

17:01:23 Okay, here we go.

17:01:47 Good evening, everyone. I'm going to give everyone a few minutes to get signed into the webinar, looks like we have everybody coming in and joining us now.

17:01:57 Welcome.

17:02:18 Alright so we're going to start off with the presentation and discussion on forte and the project plans for this park and have a conversation with our attendees here this evening.

17:02:32 I am Nicole banks and the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and culture and it's really great to have you all join us here this evening. If you were hoping to discuss the bracelet project that will be immediately following the 14 presentation, and we'll

17:02:48 start at around six o'clock. So, some of you may want to join both or you may be looking for one side or the other, and my dogs are going crazy.

17:03:02 So, to get us started just a bit of an introduction our parks and recreation commission established a fields committee to discuss the conditions of our athletic playing fields, and to explore some paths to improve them.

17:03:17 The fields committee has been meeting for over a year now and their work has been invaluable.

17:03:22 We have learned about the challenges of our sport groups, what they are facing in terms of field means and what we can do to overcome some of these challenges with support groups have participated in many of our meetings and have shared their ideas and

17:03:38 interests and improving the fields, and of course in increasing play time availability on the fields.

17:03:46 It is important to recognize that many of our fields are situated in neighborhood parks, and we are here tonight to cast a wider net for community input to hear ideas and comments from other stakeholders including neighbors and park guests who like to

17:04:02 visit and utilize the resources and these parks.

17:04:06 In addition to improving the fields, we have a responsibility to improve accessibility for all. And we have an opportunity to look at the bigger picture.

17:04:16 Park features, which would include things like trail connectivity seeding tree canopy parking and more. So we will be expecting some comments on any and all of those things and I'm sure much much more.

17:04:29 We will start with a presentation about our overall fields initiative, and then we will dive in, on 14 Park, specifically, after the presentation we will open up the floor for comments, you will be able to comment, either verbally by raising your virtual

17:04:46 hand, and we can bring you in to speak, or you can comment through the chat function at any time throughout the webinar.

17:04:54 If you leave the meeting, and you think of a really great idea or have a question that you didn't think of asking this evening. You can email those comments and questions to athletic fields at Newton.ma.gov.

17:05:07 And we will also be posting this video recording on our website, which is www.Newton.ma.gov/fields/projects, sorry field projects I think we'll put that in the chat.

17:05:20 If you would like to just jot down either the email address or the website, and you'll find details about our field improvement work on this website page.

17:05:32 And as I mentioned before, for those I think we've got a few more who have

joined since I started after the 14th Park discussion will take a few minutes for a break.

17:05:41 We're going to try to start as close to 6pm as we can for the bracelet discussion so that will be immediately following this. And at this time I would like to introduce and turn it over to Luis pres de Maria was our Director of parks and open space, and

17:05:57 and we'll be starting us off with the presentation portion thanks Luis.

17:06:03 Commissioner. Welcome, everyone. Thank you for taking the time to be here with us today and I will be sharing a presentation once I am given rights to do so Robin.

17:06:19 Would you mind, providing me with access to share my screen, please.

17:06:37 Thank you.

17:06:40 OK, so again thank you all for, for being here.

17:06:45 As the commissioner mentioned will be discussing 14 part fields for this portion of the meeting and then at six o'clock we will talk about Graceland in upper falls.

17:07:00 So, on the agenda today will will have a summary of our city wide athletic field master plan, as well as a summary of 40 part preliminary improvement goals.

17:07:15 But to start, I'd like to sort of give a broader view of our department so Parks and Recreation Parks, Recreation and culture manages and oversees nearly 600 acres of land and open space.

17:07:34 And, In addition to school lands and other public grounds.

17:07:41 These lands accommodate a lot of bearing recreational uses ranging from aquatic facilities tracks fields passive areas courts flash pads. Parks with historic significance wetlands and waterways are also home.

17:08:01 Apologies, are parts are also home to wetlands and waterways.

17:08:05 And these are spread across all villages words in school zones.

17:08:11 So they really are land really does serve the community as a whole.

17:08:17 So, how was the plan developed, we are five year strategic plan, drew a lot from the open space and recreation plan which we spent a year and a half, between 2019 and 2020, reaching out to constituents, putting out surveys, etc.

17:08:40 We also looked at what projects were in the capital plan improvement capital improvements plan list, as well as field community meetings that we've run so far.

17:08:55 And, and as a commissioner mentioned input.

17:08:58 During the field subcommittee sessions that we've been conducting. And then of course you know understanding our land, meaning parks land.

17:09:10 We continue to have internal use and conditions assessments, be at the grounds and maintenance division.

17:09:17 So part of the surveys that we put out as part of the open space and recreation plan, really highlight the demand of playing fields.

17:09:28 And they also highlight how important playing fields are athletic and playing fields are within the top three resources that were very important to people.

17:09:44 So our overarching approach to improving fields, is looking at improving quality, quantity and maintenance of fields facilities, and we're looking at continuing to increase investment in our fields, expand project management.

17:10:03 One of our big goals is to expand the name play natural and synthetic turf field replacement and enhancements as well as potential expansion of, of those amenities.

17:10:16 And of course, the bigger one, is to complete multi year capital improvement projects, and a part of. As the commissioner stated earlier, we do have some overarching goals and and really it's to improve quality and quantity of multi use Multi Purpose

17:10:35 fields, improve accessibility.

17:10:39 Establish part construction management, so that we can better.

17:10:44 So we can have a good product at the end. Once it's. Once the once the project is finalized. Invest equitably in new fields and parks across the city and implement smart and sustainable technology and materials for a better resource management such as

17:11:17 irrigation Smart Lighting and consistent site amenities specifications such as backstops netting in fields synthetic turf benches and a few other amenities are our five year strategic plan or master plan, really looks at various elements in in the way

17:11:26 that we prioritized in the spirit of time and not boring you all, I would encourage you to visit our website and take a look at this little bit you know with with a thicker lens, if you will, but really we're, we're looking, we prioritize these projects

17:11:48 based on the open space and recreation plan that capital improvement plan list potential for greatness city wide benefit.

17:11:58 Play expansion potential plating improvements.

17:12:03 Previous master plans input from athletic league stakeholders, and also integrated with other projects such as the path man graph cat pool fee analysis and in increase stakeholder fundraisers school construction etc.

17:12:23 So, in this is in this screen is what our five year strategic plan looks like so we're looking at an array of projects that help us reach those goals.

