a coalition and pulled the necessary resources together in order to apply for funding through the Harvard-Allston Public Realm Flexible Fund – efforts like these are at the core of Allston Brighton CDC's mission and our commitment to foster and amplify "new voices" in the neighborhood.

Members of the Allston Brighton Dog Park Initiative have conducted a thorough and thoughtful process to bring this from an initial idea to fundable project. I am pleased to endorse this project and their request of \$40,000 for the creation of a public dog park.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.



John Woods
Executive Director

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Mailing address: PO Box 822, Allston, MA. 02134

April 27, 2019

Christopher Arena
14B Portsmouth Street
Brighton, MA 02135

Dear Chris:

The Allston Civic Association is fully supportive of your efforts to bring a dog park to the North Brighton/Allston Community.

With cities becoming more and more crowded and leash laws becoming more restrictive, many concerned dog owners are looking to the creation of dog parks as a solution to their need for a place to spend quality time with their pets.

Dog parks allow dogs to exercise and socialize safely, promotes responsible dog ownership, provides an outlet for dog owners to socialize and makes for a better community by promoting health and safety.

Your request for a large PUBLIC dog park (13,000+ sq. ft.) with a fence for off leash play, two separate areas for large and small dogs, a water source, unique architectural design elements, infill and solution to improve rainwater runoff and flooding, benches, a location along the Charles River, parking lots nearby, street

access, and a single entrance/exit with double doors for safety of the dogs is both reasonable and appropriate.

The fact that almost 300 residents and counting have responded to your petition indicates strong appeal and a need for such an amenity.

I urge our elected officials, policy makers, community organizations and institutions and residents to embrace this proposal.

Chris, thank you for your advocacy and hard work for advancing what truly will become a community asset that dog owners and their pets will benefit from for years to come.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anthony P. D'Isidoro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Anthony P D'Isidoro
President



Allston Board of Trade
PO Box 334
Allston, MA 02134

May 2, 2019

Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02114

To Whom it May Concern:

The Allston Board of Trade (ABOT) wholeheartedly supports the creation of a public dog park in the Allston-Brighton Community. The ideal location would be along the banks of the Charles River in the area of Herter Park. This location would be able to support a fenced area that would allow dogs to be off-leash and not interfere with children's play areas on ball fields.

This project has a lot of support from the community. The Allston Board of Trade proudly supports the efforts of Christopher Arena to make this dog park a reality.

Sincerely,

William R. Mills, Jr.
President ABOT

LANDSCAPE ESTIMATES





Draft of April 25, 2019

Christopher Arena. President
Maureen Arena Memorial Dog Park

May __, 2019

Dear Chris,

Thank you for considering Patricia Van Buskirk Landscape Architecture, LLC (“PVLA”) for services with respect to the project described below (the “Project”). Your return to me of a signed and dated copy of this letter and appendix will constitute the agreement between PVLA and [to come] (“Client”) for the landscape architecture services set forth below.

I. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This description of the Project is based on the information received from your email of April 18, 2019, and our subsequent phone conversation of April 19, 2019. The Project will consist of a public dog park of approximately 13,000 square feet by the Charles River. The landscape architecture services pertaining to the Project and the subject of this Letter Agreement relate to the on-site open space of the dog park, addressing the issues of play elements for the dogs, surface materials, site furnishings, fencing and planting. The play elements will be designed to give a variety of experiences for the dogs and mimic the experience of playing in nature such as climbing on rocks and leaping over logs. A special use area for small or shy dogs will be incorporated into the design. The planting design will address the safety of the dogs, appropriateness to the river ecosystem, will provide shade, and will create a unified composition throughout the Project. Maintenance concerns will be addressed throughout the design process.

The Charles River Watershed Association's environmental concerns, including the solution to improve rainwater runoff and flooding, the infill soils of the park, and the prevention of urine runoff into the river shall be the responsibility of a civil engineer and are not included in these services. However, PVLA will consult with such civil engineer in the performance of its services hereunder.

[I can provide a civil engineer to participate in this project, but you may have someone that is closer to the project site.]

II. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SERVICES

A. Schematic Design

PVLA will provide the following schematic design services for the Project:

1. Visit site to review and photograph existing conditions and context, and determine characteristics of the Project;
2. Review existing survey and site plans supplied by Client and review with Client its objectives for the Project, particularly as related to site improvements;
3. Prepare initial schematic designs with generic planting layouts, but with no schematic design specifications included;
4. Present to Client such initial schematic designs, such presentation to include a compilation of representative images that convey the landscape design intent in a power-point presentation;
5. Resolve initial schematic design to account for site furnishings and open spaces, addressing surface materials, fencing and planting, but excluding services to be provided by the civil engineer as set for in the last paragraph of Section I above;
6. Discuss options for level of finish (i.e., costs) for landscape components, and assist Client in an “Opinion of Probable Construction Cost”; and
7. Prepare plans at appropriate scales with images and sketches of details to convey design themes and concepts for the site; provided, however, that models or artist renderings are not included in the scope of this work.

Work under this Section II.A will include up to two (2) meetings or working sessions with Client and/or its consultants.

B. Construction Documents

Upon the approval of the schematic design services specified in Section I. A above and Client’s authorization to proceed, PVLA will coordinate and develop drawings and technical sections of the specifications pertaining to such schematic design services setting forth in detail the requirements for the construction. Such work shall include:

1. Finalize design and details for items listed below:
 - (a) Layout and material selection of surface materials (excluding those designed by civil engineer) and exterior planting areas. Drainage will be the responsibility of the civil or plumbing engineer;
 - (b) Planting layout and species selection, but not including any plant maintenance manuals; and
 - (c) Hardscape elements including fencing, and any related site specialty elements. Structural design of all such features shall be the responsibility

- of the project engineer and irrigation is not included in this proposal.
2. Prepare construction drawings and technical specifications for items included in paragraph B.1 above to conform to applicable codes and regulations to the extent provided to PVLA by the governmental bodies having jurisdiction over the work;
 3. Coordinate with consultants producing drawings and specifications related to landscape work; and
 4. Review for conformance with aesthetic design intent only, the construction drawings related to the landscape prepared by others.

Work under this Section B will include up to two (2) coordination/presentation meetings, or work sessions.

Construction Administration Services

PVLA will provide assistance to Client in bidding and contract letting procedures as related to the landscape construction documents as requested.

As requested, PVLA will attend pre-construction meetings with the contractor, provide clarifications of its drawings, and observe the construction for items included in PVLA's construction documents.

- During construction and as requested, PVLA will make site visits at times appropriate to construction or otherwise approved by Client to familiarize itself generally with the progress and quality of construction, and to determine in general if the construction is proceeding in accordance with the landscape design intent and PVLA's construction documents. PVLA shall not be responsible for job site safety or for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures in connection with the work; and PVLA shall not be responsible for the contractor's errors or omissions or failure to carry out the work in accordance with the contract documents. In addition, PVLA will provide assistance in plant material selection at nurseries and site location.

As requested, PVLA shall make site visits to establish a preliminary punch list and shall prepare a final punch list.

III. FEES AND EXPENSES

A. Fees

PVLA's fees for its services are set forth below:

- Schematic Design Services - \$12,700.
- Construction Documents Services - \$13,800.
- Construction Administration Services, as requested - \$200 per hour.

- Attendance at or participation in meetings with Client or consultants in addition to the meetings provided for in Section II above - \$200 per hour.

Travel time to and from meetings or site visits shall be billed at the applicable hourly rate. The fees schedules set forth above shall remain in effect until the end of the 2020 calendar year. If the project extends into the following calendar year, PVLA and Client agree to discuss increases to such fees to conform with PVLA's hourly fees and rates in effect for that calendar year.

B. Payment and Other Terms

Fee payments by Client to PVLA will be made as follows: an initial payment of \$5,000 upon execution and delivery of this agreement, **[balance to come]**

Payments not received within 30 days of the date of invoice or when otherwise due will be assessed an interest charge of one and one half percent (1 1/2%) per month until paid.

IV. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Additional services beyond the scope of work described above will be provided only as requested by Client at an hourly basis at the rate of \$200 per hour.

Extra Services may include, but are not limited to:

- Revisions and changes in drawings which have previously been approved;
- The preparation of alternates after the completion of design development documents; and
- Changes requested by Client after completion of construction documents.

V. WORK DONE BY OTHERS

Survey - PVLA does not provide professional survey services. All surveys for base information will be done by others and is not included within the base price of this Letter Agreement.

Permits - PVLA will not be responsible for obtaining any permits or political processing.

Engineering Services - PVLA is not providing and will have no responsibility for engineering services.

VI. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Additional terms and conditions pertaining to this Letter Agreement are set forth in the Appendix and are incorporated herein by reference as a part of this agreement.

If you find the terms of this Letter Agreement acceptable, please sign and date below and return one copy for our files. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. This offer for services shall remain in effect for a period of 30 days after the date set forth below.

