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Preferred plan for \$865k Joyce Playground project to be picked Sunday

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A preferred plan for \$865,000 in improvements to Joyce Playground in Brighton will be selected on Sunday at the second in a series of community meetings the city has scheduled, city officials announced.

Project planners and residents will choose the preferred option from two or three site plan alternatives that will be presented at the March 11 meeting set to start at 3 p.m., on-site, at the playground along Union Street. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the D-14 police station on Washington Street, according to a parks department press release.

The alternative plans that will be presented to the community are “developed from community input” that was provided during the first meeting that took place in mid-February, officials said.

At a third meeting on March 28, a final site plan will be presented and discussion will focus on details in the park such as playground equipment

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discussion will focus on details in the park such as playground equipment, fencing, and other site elements, the city said.

The Brighton playground 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 two months ago](#).

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’s construction budget, city officials said.

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

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