17:12:39 Many of them are renovations and some are additions, others are replacements as you can see here, both all three synthetic turf field surfaces, at both high schools are in need of replacement, in, in the near term.

17:12:58 So we're looking overall 10 locations within the next 10 year, the next five years, Albemarle for tape or school, no kill a graph, Bobby Graceland noon south, north

17:13:13 considerations that we that we take into account.

17:13:18 Over the next five years for capital improvement projects, we look, we continue to adjust and assess our capital improvements plan list, you know, depending on developers and where they are.

17:13:34 We, we very often receive mitigation and impact fees that contribute to improvements, one, which impacts the part that we're going to talk about shortly.

17:13:46 Again, school construction projects and, and some of the variables in prioritizing projects.

17:13:58 You know, school time change where private open space becomes available such as golf courses and other parcels of land.

17:14:09 Additional non athletic field projects in the works. I like to highlight those as well.

17:14:16 So we're in the process of finalizing the sign ups with Louise Livingston code.

17:14:35 Improvements at Crystal Lake, Marty center phase two improvements are in the works with phase one being implemented in the spring gap pull reconstruction project.

17:14:37 Accessibility improvements at Crystal Lake Spears Park community gardens

and noon Center at Cabot Park pavilions.

17:14:46 And with that, I will like to discuss the topic at hand 40 Park.

17:14:54 For tape Park is six acres, it sits along the banks of the Charles River, where the Charles River path, which is DC our land

17:15:09 dissects or the band between the park in the, in the river.

17:15:15 This park has lighted softball diamond good amount of parking, it's, it has light of basketball and Bochy courts segregated and has multi purpose.

17:15:31 Regulation sites Multi Purpose fields for soccer lacrosse, and others. It's got a playground Field House and restaurants.

17:15:40 Generally speaking, here on the screen you'll see average us from the spring through the fall of this past year, as you can see there's us for the softball field, and there is substantial use of the light at soccer multipurpose field with soccer lacrosse

17:16:05 and fruits PP, some of the top parameters there.

17:16:11 So, the on the screen here you'll see some of our initial improvement ideas and goals.

17:16:19 So, coming up in the near term, we have received some developer mitigation funds from via chase of property, which is 15 Riverdale.

17:16:32 And we are looking to replace the light fixtures on the existing poles with high efficiency low spillage fixtures and upgrade for remote access, going back to you know better resource management, so we can we can access the lights remotely, and really

17:16:51 just reduce the amount of spillage that the current lights have, we would be looking at assessing synthetic turf there as a, as an option, certainly would be looking at improving accessibility site furniture offerings, as well as any perimeter fence or

17:17:12 and or netting.

17:17:14 There was a potential for scoreboards and certainly would be looking to increase tree canopy, where we're possible.

17:17:25 So, I would like before I open this up for discussion and questions and comments, I would like to sort of go over where we were we've been in this plan and where we are going.

17:17:40 So we have over the past year, attain CPA funds for design and engineering work. We prepared a request for qualifications and advertise a bit for designer.

17:17:54 We've arranged that designer selection committee and had selected two out of the six firms that that submitted proposals.

17:18:04 And the next steps are to gain this input and develop field design and layout, based on the input that we're getting here.

17:18:14 Field stakeholder input, as well as departmental needs.

17:18:19 We would develop a project construction timeline and work, eventually to secure construction funding.

17:18:27 And with that, I will send it back to the commissioner or perhaps for a few words, or we can open it up for questions and discussion.

17:18:38 Thanks Louise thanks for that presentation the background and getting us all a little bit acclimated with forte and some of the features of the park.

17:18:48 Before I open it up for comments and questions I do just want to introduce Greg millet who is on our panelists screen as well hello Greg.

17:18:58 Thanks for being here. Greg has joined our team he is our assistant director of parks and open space and he's going to play a key role in the management of the various projects that we have and we definitely need all the help

we can get so so glad to

17:19:14 have you here Greg and, you know, we'll all be here to answer questions the best weekend this evening. So, to participate with us here and really to open up the floor to hear from everybody and what are your interests What are you thinking about for for

17:19:33 today we have a couple of options for you.

17:19:36 At the bottom of your screen you'll see a chat function, you can write into the chat. At any time, you'll also see the q amp a function that is also active and you can write questions or comments in either of those areas we will do our best to read those

17:19:52 all in, so everybody can hear them, and then if you prefer to speak with us, then you would just hit the raise hand button at the bottom of the screen, and we will bring you in we can hear your comments and questions, and we will be able to try to answer

17:20:10 them or get back to you from there so please we will open up the, the floor.

17:20:17 I do want to recognize this evening in our attendees list we do have many of our parks and recreation commission members and so I truly appreciate them being here to support the projects and hear a little bit more of the detail and provide some input,

17:20:35 if they would like to. And I also want to recognize counselor Kelly who is in the audience with us. Thank you for joining us and showing an interest in the in the field projects as well.

17:20:46 We really appreciate that.

17:20:48 So with that, I'm going to start taking a look if there's any hands up and Robin, feel free to blend counselor, Kelly has been promoted to a panelist to speak.

17:21:06 High councilor welcome looks like you've come in here on mute. So if you're able to unmute yourself. I didn't actually have a comment I, I've just been observing and in case I wanted to say something I am sadly going to have to head off for another meeting

17:21:19 or two at 530 but just in case you know I had a thought or a comment I appreciate you promoting me to a panelist and recognize me as being here, which I, I'm happy to be here and staying on top of all of this thanks I don't have anything to say right

17:21:37 now though. Thank you.

17:21:41 Nicole. I know there's several meetings tonight so some of us are juggling roles and I think even some of the participants will be here this evening, we'll have some other meetings they want to get to as well so many ways to reach us, and thanks counselor

17:21:54 for being here to, to listen in for a little bit.

17:22:03 While we while we wait, you know for for additional comments.

17:22:08 Maybe silence is a good thing and everyone's please in the direction that we're going in.

17:22:14 But I did want to know that you know looking at, you know, our five year strategic plan policy and some going to take us does he get back to,

17:22:28 you know, given the amount of projects that we have going on, you know we we do, we have identified four sites that are at the top priority to begin, some design work, and that is Albemarle school McGrath and brown Oh kill those, we will be looking at

17:22:52 simultaneously, you know, using the CPC funds CPA funds that we receive for design and engineering and, you know, improvements design work for improvement at forte, as well as Bobby bracelet later.

17:23:10 Excuse me later tonight are sort of a few years away, but part of this process is to gain input cement that posted on our website, so that when the time comes, we can hand this over to our consultant to Nick and just start sort of addressing some of the

17:23:35 comments so that hopefully we get some comments questions.

