

Driscoll Park and Playground Community Forum March 2, 2020



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Welcome Everyone!



Recap of Meeting #1 + Project Scope and Schedule

Part 1: Overall Site Concepts
(Followed by open discussion)

Part 2: Playground Equipment
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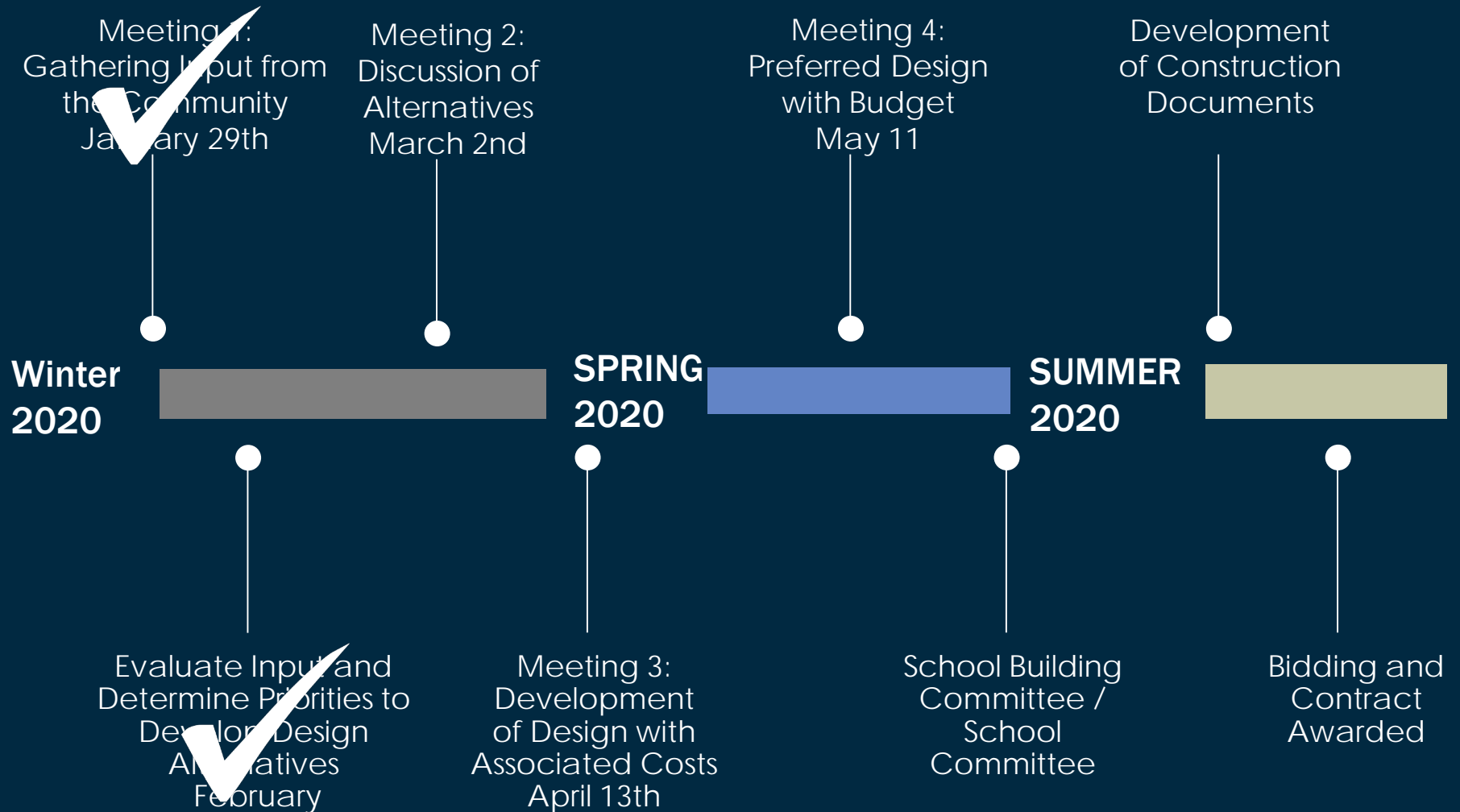


