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City, residents to discuss \$865K in upgrades to Brighton playground

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A series of three community meetings to discuss \$865,000 in improvements to Joyce Playground in Brighton will kick off next week, city officials announced.

The playground along Union Street is among 27 parks and recreational facilities across 25 Massachusetts municipalities that will share more than \$14 million in state grants to help pay for enhancement projects, state leaders [announced last month](#).

The only park in Boston to win a grant in the mid-January announcement, Joyce Playground will receive the maximum-possible award of \$500,000 to replace an existing water play feature, fencing and gates, renovate existing play equipment and the basketball court, add benches and picnic tables, install “interpretive panels” and plant trees to create additional shade, according to a press release from Lt. Governor Timothy Murray.

The city’s capital improvement program will cover the additional \$365,000 in the project’ construction budget, city officials said.

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The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host its first in a series of community meetings on Feb. 15.

At the first meeting, the city parks officials will present a site analysis, discuss “what works in the park and what needs improving,” and work with attendees to develop a “wish list” of improvements, officials said in a press release.

The second meeting is scheduled for March 7. Two or three site plan alternatives developed from community input during the first meeting will be presented and a preferred plan will be chosen, the city said.

At a third meeting set for March 28, a final site plan will be presented and the discussion will focus on details in the park such as playground equipment, fencing, and other site elements, officials said.

All meetings are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. at the District D-14 Police Station along Washington Street in Brighton.

For further information on the upcoming Joyce Playground meetings, call the city’s Parks and Recreation Department at 617-961-3058.

Meanwhile, Shubow Playground in Brighton, near where Sidlaw Road meets Commonwealth Avenue, is set for a \$460,000 city-funded renovation that will include the installation of new play equipment and safety surface, according to the city’s website.

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