17:23:40 Louise I want to add just a little bit more to that because that's that's a really good point.

17:23:47 And I think we when you look at the the five year strategic plan you know question that does come up as well which is going to go first and what will the timeline beyond all that and that is part of the work that we're going to be doing now that we have

17:24:01 on boarded our design and engineer firms.

17:24:04 It is important that we put as many of these sites, through the design and engineer work, you know as quickly as we can so that we can get out to everyone what are the options.

17:24:17 What are the costs associated with projects and start trying to make some prioritization list. One of the things that we're thinking about, you know, when we're redeveloping athletic fields in particular is that we want to stage this over time.

17:24:31 So we don't want to shut down, multiple fields at once. We might have one or two, that would be under construction and then try to get those up and running.

17:24:42 So, the sites might provide you know additional multipurpose space, and could be prioritized based on that.

17:24:50 We also have a very large project planned Albemarle, and that project in particular is being prioritized because we, it sort of ties in with the master plan for the park and looking at the gaff pool renovation project and replacement of the outdoor pool

17:25:09 and Albemarle also has a light system that desperately needs to be replaced in his end of life. So those are just a couple of thoughts around you know, how will try to work to prioritize the projects and work through both the design process and then making

17:25:28 recommendations on what to construct first.

17:25:33 Okay, Commissioner there is a question. Will the fencing reduce access to the Charles River pathway from the park.

17:25:41 I can, I can answer that question. and this is coming from. Ellen cats.

17:25:48 So, Ellen thank you for the, for the question. Our intent is to not block any access to the Charles River, the netting or fencing is more targeted toward being respectful, or being better neighbors to a butters, not, not so much.

17:26:11 Towards the trolls we we really do want to encourage sort of that open flow between the park, and the Charles River pathway and the river.

17:26:34 So I think, I don't know if folks are here for the second part of the presentation as well to talk about bracelet, but, um, you know one of the things to consider here this evening is, we have engaged our stakeholders, our sports team so we've been working

17:26:54 with the youth leagues and the softball and lacrosse, and soccer programs that would be on site here. And we've also been working with the school department so our athletic directors, you know have had a seat at the table through our fields

committee

17:27:13 meetings and have been being kept up to date with the presentations we've made so far and we'll have lots of opportunity to provide input along the way so you know I think tonight was really an opportunity for us to get to show this to the wider community

17:27:30 here if there's other things like the walking paths and access to the Charles River, other amenities that are in this park that are important to our neighbors and park guests.

17:27:43 And so, that's okay if we're.

17:27:44 If we're pretty quiet here tonight. You know, we're also it's important to us to be able to put this together so that we can have this on our website, people can come and see this presentation at their leisure, and certainly feel free to email into us

17:28:00 at any time, some of the comments because those will all be shared with our partners that will help us design the spaces, and we'll want to make sure we capture as many of the ideas as we can early on in the process.

17:28:37 I Commissioner not seeing any q&a or chat questions raise hands. Okay. Perhaps most, like you mentioned most folks are more interested in bracelet and most of the

17:28:46 right well anyone who is here, we're going to give it a few more minutes if you'd like to add a chat comment or raise your hand and we can bring you in here to speak with us I certainly see as I mentioned before, we have some Parks and Recreation commission

17:29:01 members on the call and, you know, I see some, some familiar names here that have been following and attending many of these presentations. So, it certainly is a bit of review as far as the strategic plan and the overall effort, but, you know, love to

17:29:20 hear from anybody on on forte.

17:29:25 Any ideas there so.

17:29:29 And if not, I think what we will do will give a few more minutes here to see if anybody would like to participate but I think we'll take a break, and we will be able to come back here closer to six o'clock.

17:29:43 So, you know, you can feel free to sign off and sign back in the same webinar link that you use to get in here. We'll keep this open and ready and but we do want to wait until closer to six because we did, you know, put that out in our advertising and

17:30:00 I'd hate for anybody to miss the presentation in the conversation if it's if it's something they wanted to see.

17:30:23 Okay, well we're right about 530 now.

17:30:30 Robin Do you see anybody else chat comments or anything. No, no comments no questions, no hands raised. Excellent. Just a reminder, if you're going to leave and not rejoin us for the bracelet conversation we do have the email posted in the chat you'll

17:30:46 be able to grab that.

17:59:50 Welcome back everyone.

17:59:56 Robin I just want to check and make sure you're back here with us before we again. I'm here. Okay. Excellent.

18:00:03 So we've got a few entering the meeting right now I'm going to give a minute for everybody to join.

18:00:13 And it was a great intermission I got my dinner cooked and a load of

laundry out.

18:00:19 It was very productive

18:00:23 hope everybody else had a good break.

18:00:33 Okay, great. So we have some new attendees joining us in a field who are sticking with us we're about to start the second part of our conversation this evening, which is going to be about bracelets, and I want to say good evening to everyone, my name

18:00:52 is Nicole banks and the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and culture. And it's very nice to be here with you this evening, thanks for spending some time with us tonight.

18:01:02 Talking about fields and parks and our enjoyment of our parks and all the parks amenities, the parks and recreation commission established a fields committee to discuss the condition of our athletic playing fields, and to explore paths to improve them.

18:01:19 The fields committee has been meeting for over a year, and their work has been invaluable.

18:01:26 We have learned of the challenges are support groups are facing.

18:01:30 And in terms of field needs, what we can do to overcome these challenges, the sports groups have participated in many of our meetings and their share their ideas and interest and improving fields and increasing, increasing place the playing field availability.

18:01:46 It is important to recognize that many of our athletic fields are situated in our neighborhood parks, and we are here tonight to cast a wider net for community input to hear ideas and comments from other stakeholders including our neighbors and park guests.

18:02:05 In addition to improving the fields, we have a responsibility to improve accessibility for all. And we have the opportunity to look at the bigger picture of Park features such as trail connectivity playgrounds seeding tree canopies parking and other amenities

18:02:23 included in our parks.

18:02:25 We're going to start this evening. If you're just joining us, it's not really starting I guess because we just had a presentation on forte.

18:02:33 But we're going to move into our Graceland presentation, like to introduce Luis Perez de Maria Tse, who will be giving our presentation tonight. And just before we begin, I do want to mention a couple of important networking tools for you so we do have

18:02:53 an email address. If you think of any ideas, after the meeting or question that you forgot to ask you can email us at athletic fields at Newton ma.gov, and we will our whole project team will get that information and we will make sure that that gets incorporated

18:03:10 into our public comment.

