

18:11:43 From Justin Traxler to Hosts and panelists : I assume deck will be posted after meeting?

18:12:07 From Luis Perez Demorizi to Justin Traxler and all panelists : Yes, we will be posting on our website

18:14:05 From Luis Perez Demorizi : The slide deck, recording and transcript will be posted on our website @ <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture/parks-open-space>

18:27:16 From David Kalis : What nearby fields have you considered to add lights besides the field close to Brandeis Rd?

18:27:29 From Barry Greenstein to Hosts and panelists : Can you publicize a list of participants?

18:28:19 From Ruth Goldman to Hosts and panelists : Is there a way to stop screen sharing and see everyone on zoom?? More like a city council/school committee meeting?

18:34:12 From Ruth Goldman to Hosts and panelists : we still can't see all the panelists BTW.

18:36:00 From Justin Traxler : I honestly thought I was first/only person to raise hand. Sorry.

18:37:21 From David Kalis : It appeared you were part of the presentation. That's why I reacted this way. If you are jut a participant, you have every right to speak as you did as well. My mistake.

18:40:33 From Barry Greenstein to Hosts and panelists : If you've been investigating Brandeis field lights for 18 months as stated here today, (1) why wasn't it in your strategic plan and (2) why disrespect the neighborhood by proceeding as if this were a done deal and amendable to the neighborhood without even asking for input for 18 months? Even to date, none of you have asked to meet with us but only offered to meet at our request in the last few days.

18:41:39 From Ruth Goldman : I would point out that the only lights until recently were on the north side - at Albemarle and Forte field. They have been there for years.

18:41:52 From Ruth Goldman : Wards 2 & 1.

18:45:11 From Barry Greenstein : If you've been investigating Brandeis field lights for 18 months, as stated here today, (1) why wasn't it in your strategic plan like all the other improvements? (2) Why disrespect the neighborhood by announcing these lights without advising or asking our neighborhood for input for this whole time? Even to date, no one has asked us for a meeting or proven they respect our rights to peace and quiet that would be irreparably violated with any permanent lights on Brandeis field?

18:48:06 From Justin Traxler : I would like to provide my support for a comprehensive plan. While I consider lights on a turf project, it is a HIGH ROI. I also support a comprehensive plan first.

18:48:28 From Ruth Goldman : The change in the High School start/end time was voted on in May of 2021. That is a very big factor in the need for more lighted fields.

18:48:32 From Barry Greenstein : Please answer these questions above

18:48:57 From Barry Greenstein : ...you're not addressing either of these two questions.

18:50:01 From Barry Greenstein : Lights at Brandeis were not in the June or October strategic plan.

18:50:56 From Barry Greenstein : ...per Luis' comments, Brandeis may have

been decided by you but unpublished to the public.

18:51:41 From babak aliabadi to Hosts and panelists : Its a marketing chart - right?

18:53:07 From Luis Perez Demorizi : The expansion to Brandeis Rd Field were part of the Open Space & Recreation Plan. We've been considering this expansion. However, the change of school schedules presented a greater sense of urgency to assess potential for lights here.

18:54:01 From Barry Greenstein to Hosts and panelists : Can you put the slide with the extra hours that you get from lights back up?

18:58:49 From Stephen Farrell : Thank you, Justin, for your support for a comprehensive plan. I hope that it will be done quickly for everyone.

19:02:03 From Reza Khorshidi : If you are going to improve the Brown/Oak Hill fields why not install artificial turf as well as lights there?

19:03:07 From Luis Perez Demorizi : Hi Reza - That is all under consideration.

19:03:26 From Ruth Goldman : Can I ask why turf was not installed in Highlands field?

19:05:46 From Reza Khorshidi : Luis, that would solve a lot of problems as there are no abutters there.

19:06:27 From Luis Perez Demorizi : Ruth - It was primarily due to the CPA funds not being available for funding the synthetic carpet. There was no additional funding source to fund that component during that time.

19:07:15 From Ruth Goldman : Thanks Luis. It does seem like turf with the lights is an important combination.

19:12:56 From Barry Greenstein to Hosts and panelists : When will you install turf on highlands field?

19:13:59 From Stephen Farrell : Luis - The Highlands field has natural grass is because Bob Derubis did not want to do turf.

19:16:26 From Stephen Farrell : "We have lots of "other things" that preclude changing the Highlands field is not believable.

19:19:23 From Stephen Farrell : Then tell us what the other things are. A comprehensive plan!