PVLA looks forward to working with you on this Project.

Most Sincerely,

Patricia Van Buskirk Landscape Architecture, LLC
by Patricia Van Buskirk, Principal

Date

APPROVED:

Client Signature

318 Harvard Street
Suite 25
Brookline, MA 02446
617.735.1180 tel

Verdantla.com



April 24, 2019

To Whom It May Concern

RE: **Outline for Professional Landscape Architectural Services
Maureen Arena Memorial Dog Park**

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this proposal to provide landscape architectural design services for the proposed dog park within the DCR Charles River Reservation in Allston.

Project Understanding:

The dog park needs to be designed to create an engaging and interactive space for dogs, including play elements, possibly a water feature, shade and seating for dog owners. Currently we understand the thought is to have two enclosed areas: one for larger dogs and another for smaller dogs. The site along the river is quite flat and one of the critical issues identified will be possible pollution from dogs urinating and defecating (presumably cleaned up!) which-- depending on the number of dogs that use the park-- may have impact on water quality. The outline of services is provided as an initial step which will be refined in conversation with you and others. As outlined, the program for the dog park includes some or all of the following:

- Fence enclosed 10,000 sq ft area for large dogs
- Fence enclosed 5,000 sq ft area for small dogs
- Water for drinking
- Possible water feature
- Play elements such as tunnels or bridges, ramps, rocks or logs that dogs can jump over, climb on or present agility challenges
- Double entry/secure entrance
- Seating for each enclosure with some seating shaded
- NO STONE SURFACE. Consideration of using lawn as a soft surface, but may consider other surfacing that is gentle on paws, handles the elements well, and looks like it belongs.
- Harmonizes with the river and pays homage to the river itself

In addition to this program of improvements we note that environmental considerations are fundamental to project approval and success. This will include designing the dog park to mesh with the character of the Reservation and appear that it 'belongs' to the park. We note that establishing a positive working relationship with the DCR and Charles River Watershed Association will be critical to project success.

We have broken our proposal into five parts:

- Information Gathering
- Preliminary Design and Public Meetings
- Agency Review
- Construction Drawings and Specifications
- Construction Administration

Phase 1: Information Gathering

1. *Prepare base plan:* We presume that there will be an available base plan that shows the location of the river, existing trees and vegetation, walks, parking spaces and drives. Also important will be having accurate topographic information since drainage will be a critical consideration in the design of the park and its impact on the adjacent resource area. We will visit the site to document issues regarding adjacent uses and environmental factors to consider in the design. We will also gather information from DCR and the Client/Design Committee. In addition, we will compile information and images showing examples of state of the art projects as currently available from Client and research.

Product: annotated base plan and site analysis plan and memorandum; prototype photo boards.

Phase 1 \$ 1,750

Phase 2: Preliminary Design and Public Meetings

2. *Alternative Concepts:* We will prepare at least two concept plan options for the dog parks that integrate the enclosures within the park landscape. Photographic boards illustrating precedents and proposed materials will also be provided.
3. *Presentation of Concepts:* We will present the Concept Plan Options to the Client/Committee and will refine the designs and photoboard materials for presentation to the community.
4. *Agency Meetings:* We will meet with the DCR and City of Boston Environmental Department /Conservation Commission to present the preliminary concept options and receive comments and guidance for minimizing environmental impacts. This effort will include meeting with the Charles River Watershed Association or other environmental stake holder groups. Consulting environmental scientists will be important to include in these meetings.
5. *Refinement of Preliminary Plans:* Based on Client direction and agency comments Verdant Landscape Architects (VLA) will prepare illustrative plans for presentation to the Community including photoboard materials.
6. *Community Presentation:* Coordinated with the Client, we will present the plans to the community. We will provide a memorandum of the meeting recording comments from the community. Subsequent to this meeting, we will discuss with the Client modifications to the plans based on this meeting.
7. *Preferred Plan:* Based on Client direction, VLA will revise the dog park plan and supporting graphics and photo images.
8. *Presentation of Preferred Plan:* We will present the preferred plan at an evening meeting. We will prepare a meeting memorandum. Depending on the general consensus of the meeting, we can enter another phase of refinements to the plan, or we can finalize the Preliminary Plan.
9. *Optional Pricing Exercise:* VLA will solicit preliminary estimates from potential contractors that have performed similar work. We will provide the contractors with quantity estimates, details and scope descriptions to assist them in estimating a likely construction cost. We will review the estimates to assess the completeness of the cost estimates. We

presume this effort will include answering questions and preparing additional details or scope definitions.