18:03:13 And we will also be posting tonight's meeting on our website. So if you know of anyone who was not able to attend this evening, or if you'd like to go back and check out any of our other presentations, those are all on our website, which is [www dot news](http://www.dotnews)

18:03:29 ma.gov slash field projects, and I believe Luis is going to put those into the chat function for us thanks Louise, so you can refer to those anytime during the evening if you want to jot those down and connect with us that way.

18:03:46 So with that, Luis I'm going to turn it over to you for a presentation and then we're going to open it up for chat comments, or if you would like to speak, we

can bring you in for questions and comments to speak with us directly.

18:04:00 So thanks everyone. Thank you, Luis.

18:04:05 Thank you, Commissioner.

18:04:05 Welcome, everyone, and welcome back to those who were a part of the previous feeding discussion.

18:04:15 I apologize if I'm repeating some stuff for those who have been around since five o'clock, I will try to not for you.

18:04:24 So, you know that this is, you know, the city is going through a very substantial improvements plan for athletic fields and parts.

18:04:39 Bobby bracelet is one out of many that we have going on so you know we're just going to kick it off with providing a summary of city wide athletic fields.

18:04:51 Master Plan, and then a summary of title there I meant bracelet, not forte. It was a copy paste error on the screen, and a summary of Bobby bracelet playground preliminary improvement goals, and I just would like to highlight for the folks at upper falls.

18:05:11 We acknowledge the work and effort that went into this park redesign. A number of years ago, and we are looking to acknowledge that master plan.

18:05:23 And the reason that we're here today is because some, some of the neighborhood, some of the uses have changed over that time period. So we're looking to sort of build upon that master plan.

18:05:36 So a quick overview of Parks, Recreation and culture department, we manage and oversee nearly 600 acres of parkland and open space.

18:05:49 In addition to school lands and other public grounds. Various recreational amenities.

18:05:57 As you see highlighted here a few of them, and they're spread across all villages for school zones so they really do support or cast a wide net over the entire city.

18:06:11 So, for those who weren't here at the last meeting, I'll just briefly go through how we develop the plan.

18:06:20 So we extrapolated.

18:06:26 You know, projects from the open space and recreation plan that we've finalized. And we worked on between 2019 and 2020.

18:06:37 You know, continuing to assess and reassess our capital improvements plan list. and that informed, this master plan as well as field community meetings that we've conducted field subcommittee that the commissioner had mentioned earlier where we gain a

18:06:54 ton of input from athletic stakeholders, and our continued internal internal facility, use and conditions assessment.

18:07:07 As part of the open space or recreation plan, there was a whole host of survey questions that went out to.

18:07:14 to noon residents, roughly 1300 residents responded. And as you can see here and in the next figure, playing fields are a top priority for many people.

18:07:31 And, and, in terms of importance.

18:07:33 The over arching approach to improve fields, is really how do we get there. So we've established a goal of improving quality, quantity and maintenance of athletic fields facilities and developed a set of objectives, which include increasing ongoing investment

18:07:53 in athletic fields, expanding project management team, expanding the evening play, enhancing replacing and potentially expanding natural and synthetic turf field areas as well as completing the multi year capital improvements projects

that we have in

18:08:14 the pipeline.

18:08:16 So some of our goals the commissioner mentioned earlier in the meeting.

18:08:22 But we are again looking to improve quality and quantity of usable multi use Multi Purpose fields, which will end the goal within that it's Greek, Greece.

18:08:37 Apologies, increase evening play opportunities and a few others, improve accessibility in park and field amenities.

18:08:46 Better Park. construction management, so that once the park or field is handed to us by the contractor, we are set in a, in a good place.

18:09:00 We are looking to invest equitably includes have letting fields and parks and incorporate smart and sustainable technology for better resource management, things like smart irrigation Smart Lighting and consistent site amenities so very similar benches

18:09:17 backstops netting, except the road so that we're able to manage post construction, an overview of our five year strategic plan.

18:09:28 Here is our prioritization prioritization criteria policy is a little tongue tied there.

18:09:37 I will in the spirit of time and opening it up for discussion later I encourage folks to go into our website and take some time to digest is, as well as the rest of the presentation, and please do follow up with us.

18:09:52 If you have any questions, thoughts, comments ideas.

18:09:58 So an overview of the projects we have 10 total locations Albemarle for a bird school brown no kill McGrath Bobby Graceland Newton South High School and new North High School, both expanding lighting there as well as replacing synthetic turf.

18:10:23 At the stadiums and other fields, some considerations for the next five years, is, you know, again, continuing to assess and develop our capital improvements plan lyst

18:10:39 developer mitigation and impact fees contributing to improvements such as forte Park Wellington Park and West Newton, other city construction projects such as school constructions that may result in new generation or enhance Parkland, as well as variables

18:10:59 that may alter our priorities such as school time change, or if private open space becomes available, such as golf courses or other private property.

18:11:10 There's no non athletic field projects in the words just so that everyone's sort of in the loop of where, where we are, we're going and and everything that we have going on.

18:11:22 So we have the improvements at Livingston Cove along the banks of Crystal Lake.

18:11:28 Marty sender Greenway improvements.

18:11:32 Phase One being implemented in the spring phase two.

18:11:37 In the process of asking for a grant to implement within the next couple of years. Gas pool renovation and reconstruction. Accessibility improvements and master plan at Crystal Lake Spears Park community gardens and pavilions for shared arts and performances

18:11:54 typical noon center playground and cabinet Park Place.

18:12:11 Apologies, capital Park. So,

18:12:04 to get to the topic at hand will discuss Bobby Graceland or other, otherwise known as upper falls playground.

18:12:15 And as many of you on this meeting know that this is a very beloved Park,

nearly nine acres of parkland that, but the Charles River.

18:12:28 got one little the diamond

18:12:32 decent parking to tennis courts, which we've renovated A number of years ago, off leash dog area and wanted to intermediate rectangular fields as the site of mouth.

18:12:48 In terms of key athletic uses. We are looking at some use or use of the baseball field and pretty even use for soccer on both fields that are available.

18:13:07 And again, going back to the, you know, acknowledging the master plan that occurred. A number of years ago, 2008.

18:13:16 We've.

18:13:18 We're going to acknowledge that but again acknowledge Newell and current uses as well as understanding that a neighborhood changes over the span of 15 years since this master plan has been conceived.

18:13:33 So we're looking to sort of build upon it.