Project Goals and Priorities

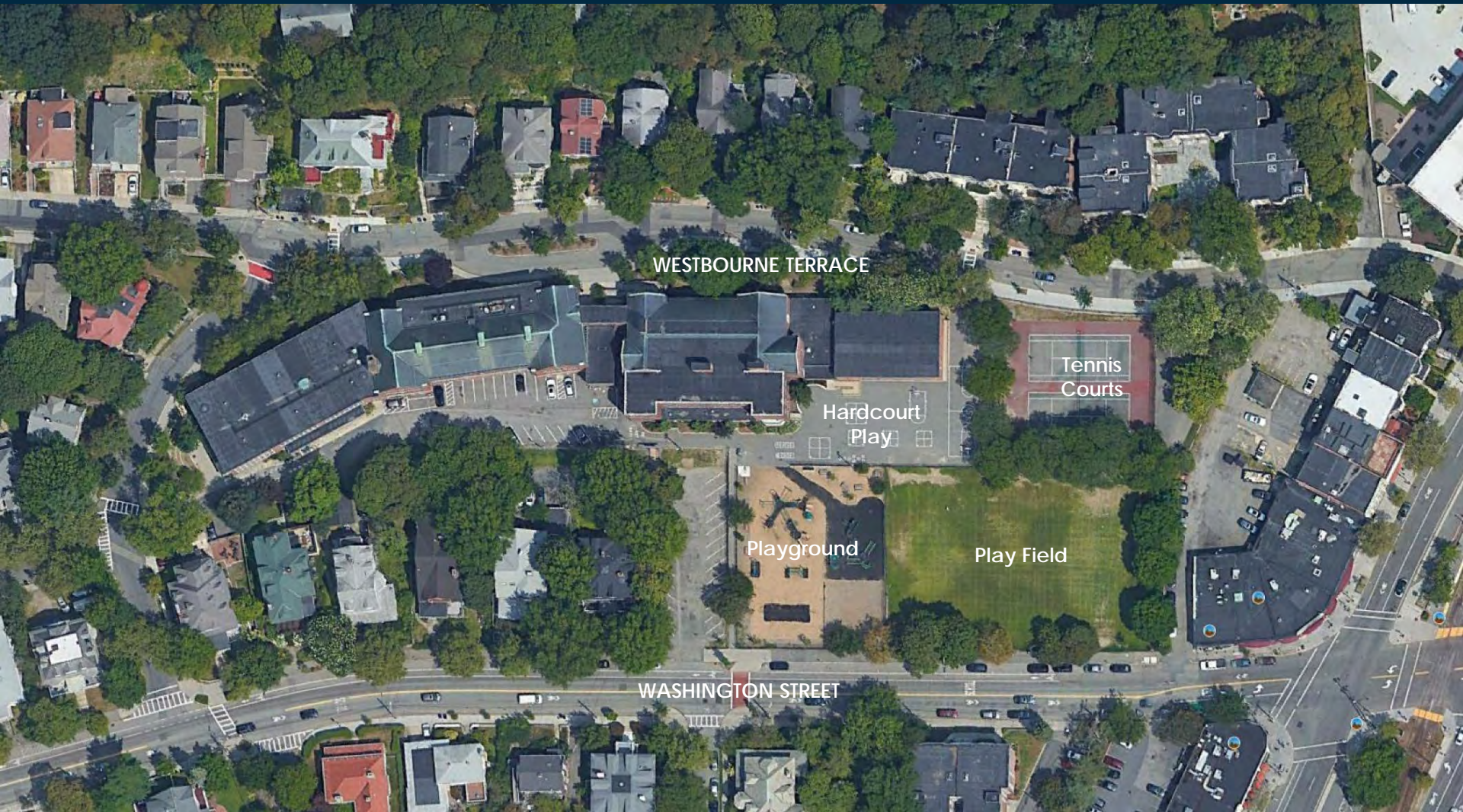
- Address issues of Universal Accessibility, including treatment of the park's perimeter and entries;
- Redesign for new playground to include play equipment for all ages and abilities and resilient safety surfacing;
- Upgrade the athletic field and support infrastructure
- Assess the grading and drainage to direct runoff appropriately
- Assess hardcourt play areas and uses
- Optimize location of site furniture and destinations for seating and picnicking throughout the park
- Assess plant health and develop planting plan



Landscape Design Timeline



Recap of January 29th Meeting



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Opportunities and Constraints



Park Entrances



Edge Conditions

Play Equipment

Lawns and Planting

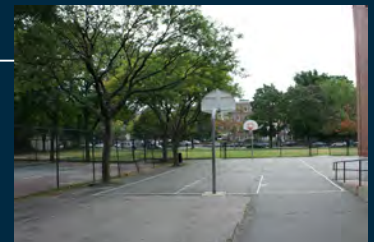
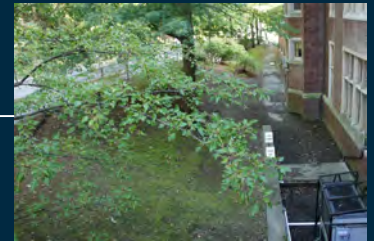