10. Notice of Intent Filing: We will prepare a N.O.I including additional information and narratives describing the project and its impact on the resource area. This effort will include assistance from the team environmental scientist.

Preliminary Design \$10,000

Phase 3: Agency Review

We will meet with DCR, Park Commission and Boston Conservation Commission as may be required. We will modify the N.O.I and prepare other information and plans as may be required for project approval.

Assume 4 meetings and additional revisions. Hourly allowance \$4,000

Phase 4: Construction Documents

The next phase of design work will be to prepare plans for construction. We will provide you with a proposal for preparation of construction plans and specifications under separate Agreement based on the approved scope of work. This effort will include the following work: along with construction administration services.

- 4.1 Layout and Materials Plan
- 4.2 Grading Plan
- 4.3 Planting Plans, including plant list
- 4.4 Construction Detail Drawings (assume 2 sheets).
- 4.5 Specifications

Construction Documents Fee – assume \$8,000

Phase 5 - Construction Administration

We will provide standard Landscape Architecture Construction Administration services to supplement CA services provided by KDI and associated design professional. Fees for CA services will be based on hourly rates as requested, including the following:

- Coordinate bidding, review bids, and assist Client during contract negotiations
- Review scheduling, submittals and shop drawings.
- Assume 2 month landscape/site construction. Allowance for 8 CA Meetings/ site visits and memorandum @ 4 hours each
- Process RFI's/prepare SK's
- Prepare punch list and submit Closeout documents.

Construction Admin Fee – assume \$5,000

Fees

Fees will be billed on a percentage basis not to exceed the established fixed fee. Reimbursement for expenses will be invoiced at cost plus 15% administrative expenses. We will proceed with each individual phase as directed by you. Expense cost is in addition to the fees outlined below.

Information Gathering	\$ 1,750
Preliminary Design	\$ 10,000
City Approvals hourly invoicing – allowance	\$ 4,000
Construction Documents	\$ 8,000
Construction Administration hourly invoicing – allow	\$ 5,000
Total:	\$28,750

Additional Work

We understand that work as performed may vary from the scope as described above. If additional scope items are requested, we will advise you regarding the additional time and fees that will be incurred. For Additional Services, invoicing will be according to the hourly rates or as otherwise agreed.

Hourly Rates

Principal-In-Charge Katya Podsiadlo @\$150/hr.

Principal Blair Hines @\$150/hr.

Senior Landscape Architect Natalie Adams @\$120/hr.

Designers Erin Fitch @ \$60-90/hr.

Please let us know if you require any revisions to the scope of services and fee proposal. We very much look forward to working with you and your school community to make this project an outstanding success.

Sincerely,

Verdant Landscape Architecture, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katya Podsiadlo". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katya" and last name "Podsiadlo" clearly legible.

Katya Podsiadlo, ASLA
Principal

**DESIGN FEE**

Arena Dog Park | Boston, MA

5/2/2019

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	SUBTOTAL
<u>SCOPE</u>			
Design (Concept to Construction Documents)	1	ls	\$15,000.00
Civil Engineer (Drainage, water connections, etc.)	1	ls	\$10,000.00
Permitting (Conservation Commission, wetlands, etc.)	1	ls	\$5,000.00
Construction Administration	1	ls	\$5,000.00
Survey*	1	ls	\$7,500.00

*Confirm if survey already exists. If so, remove from fee.