18:13:36 And and part of this discussion is to gain input continued to develop this and and really bring it up to the current needs again acknowledging what you know all the efforts that that occurred, 2008 2007 2008.

18:13:59 So, you know, some improvement ideas and goals, which are highlighted in the master plan or new accessible perimeter pads and seeding installing high efficiency irrigation with remote access and weather o'clock.

18:14:16 I proved field perimeter fence and netting are necessary

18:14:23 scoreboards obviously calor for inch replacements for any trees that that may be removed as the result of this plan.

18:14:34 If not, we would certainly look to increase tree canopy where possible, and again revisit and update the 2008 plan to account for current identified community needs.

18:14:47 And before we open it up to a discussion, I'd like to sort of go over what where we've been and where we're going.

18:14:57 So part of this initiative to improve fields and parts across the city.

18:15:04 requires mount of planning and design so we have attained Community Preservation Act funding for design and engineering. Many of these fields and parts.

18:15:18 We have prepared a request for qualifications and advertisers bid, we have selected two designers out of the six that we've received six proposals that we received.

18:15:31 And the next steps are to develop based on the input, former master plans, etc.

18:15:38 Develop athletic field design and layout based on the input stakeholder and departmental needs.

18:15:46 for now and, and beyond.

18:15:48 And and then continue to develop project construction priority and timeline, and it all with the goal of security, securing construction funding.

18:16:01 I would like to point out that we have prioritized for other athletic field sites.

18:16:11 Therefore, Graceland will not necessarily come to fruition in the near future, but it is going to be something that, you know, will will make the CPA funds go as far as they can, and for the, for the sites and then assess where we are at that point and

18:16:35 figure out a way to move this, and other projects forward.

18:16:43 With that said, I would like to hand it off to the commissioner to open it

up for discussion questions, comments.

18:16:53 Thank you, Luis.

18:16:55 That's great. And I'm pleased we have lots of time here to talk and have a conversation with everyone who's here in the audience so just want to take a minute before we open up the virtual floor I had an opportunity to introduce myself and Luis.

18:17:10 I also want to say hello to Greg maillot who has joined our team as the assistant director of parks and open space.

18:17:17 He's going to be an integral part of us being able to complete these project lists and get all of this work started and and timeline out in a, in a good way.

18:17:31 So Thanks Greg for being here and we will all do our best this evening to answer questions and take your comments. There are a couple of ways you can participate here this evening.

18:17:42 If you look at the bottom of your screen. We have the chat function and the q amp a function tabs, you can put a comment or question into either of those and will read those in for everybody to hear.

18:17:56 If you prefer to come in and speak with us, then you would just raise your virtual hand, and we will open up the floor for that as well. And I do want to welcome, I believe I saw counselor Humphrey in the audience counselor, let us know if you if you'd

18:18:15 like to raise your hand we can bring you up here as a panelist as well. If you'd like to join us, or you're welcome to, to listen in and hear what everyone has to say but we're, We're happy to have you here this evening.

18:18:30 To support this project and our initiative here. So, with that Robin. I'll turn it over to you and hopefully you can help guide us through.

18:18:39 Taking comments.

18:18:41 Okay, we have a question from Betsy Hewitt, the baseball field is not a little league field the New South High School uses it for home JV games and other baseball leagues in the city can you clarify.

18:18:56 Sure, the fancy up sorry.

18:19:05 That's okay.

18:19:00 Thank you, Betsy for that. Yeah, we did. We did mention that we've had our fields committee meeting and we do another component of that group has been having our athletic directors involved and at the table for these discussions, so we'll be working closely

18:19:16 with the school department, and we will be talking to the athletic directors to make sure that we, you know, understand their needs and if there's any changes to those uses or if there will be a continued need for field for high school sports JV and varsity,

18:19:33 we feel free to add on, you, you, you pretty much covered it you know in terms of the terminology between baseball and Little League and and also just overall field dimensions there that there isn't that much of a difference so apologies, really should

18:19:56 have been. but the term should have just been baseball.

18:20:01 You know, but but ya know you, you pretty much covered it Commissioner response there.

18:20:09 Can we have a chat from Ellen cats, just an observation, just an observation from a community resident dogs are really least as they leave cars in the parking area in route to the official dog park.

18:20:23 So the entire park is a de facto dog park. Also, what about trail connectivity along the river, people want access to the river one in the news best natural features.

18:20:38 Great. I'm Luis you want me to start with the, the off leash area so we manage seven off leash areas and this is one of our off leash areas that is highly utilized and I think an important component of what this park provides to our neighbors and park

18:20:57 guests. It is currently not a fenced in space. So I think it would be great to hear input from those who use the off leash area and those who use the other work spaces.

18:21:10 We certainly do hear about, you know, the issue of the parking area being so far removed from the off leash area space and yes that that some do let their dogs off before they've gotten to the specific area that's designated for dogs off leash.

18:21:28 We've been working on managing updates to our sign postings. I believe this area includes a sign that has a map that kind of delineates it but I think that's something to be really thought through in the design here, and how the community would like that

18:21:44 space to ultimately end up being utilized. You know, most likely by both uses but having a good working order that you know Park users and dog walkers and dog runners can both enjoy the area and spaces so thanks for that comment, and will also

18:22:04 bring that conversation forward to our awfully Sherry a working group.

18:22:11 Commissioner I'd like to follow up on the second part of that question regarding the trail connectivity along the river.

18:22:21 In the last sentence, people want to access the river one of the best natural features I think we, we all can agree that Charles River is a fantastic amenity for the city.

18:22:33 It is even more fantastic that we have a few parks that directly but then, Charles River and we can provide that.

18:22:42 That amenity.

18:22:45 This is something trail connectivity and some of the other Park amenities. Once we get to the point where we're ready to really dig deep into the design to bring into fruition, we will certainly be looking at, you know, how that might work.

18:23:05 We have been focused on fields, but this, we do acknowledge that this is a larger Park project so so we will certainly take that into account as we as we look at this project for the down, line.

18:23:35 We do have a couple of questions and actually I believe, Jay were had his hand raised.

18:23:33 And Jay has a quick question to you have any specific plans to collaborate with the profiles area counseling all phases of this process.

18:23:43 Yes, that is that is always our plans to collaborate with stakeholders, we, we will not be working on this, you know, at the dark of night if you will, we will certainly be talking to the upper falls Area Council, we will be reaching out to, you know,

18:24:02 residents in a butters, similar to what we've done here. Ward councilors city council as a whole, we will be. and, you know, Park and athletic field stakeholders.

