

Park plan press release

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PARK DESIGN MEETING ANNOUNCED

Boston – The long-awaited landscape design for the twin parks in Chester Square will be displayed at an open meeting scheduled for 6:30PM on Wednesday, January 18th, 2006 at the United South End Settlements, Harriet Tubman House, at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Columbus.

Chairperson Dawn Barnhart of the Friends of the Parks sub-committee of the Chester Square Area Neighborhood Association (CSANA) scheduled the meeting, “As an opportunity for everyone interested in the parks to see the design, review the next steps and offer suggestions.” She noted that the landscape architect, Charles Kozlowski of Halvorson Design, will be present to explain the proposal.

The new landscaping plan is designed to provide some buffer for park users from the constant movement of traffic on Mass. Ave. and to create pleasant sitting areas throughout the length of the two parks. The proposal also includes twin fountains to echo the original Victorian design of the parks when a huge fountain dominated the center.

Barnhart said, “After years of effort, there seems to be real momentum about making these parks usable again and we are very excited about the prospect and grateful to the city for its help so far.” She pointed out that in recent months, the city repainted the park fences and pruned the trees; a community benefit award from the BRA resulted in the installation of Victorian acorn lights in the park and a planning grant from the Browne Fund allowed the creation of the landscape design.

Along with design plans, Barnhart noted that the architect was preparing cost estimates for implementation. “Then we will need everyone’s help to raise the funding to make the plans a reality,” Barnhart concluded.

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