Total \$42,500.00









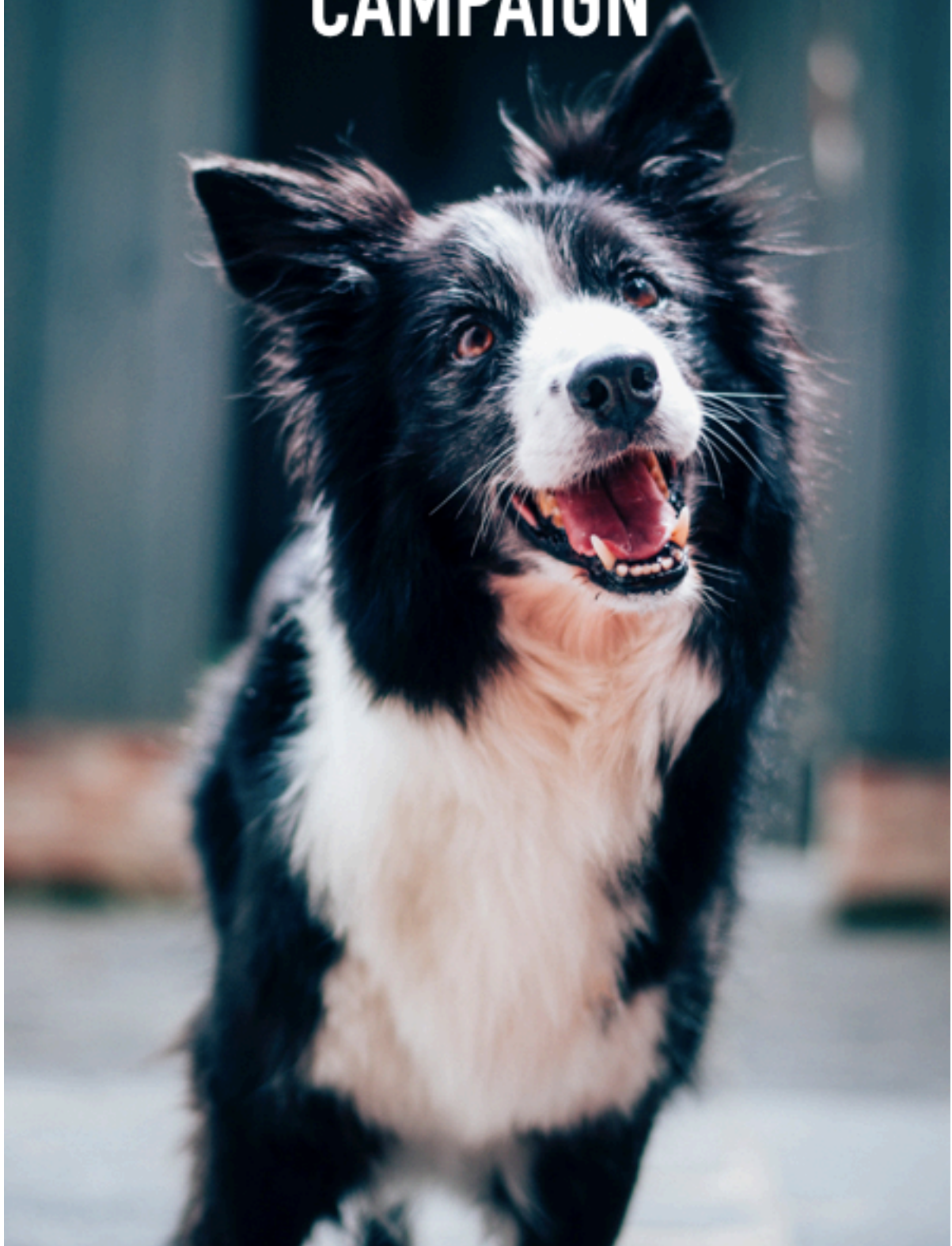
**ESTIMATED SITE IMPROVEMENT COSTS**

Arena Dog Park | Boston, MA

5/2/2019

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	SUBTOTAL
<u>GENERAL</u>				
Construction fencing	500	lf	\$10.00	\$5,000.00
Construction Sign	1	ls	\$250.00	\$250.00
Survey/staking	1	ls	\$500.00	\$500.00
Submittals/shop drawings	1	ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<u>SITE PREP AND DEMO</u>				
Strip and stockpile topsoil	15000	sf	\$1.00	\$15,000.00
Grading	1	ls	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Berm (~3,450 sf x 3' ht max.)	150	cy	\$45.00	\$6,750.00
<u>SITE IMPROVEMENTS</u>				
Bituminous pavement (parking to park. 50 lf x 5' width)	250	sf	\$3.00	\$750.00
Concrete pavement (seating area, bench pads)	600	sf	\$10.00	\$6,000.00
Fence (4' clf)	600	lf	\$40.00	\$24,000.00
Gate	2	ea	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Concrete mowstrip	600	lf	\$25.00	\$15,000.00
Lawn Drains	3	ea	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
<u>TURF</u>				
Artificial turf (on gravel base)	15000	sf	\$15.00	\$225,000.00
<u>FURNISHINGS</u>				
Benches (backed)	2	ea	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
Drinking Fountain with hose bib	1	ea	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00
Connection to water main	1	ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Irrigation system	1	ls	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Hose + cleaning nozzels	1	ls	\$200.00	\$200.00
Misting feature	1	ls	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Outdoor message board	1	ea	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Equipment shed (on conc pad)	1	ea	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Dog agility equipment	1	ls	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Leash holders	2	ea	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Signage	1	ea	\$500.00	\$500.00
Trash receptacles	1	ea	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Doggie bag dispenser	1	ea	\$500.00	\$500.00
<u>PLANTINGS</u>				
Trees	5	ea	\$800.00	\$4,000.00
Loam and Seed (disturbed areas)	5000	sf	\$1.50	\$7,500.00
Tree pruning (existing)	1	ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
			Subtotal	\$388,550.00
General conditions (7%)				\$27,198.50
Overhead and Profit (7%)				\$29,102.40
Escalation (2%)				\$8,897.02
Design Contingency (10%)				\$45,374.79
			Total	\$499,122.70