18:24:15 Yes, we, we will be updating and having a discussion with the upper falls

Area Council, and Luis also.

18:24:26 We very much appreciate the upper falls council being able to share this information out to a larger audience as well I think you guys do a fantastic job.

18:24:36 You know hosting meetings of your own, and having communication pieces that go out. So, you know, sharing those resources letting others know you know not everyone can make it to every meeting or or spend an evening with us, and so you know we we want

18:24:52 everyone to know where they can find this information and how they can reach out to us on their own timeline as well so appreciate the connection to everybody who so invested in this area and want to be working together.

18:25:07 Okay, Jay, has his hand. Raise Jay you just have to unmute to speak, and we can hear you.

18:25:14 Okay, sure.

18:25:17 So there is an existing easement between Graceland and the upper false Greenway.

18:25:26 And just wondering how we can use the time between now and the design which will probably be some number of years to sort of sort out the details of making that easement usable, so that that's that that piece of the puzzle is in place when you actually

18:25:40 do this design.

18:25:43 Now I talked to Jennifer steel about this and she actually said that Louise probably you're the person to work with, with her and the community on this but I'm just wondering how how that would how that would work and if this is a good time to start that

18:25:59 process.

18:25:59 Sure. And thank you, Jay for for the question I see you've, you've elaborate a little bit more on your question on the chat.

18:26:09 So, so yes, I think we can start working on it, on that aspect sooner rather than later, you know, and not necessarily wait until the park is ready for, you know, improvement.

18:26:28 That being said, that's something that will take quite a bit of time to figure out the pieces but this is something that we can work.

18:26:37 You know in the coming years to really, you know, address that needs me. Yeah, we are you'd be happy to work with you and others on that right because because Jennifer seems to think that there would be a fair amount of elapsed time to really make that

18:26:53 real. So that seems like something we could start now.

18:26:56 Yeah, right, right, and and and that's right sooner rather than later.

18:27:03 So I would encourage you and others to reach out and sort of have that, you know.

18:27:10 Okay, so I'll let.

18:27:12 I'll let Jennifer know that you agreed with her that you would she can work together on this.

18:27:18 Absolutely. And I believe she's on the call somewhere.

18:27:21 It's not surprise

18:27:28 yet so we'll say we'll, we'll work together in the coming years to, to figure that piece out.

18:27:36 Thank you.

18:27:42 And I see there is a comment from Maureen, I thank you for holding this meeting for the community to participate in the bracelet community has continued to

encourage visitors to keep their dogs leashed until they reach the off leash area.
18:28:01 If the dog refuse can and and poop bags.
18:28:07 Apologies, were relocated to the corner of the park near the southern corner of the upper field. It might encourage visitors to walk along the southern edge of the upper field.
18:28:19 Maureen thank you so much for that input.
18:28:22 I do encourage you to bring this before the off leash area working group as well, we would be able to take a look at that, you know, a greater detail.
18:28:36 Through that for.
18:28:37 Okay, jack nibble you're unmuted just unmuted would be able to hear you speak.
18:28:42 Yes. Can you hear me.
18:28:45 Okay. Yes.
18:28:46 Good evening.
18:28:49 Louise I was glad that you made a reference to the new map of walls playground master plan as of 2007, that the recreation department paid Western and Sampson to do a beautiful makeup of what what we could do at the playground.
18:29:13 The thing is, and today 2006 I've got another five year, master file via package system planning.
18:29:24 And then, in 2006 up a false playground was ranked 17th at 71.
18:29:32 And 71 was all Cold. Cold Spring, or cold. Cold Spring playground.
18:29:37 So, it's 2022 now.
18:29:42 And I don't understand why that the list of 1010 areas, you're going to be working with the wind number six.
18:29:52 I don't see why when I still number one, I don't know why we're not in the first phase. I just don't understand how this playground.
18:30:00 You know how the other people going up a fall is gonna take it on the chin again put us back another five years.
18:30:08 You know, There's been a lot, a lot of work on that playground, and in that the rehab of the tennis courts, was no well appreciated.
18:30:19 But it was really a safety issue, the cracks robot three inches apart. So if you didn't have broken ankle a you never, you never get one but.
18:30:28 So they did that and then it was a group.
18:30:48 It was a group of the villagers paid to have the lines painted the city, put the put the work in and then we, the EPA falls area people paid to have the lines painted so we've been involved for a long time up here, and I don't know why we're still not
18:30:52 in the first phase.
18:30:54 Just to go a little bit further, I just want to give a little history here
18:31:00 back. And how many I'm gonna say 10 to 15 years ago.
18:31:06 America tower, who owns the a budding land out in the field center field left field right field is about.
18:31:16 They have about six to eight acres.
18:31:20 And I think don't only use on about two of them.
18:31:26 At one time, they want it, put it in addition, they want to add some
18:31:33 panels on the tower and Newton and they came to the village. And as well you know we'd like to do this and willing to do this and. Is there anything we can do to help you people.
18:31:44 Well you know you can help us refurbish the playground you could help us.
18:31:48 So, this is a true story because you can you can verify with us, buzz,

buzz, buzz Dhaka was on that committee with me.

18:31:55 Now that's a long time ago.

18:31:57 So we came up with a plan. We, the group from our befalls which actually was a number falls Community Development Corporation, which was, it's still in existence is in the background right now because of the Area Council.

18:32:11 So we work together that befalls community develop cooperation in the Area Council, work together as one.

18:32:20 So, but that was, that was a that was a group that we're working with.

18:32:24 We will represent up before so nobody else are representing up and for us at the time.

18:32:31 It was a group who was a board of directors over 10 or 12 people are still 10 to 12 people on it, I forget exactly what it is, but we sat down with American power, you can believe it.

18:32:43 And we negotiated with American towel.

18:32:54 They were going to give us.

18:32:50 I don't know, D the land to the city but they were going to allow us to use two or three four acres along the park.

18:32:56 And then we're going to use \$250,000 up front, and \$50,000 a year for 10 years. That was the deal just to put some stuff up on the tower. How many panels they wanted to do.

18:33:12 So, we're all excited. Let's go to hell of a deal for the village and all this refurbish the whole thing.

18:33:19 So, there was a group of people.

18:33:24 I'd say group I'm going to save three or four or five people in the village I didn't know that many but they put a lawsuit in against American power, because they didn't want any more panels, all those people that did that I got a course.

18:33:40 In the meantime, America time limit, we, you know, either. Either you want to do, you want to make this belly up and and in the meantime you know the politicians get involved and, and they will they will look at it and you know they were trying to figure

18:33:54 out how it could work and.