Athletic Field

Hardcourt Play Area



Site Furniture



School Program Priorities

From Driscoll Staff

- 3 playgrounds:
 - Grades pre-k – 1
 - Grades 2-5
 - Grades 5-8
- Soccer field
- Basketball court / hardscape play space
- Ga-ga pit / wall ball area
- Outdoor classrooms and gardens / rain garden
- Shaded seating and gathering area
- Splash pad?
- Perimeter path
- Drinking fountain
- Equipment storage



Preliminary Design Alternatives



Community Comments Received

GENERAL

- Provide sufficient play areas during construction
- Building Demolition MUST be done safely
- Provide shade trees throughout
- Design play areas and select plantings for educational opportunities
- Maintain sight lines throughout site
- Provide varied types of gathering and seating opportunities
- Utilize native plantings

PLAY FIELDS

- Synthetic turf preferred for more use
- Coconut fiber infill, not rubber
- No grass between synthetic turf and School – turns to mud

PLAYGROUNDS/HARD COURT AREAS

- Include: Hopscotch, GaGa pit & basketball court
- Should 3 play areas be merged?
- Planted areas within hardscape for spatial definition and shade

OTHER PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

- Outdoor Classroom space
- Garden program
- Splash Pad or connection to water
- Bird Sanctuary
- Rain Garden
- Walking Paths
- Some desired tennis courts while others felt they were underutilized
- Amphitheaters: Safety & utilization?
- Program for existing memorials