EMAILS FROM THE CAMPAIGN





As you likely know, [I started this simple petition to get a dog park built in Lower Allston](#) earlier this year.

After several dozen meetings with neighbors, elected officials, local activists, environmental groups, and state departments, I have some exciting updates to share! If you are receiving this email, it is because you signed the petition, met with me about this project, or are an important part of the fabric of the Allston-Brighton community.

This newsletter will focus on the dog park initiative and only come out periodically.

COMPILING NAMES

Building a Dog Park in Lower Allston/North Brighton

This petition supports the creation of a public dog park in North Brighton/Allston.

We would like to see the park built between Lincoln Street and the Charles River along the Western Ave corridor from the Harvard Business School to the IHOP on Soldiers Field Road.

We are attempting to push the following site as a prime location and encourage our elected officials to get involved:
DCR parklands along the Charles River adjacent to Herter Park.

We are open to other sites as directed by DCR, Boston Parks, Harvard, or any other partner but after several meetings with residents, elected officials, and conservancy groups - we believe this to be the perfect site.

We are specifically asking for a large PUBLIC dog park (13,000+ sq. ft.) with a fence for off leash play, a water source, unique architectural design elements, benches, and a single entrance/exit with double doors for safety of the dogs.

This would be a DEDICATED space for dogs to play away from children and ball fields, not a shared space in any way. We will not be seeking to convert any current ball fields or otherwise used green space into a dog park. This will be targeting underutilized sites, exclusively.

Currently, the closest fully-fenced dog parks adjacent to this neighborhood are the Tudor Street Dog park in Cambridge (3 miles), Hunnewell on the Newton/Brighton line (2 miles), and the Mansfield Street dog park (not maintained, not grass, privately owned).

If you support this endeavor, please answer the following questions. Share as little or as much information as you would like. We may email you in the future with updates!

[Through this petition](#), we have already collected over 140 names. This is an important show of political will to get this project built and shows that we can unite over a common goal.

Will you share this petition with your friends and neighbors to help

that number grow and ensure this momentum is maintained?

Once this project is accomplished, and while we're advocating for this, we can take that collective will to improve other parts of the Allston community.

SETTING MEETINGS



Over the past few months, I've met with:

- Mass DCR
- Boston Parks
- Councilmember Mark Ciommo
- State Representative Kevin Honan
- State Representative Mike Moran
- State Senator Will Brownsberger
- City Council Candidate Brandon Bowser
- City Council Candidate Craig Cashman
- City Council Candidate Liz Breadon
- City Council Candidate Lee Nave Jr.
- The Charles River Conservancy
- The Charles River Watershed Association
- Several Allston Civic Association Board Members
- The Allston Board of Trade
- The Brighton Board of Trade
- Representatives from Harvard
- Representatives from the Harvard Community Trust Fund
- Representatives from Boston College
- The Herter Park team
- Almost 2 Dozen Neighbors

Through these meetings I've heard environmental concerns around the invasive geese nests along the river, potential developments in the pipeline in Lower Allston that will bring more dogs and neighbors to the neighborhood, infill and water runoff, parking and accessibility of any site, security measures for the site, and many more pieces of feedback.

The overwhelming feedback?

Support for a large PUBLIC dog park (13,000+ sq. ft.) with a fence for off leash play, two separate areas for large and small dogs, a water source, unique architectural design elements, infill and solution to improve rainwater runoff and flooding, benches, a location along the Charles River, parking lots nearby, street access, and a single entrance/exit with double doors for safety of the dogs.

[If you have other folks I should meet with about this project, please let me know!](#)

DCR SITE WALK

All of that feedback above, and incredible support and drive from Representative Moran - the elected official who has taken the lead with me on this project, led to a site walk of several key sites along the river with staff from DCR yesterday morning.