18:33:56 And then finally, what they did is they went across the room and if you look at a brace on playground,

18:34:06 you look across the river, there's another tower right there right and Needham. That was a 200 300 yards from from the existing tower and Newton.

18:34:14 They put them all over there. So, the whole deal was was blown up.

18:34:19 Well the reason I give you that background is, I think that's still possibility, you know, I've heard in the past that, you know, they, you know, like bracing playground because there's no parking in all this stuff.

18:34:33 Maybe I know what that time I'm pretty sure that time, there was an executive from American talent Olivia Newton, and I forget who the connection was but we didn't deal with him directly we dealt with his representatives but you know it's been a long

18:34:50 time and I haven't thought much about it lately but why, you know, I just want to give Luis, some information I mean there's a lot going on and we've had a lot of things going here.

18:35:04 And I think that should be something that should be looked into. I don't know who should make the contact American tower.

18:35:12 But, I mean, they've been a good name is all they do is use that driveway

they drive in and drive up maybe once or twice a week. and I think there's one person that works.

18:35:21 Yeah.

18:35:21 Daily a check someplace daily but other than that, they don't do anything with the land nothing. And that Atlanta butts.

18:35:30 The river. It's right along the river so it's on the river into the Atlantic Hudson River there so I mean you know as Jay talked about you know that we talked about that pathway.

18:35:42 Then also know the pathway along the river so there's so much going on in that, in that one thing.

18:35:53 But, you know, Louise you mentioned, getting back to the playground master plan, you mentioned that you know that it was done in 2007 whatever kind of whatever it is 15 years ago.

18:36:09 And I would say right now that 90% of it.

18:36:12 You could, you could put, you know, stop putting them pegs in the ground.

18:36:16 You know you know the the dog parks been added in, but nothing has been done since then that I know that's the only thing, you know, open up the river, we talked about a walkway along the river, you know, a pathway the perimeter the pack.

18:36:31 I mean there's so many things that we talked about.

18:36:35 And you know, and now we're back to ground zero. And we're number six in a group of 10.

18:36:43 So the first five years, you're talking about five year plan so we're going to probably be in the second phase which would be another five years.

18:36:50 I'll never see it I hate to say it, I'll never see it.

18:36:53 I hope I would, I hope I do, but jack, I, I hope that we can get this done. And so you can see it, I do, I do appreciate the you know the background, we have been, you know, talking to buzz, for sure who has been involved in this and the highlands master

18:37:24 plan and arts direct commission CPC and beyond.

18:37:24 About the tower situation.

18:37:28 And that sort of potential for access and expanding parking and everything that's that's a conversation that that we may be able to have in the near future, and start you know looking into that.

18:37:43 in terms of bracelet and where we are.

18:37:48 I do want to know jack that I do understand that this, this happened a while ago, and that it's been sort of pushed back a little bit, you know, we are looking to get to this sooner rather than later.

18:38:08 Unfortunately between then and now we have quite a bit of end of life.

18:38:15 equipment such as a few a few items had Albemarle in the synthetic turf field to the high schools, as well as, you know, sort of the need to expand multi purpose and multi sport, play so well yeah I mean I know, and I agree with that also i mean i agree

18:38:37 with all those fields that we should be replaced. But you know, if you enhanced up a falls, you could get another play field you can probably put lights in that i think i don't i don't think that'd be a big problem but the lights and, you know, you know

18:38:50 the way the lights are today I don't think it would be too negative to the community I don't know I'm just speaking for myself, I can't speak for general, but I you know I just don't think and then you could you could set up that lower field for, you

18:39:07 know, a lower part of the playground there's another whole entire field, you can make a soccer field baseball field or just a general field. I mean there's so much that pack pack hasn't been touched.

18:39:19 I've been looking at all the history that that that land was given to the sea in 1910 I think I was and that was some master plan. Some aim I get that from Boston I and I.

18:39:28 And that's the last one I saw us up into one to 2007 and an architect it looked at the place.

18:39:35 You know, I mean.

18:39:36 So, that's hundred years. And you know befalls was a very active place because it was a Middletown, was Mills, that's what they did on Sundays I went on a playground.

18:39:47 The only place I gotta go so I just, I don't know how we always get bumped down down down down.

18:39:56 You know, and I know when when they did the Highlands, you know, the powers to be came to me as a you know do you think we can do the islands, but as we know up befalls is, you know, ahead of them and isolated, you know, I understand the big picture so

18:40:20 you know, long as long as we're on the list. We're on the list. So this is what seven 810 years later and I'm still on the list. In the middle of the pack, if I'm lucky.

18:40:21 That's all I'm saying I don't want to take any more time but but jack Can I can I talk with you for a minute.

18:40:28 I want to say thank you for being here tonight, and giving that background information I think that's a really important piece to have be a part of this initial meeting that we're hosting so thanks for doing that.

18:40:41 You know you're volunteering on a few groups, you're very involved I have no doubt you'll be very helpful to us in. In, you know, making contacts in the community, making contacts with some of these close neighboring businesses so so thanks for, you know,

18:40:59 being here I hope we can get some of it done in the near future, you know, just to kind of give you an idea and I can't really speak to the priorities of the past but I'm happy to see this on the list I think none of none of us in parks, recreation and

18:41:17 culture department doubt that there is a need for Park improvements playground improvement here.

18:41:25 And of course, we'll be looking at the fields piece so I, you know, I'm glad you shared that with us I think we hear you are wanting this to be, you know, a broader Park improvement.

18:41:38 JACK you serve on our parks and recreation commission as well so I know you know about the conversations we've been having about the athletic field needs.

18:41:48 The school dismissal time change and, and some of the impacts that has had on our access. So, you know, that is why we're prioritizing trying to get some, you know, quick work going on some of the athletic fields that could go under construction and be

18:42:04 developed. Early on, but our intent is to try to use the funds we have from CPA to spread them as far as we can.

18:42:13 And to get all of our design and engineering work going as soon as we can so you know that that will be our goal here and certainly that's why we're here tonight to talk about you know ideas and input and hear a little bit from the

community and I appreciate

18:42:28 you and others being here I think buzzes on the call and I think almost all of our parks and recreation commission members are here tonight.

18:42:38 Mitch had to leave a little bit earlier but uh but so many of you are on so I know there's a lot of support here. and there's this great support for this project so.

18:42:47 So, one thing, if I could. So you mentioned, you know the reason why I mentioned the fields is. I think it's a great opportunity for the city to pick up maybe two fields.

