

Statement of Principles for the Improvement of White Stadium and Franklin Park

Overview

Franklin Park is one of the preeminent parks in America and is considered the “jewel” of Boston’s Emerald Necklace designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Franklin Park is a nationally registered landmark, and White Stadium is a historic facility, much beloved and in dismal condition. The Franklin Park Action Plan, approved in 2023, includes numerous areas needing investment, including improvements to White Stadium and its facilities. The Mayor’s Office has identified \$50 million for the improvement of the stadium and these funds are well spent renovating the current facilities.

Boston Unity Soccer Partners LLC, a for-profit private company, and the City of Boston recently unveiled the details of a proposal for the stadium and areas of parkland surrounding it. This proposal would grant the rights to a 30-year lease to a professional for-profit sports team, build dedicated private facilities and other uses like offices, private boxes, restaurants, and shops, and displace Boston Public School (BPS) students and the general public for 20 games and 20 practices on key Fridays and Saturdays each season from April-November. The proposal would also displace all current BPS football games for the regular season. This proposal has not undergone the legal and regulatory processes for projects in protected open space and **environmental justice*** communities, including The Public Land and Protection Act (Article 97), Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), and others. It does not follow the Franklin Park Action Plan developed in collaboration with the community. For these and other reasons the proposal has raised concern with many community leaders, advocates and members of the public.

**Franklin Park is a geographic, recreational and environmental justice center of Boston's oldest, largest and most vulnerable minority and low-wealth census-tracks. Reeling from decades of deep municipal neglect and disinvestment, residents today continue to be harmed and displaced through individual, cumulative, and disproportionately adverse projects, which often include unfair community engagement practices and do not follow existing state and municipal legal protections.*

Statement of Principles:

We, the undersigned, support the renovation and much-needed improvements of George Robert White Stadium in Franklin Park for the benefit of all Boston Public School (BPS) student-athletes, the communities surrounding Franklin Park and all park users.

We feel strongly that the proposed redevelopment and private 30-year lease of the George Robert White Stadium planned by the City of Boston and Boston Unity Soccer Partners LLC must be reconsidered. A new proposal for renovating the stadium and surrounding areas, in thoughtful coordination with the surrounding park areas, should be pursued in accordance with the approved Franklin Park Action Plan and established public processes.

35 Organizations

ArborwayMatters

Authentic Caribbean Foundation Inc.

Bay Staters for Creative Well-Being

The Black Lotus Cooperative Inc.

Boston Bengals Pop Warner program

The Boston Committee

Boston Jobs Coalition

Coalition for Regionwide Services Beyond Franklin Park (CORES)

Community Health Partnership

Contemporations, Inc.

D5 Advocates

The Enviro Show

FACTS Association/Xchange

Friends of Melnea Cass Boulevard

Friends of the Notch Forest

Garden Club of the Back Bay

Garrison Trotter Neighborhood Council

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council

Greene & Greene Realty

Hancock Street Civic Association

Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition

Marcus Anthony Hall Educational Institute

Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition

Methunion Manor Cooperative Corporation

NAACP Boston Branch

Neighborhood Schools, Inc.

Olmsted Network

The People's Academy

Polonia Auto Sales

Power of Skirts Collective

Quick Erruns

Roxbury Neighborhood Council

Trees as a Public Good Network

The Trustees Collaborative for Parks & Open Space

The Urban Biodiversity Project

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