Through that walk, we identified a site that perfectly fulfills every core need for the park and works in solving many of the concerns such as infill issues and invasive geese. There may be slight changes to the site plan, but this is the premiere site for a possible dog park that we are now focused on and we will be working with DCR and Representative Moran to assess any design and environmental challenges in a way that respects the illustrious history of the Charles River and the Allston community.

Here is that site:



CALL TO ACTION



FIRST ASK:

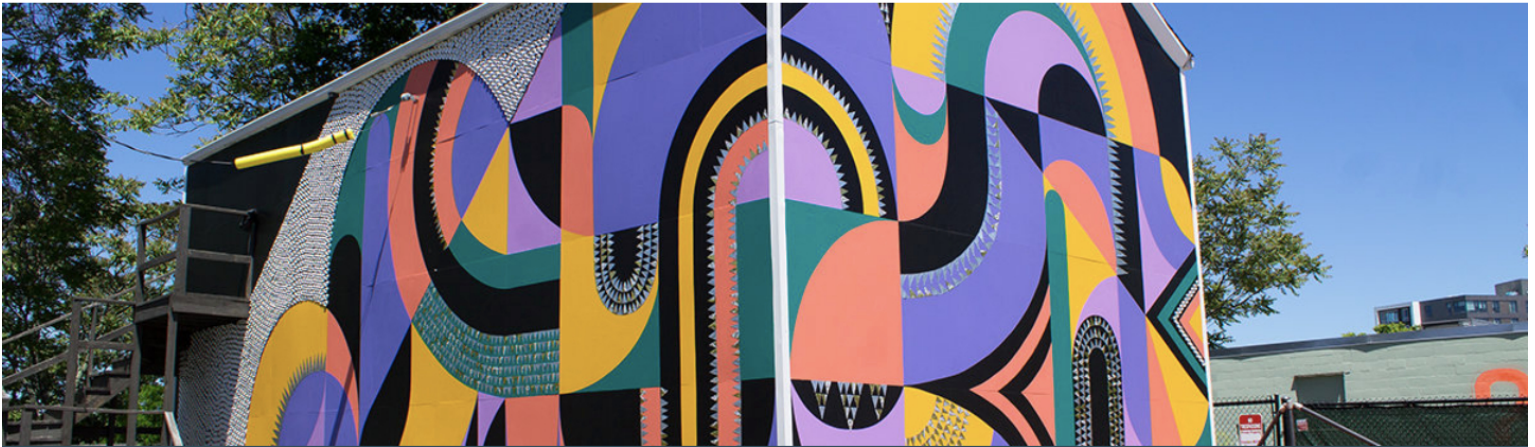
We need your help to get the word out to every Allston-Brighton resident. Please forward this email to your favorite local listservs, twitter hashtags, and at least 3 friends and neighbors! Be sure to use #ALLSTON and #BRIGHTONMA to share in the conversation on Twitter.

[You can start by sharing this tweet!](#)

SECOND ASK:

The next big step is to now apply for a DCR grant (and possibly other grants) to secure funds for a design rendering and proposal for DCR to consider. I would be thrilled if anyone with grantwriting experience could reach out and get involved with the formation of a "Friends of the Allston Dog Park" 501c3 group that will soon be formed. Do you know anyone like this?

[Send them my way!](#)



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After continued meetings with neighbors, elected officials, local activists, environmental groups, and state departments, I have some exciting updates to share this month!

GETTING FUNDING



After meeting with our elected officials and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation, we feel confident enough in the plan to now seek funding for the design!

The most major piece of news since the last email?

[The Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation](#) has graciously offered to be the fiscal sponsor for this project - a major hurdle for us in the process to seek funding. We owe a great deal of thanks to ABCDC's Executive Director, John Woods, and ABCDC's Manager of Community Building, Jason Desrosier, for stepping in to sponsor the dog park in our grant-seeking efforts.

This Monday, [we're submitting a major grant proposal to the Harvard-Allston Public Realm Flexible Fund \(HAPRFF\)](#) to turn this dream into a reality. I've taken a ton of time to put together the

best grant proposal possible - complete with estimated costs, quotes from landscape architects, and letters of support from key community partners.