Park / Playground / Rain Garden



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Outdoor Classroom / Garden



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Scheme A1



Scheme A2



Scheme B



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Play Equipment



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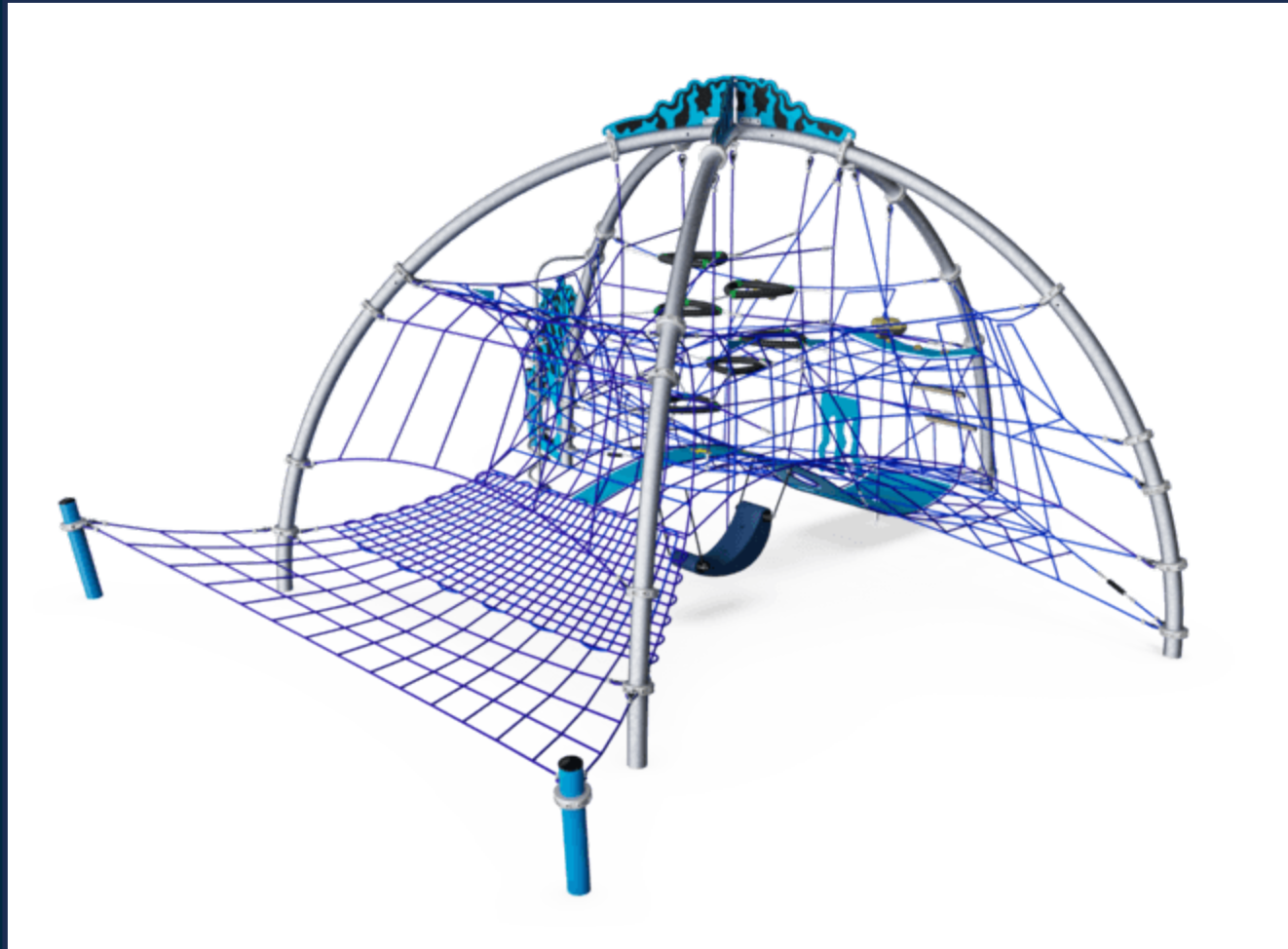
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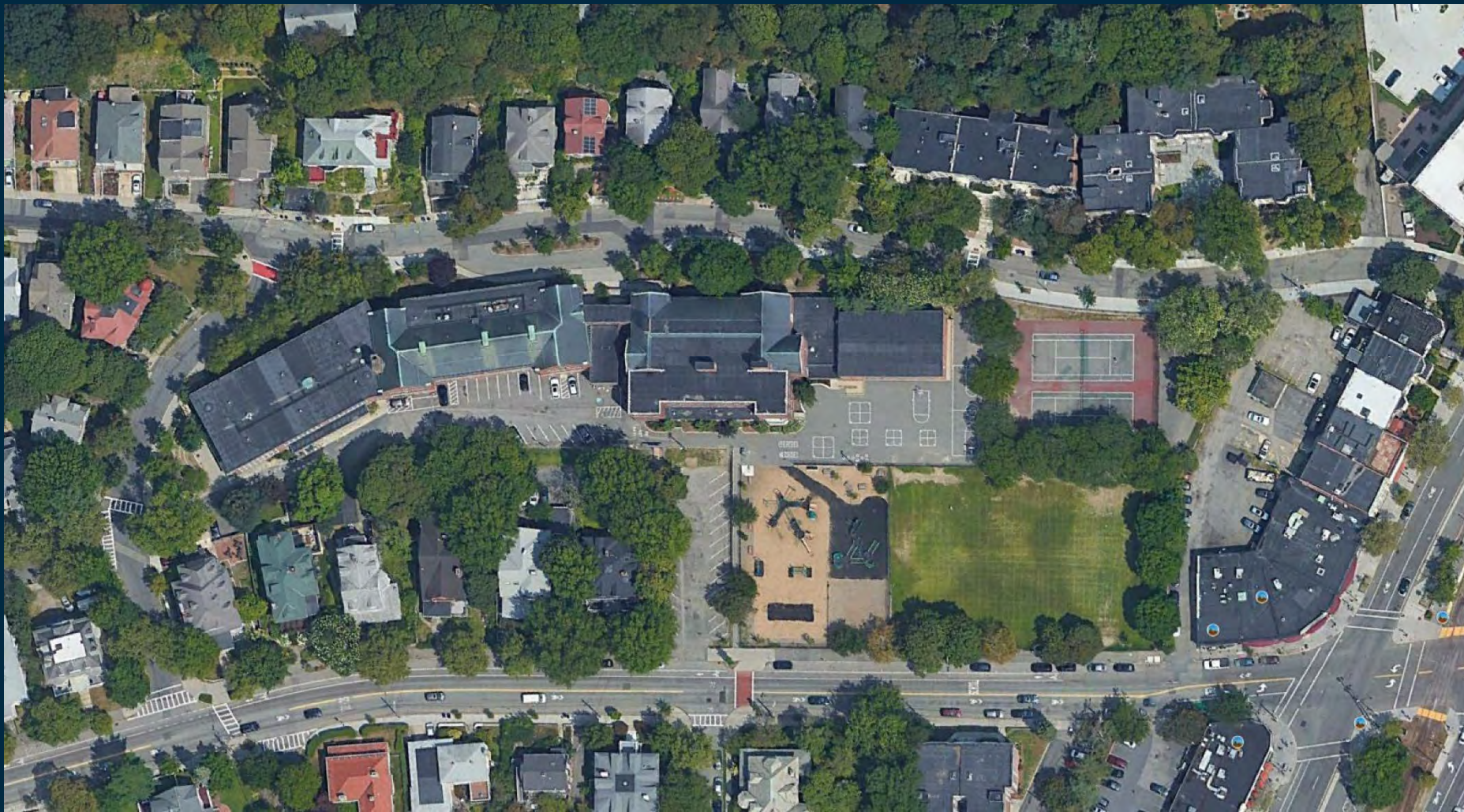
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DISCUSSION



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