18:43:06 If you didn't have the playground correctly in the upper law fields, I would assume because of the land.

18:43:07 And I think you should be looking at this back is almost like a islands rehab I mean that's serious. It has to be overhauled even, even a lot. I noticed done around 10 or 15 years ago.

18:43:23 I mean, That's my final.

18:43:27 I think you have good agreement from us on on this team and so, you know, we'll see we'll see what broad input comes in, but it's a, I tend to agree with you i think this is a full Park improvement project, and the athletic fields are an important component

18:43:44 and will be important for us to look at and see if anything needs to change from, you know, the this master plan but, you know, some, some nice improvements to this park will will go a long way so I do hope we'll be able to get it to that point

18:44:01 The liberal way was really the biggest thing the rebel way walkway was really a ball buster. The will me love everybody love that that was really 100% agreement on that.

18:44:13 So I mean there's so many so many good things in this this master plan right now that you know you just add to it and we'll make a few adjustments and you have this.

18:44:24 Thanks again, thanks very welcome. We have a few comments on the chat so I'd like to read those through and then we do have someone with their hand raised.

18:44:36 So, one comment, a bit of history an older resident told me that the Field House used to hold craft classes for children, taught by MPs teachers in the summer, maybe the field house can be renovated.

18:44:53 Everyone does like the tennis courts, which are used, even my non tennis, folks. Thank you for that.

18:45:00 We have another one I use dog park several days a week. It would be great if you could put a trash crown next to the poop barrel on Pennsylvania street corner there is often trash left, right here the battle pizza boxes, etc.

18:45:16 And don't think the trash is from the dog park people but others say used to park.

18:45:21 Another comment, I'm just glad the park is in the top 10 on this list. Thank you.

18:45:27 Another couple more comments and then we'll get to the raise hand.

18:45:42 Here's another dog park question. He currently has at least some fencing along the river, and his ease and its east and west sides. Those fences be completed repaired and the fourth North Side fenced in a way that allows people to access the paths along

18:45:54 the river. Alternatively, if the current dog park area is needed for playing fields could the dog park be able to fully fenced on the grass slope

between the upper and lower fields.

18:46:09 Either of these options seem like a relatively low cost project.

18:46:16 Thank you for that comment there's someone that said Bravo jack, I agree.

18:46:21 So to address the dog park question, you know, these are this is more of an awfully Sherry a working group discussion for the dog park.

18:46:32 One thing about the dog park and the lower tier, which is why it isn't fence at this at this point in time and we can certainly take a look at the fences that are, that might be in this repair is that that hill between the upper tier and the lower tier

18:46:49 is very popular for sledding so once you get into fencing, that area in, whether it's the lower tier or that slope.

18:46:59 Then you you remove that recreational entity. I would like to point out that we do have unfenced off leash areas in the city. Cold Spring Park being the biggest one.

18:47:17 I understand that that park is different than this.

18:47:22 But to really answer the question here briefly.

18:47:26 We just need to acknowledge the sledding, and how the dog park may or may not impact that before we really start looking at closing area, so really respecting some of the existing recreation, that happens there.

18:47:43 And.

18:47:44 Okay, Betsy Hewitt, you can unmute to speak.

18:47:54 So I think that he covered it.

18:47:57 I just wrote that Bobby Breslin has the only sliding Hill and number balls.

18:48:03 I don't see it on this diagram, and also on this schematic, it doesn't really show where the dog park is but dog park is really only certain times of the year supposedly.

18:48:22 Not that it gets followed but it's supposed to be. When the sledding is happening that the dog park is not

18:48:31 that doesn't always correlate.

18:48:37 And so we try to all work together.

18:48:40 But I, we've also found that people.

18:48:46 And it's, I think natural that people do this, come from other communities to outside of Newton to walk their dogs there because it's really nice.

18:49:00 As well as dog walkers.

18:49:05 So, some of the time.

18:49:08 It needs better supervision then what it has.

18:49:15 Thanks, thanks Betsy I will, I will certainly make sure I make her off leash area. Working Group aware of some of the comments that have come in this evening about the dog park.

18:49:26 I know those are the types of things they discuss, we do have an awfully Sherry a specialist Peter Betsy you probably know Peter well if you're if you're helping in the neighborhood and working with him.

18:49:40 It's a challenging, there's seven off leash areas and Peter spends his time around the best he can but it's really helpful to you know just have this this will good working relationship with those in the neighborhoods and, you know, things like the the

18:49:55 location of pet waste barrels and trash receptacles are things that, you know, certainly, Peter bring some of those into us and we're hearing a little bit about that tonight too.

18:50:09 I think from, from what I'm seeing here the, the off leash area might have not been here, when the last masterplan was done so you know I really feel that's that's a big part of what needs to be thought through, you know, kind of adding on to what what's

18:50:26 being seen here so far so I appreciate those comments from everybody I'm sure that's been getting a ton of views I know a lot of families got dogs during the pandemic as well so we all enjoy being outside with them so thanks.

18:50:39 Thanks for continuing those those comments and I'll pass them along.

18:50:44 Commissioner, there are a few other comments here.

18:50:53 Any fence within Conservation Commission jurisdiction including much of this park must allow a passage of wildlife the existing fence is not conformed to that to the rule.

18:51:01 Betsy is right in that plans for community reviews should show land contours.

18:51:07 Thank you for those comments and I apologize for not showing the contours and previous meetings I've, I've shown them on the Plant City, it seemed to have been in a, in a mapping layer that was, that was frozen so apologies for that we do know where the

18:51:24 sledding Hill is and where that occurs so apologies for that lack of information in the planets.

18:51:47 year.

18:51:49 That is all the comments that I see both in the chat and the q amp a Emily's Can I give us a time reminder here we have a little less than, than 10 minutes till we come to seven o'clock, and I just want to be respectful of everybody's time because I know

18:52:09 there's a couple other meetings that myself and others have to join up so you know love to, you know, just have any information that comes in through email will certainly be continuing this conversation.

18:52:27 And you know, this was a really great robust conversation this evening so appreciate that.

18:52:34 Some of the, the working groups, and committees that have already reached out to us have offered to help. I'm sure it will be important in the communication, as we as we look at the space so and and I see some faces on on the list tonight of attendees

18:52:53 that, you know, are here listening to all of this, I will give we have about five more minutes so if anybody would like to raise your hand, love to hear from you and just make sure we have an opportunity if anybody wants to speak that you have that chance.