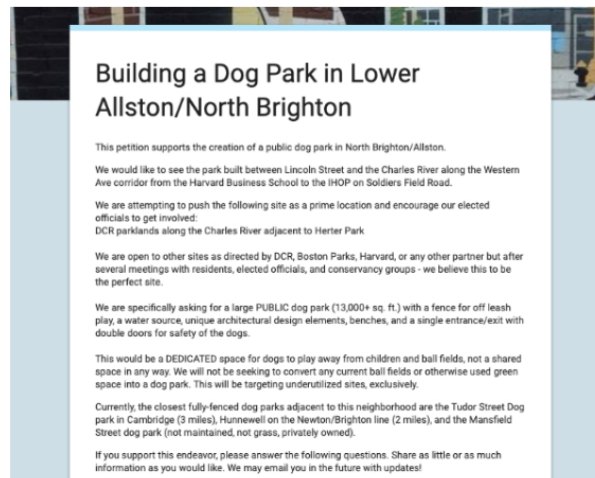
Now, I need your help!

This grant application is due on May 10th, and I'm planning to submit the application on Monday. Before I do, we need to collect letters of support from community groups, elected officials, and key abutters.

We have or expect letters from:
Councilmember Michelle Wu
The Allston-Brighton CDC
The Allston Civic Association
The Allston Board of Trade
The Massachusetts Department of Conservation
Representative Mike Moran

If you fit into one of those groups and are not listed above, or just want to send along a letter of support as a neighbor, please email me!

GETTING SIGNATURES



Through this petition, we have already collected over 308 names.
That is 168 new names in this past month alone.

This is an important show of political will to get this project built and shows that we can unite over a common goal. However, there are over 63,000 people in Allston-Brighton. We have a long way to go to raise significant awareness on this effort.

Once this project is accomplished, and while we're advocating for this, we can take that collective will to improve other parts of the Allston community.

Will you forward this email to five friends and neighbors to amplify this momentum?





CALL TO ACTION



FIRST ASK:

We need your help to get the word out to every Allston-Brighton resident. **Please forward this email to 5 friends or your favorite local listservs, twitter hashtags, or neighborhood resources!**

Be sure to use #ALLSTON and #BRIGHTONMA to share in the conversation on Twitter.

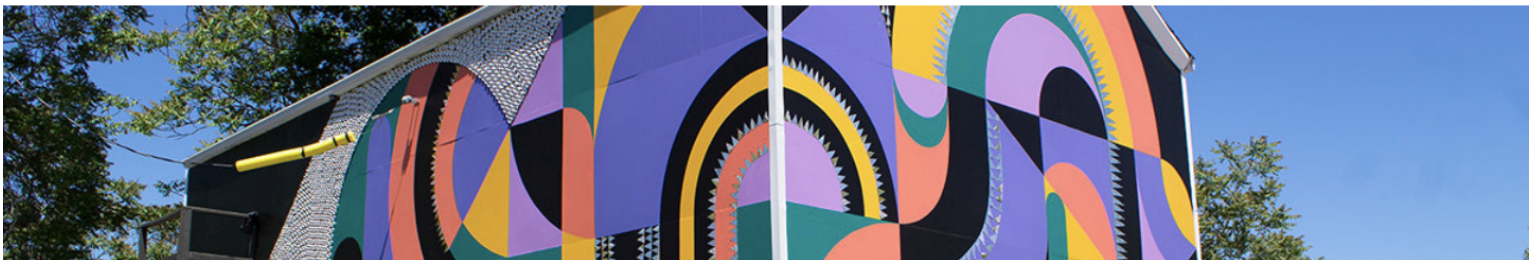
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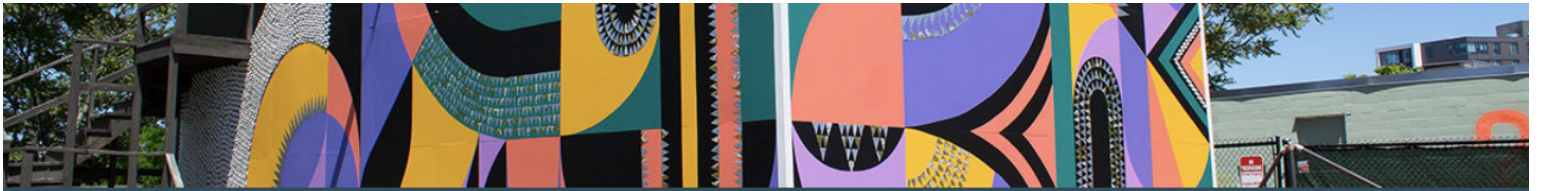
SECOND ASK:

We need to get letters of support together over the weekend for our grant application. **If you are part of an Allston-Brighton community group, an elected official's office, or are a resident that abuts the Charles River in Lower Allston, please send a letter of support my way!**

I'm happy to share talking points with you to help better inform that letter.

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**THE DOGS OF BOSTON
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION!**

