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PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HOLD PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED JACKSON SQUARE PLAYGROUND

BOSTON - The Patrick-Murray Administration will hold a public meeting with representatives from Children's Hospital Boston on December 6 to discuss a proposed new playground near Jackson Square on the Southwest Corridor Park.

The playground involves a partnership between Children's Hospital and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, which oversees Southwest Corridor Park, a 4.7-mile linear park stretching between Forest Hills and the Back Bay. Children's hospital has agreed to raise and provide all the funding for the design and construction of the new playground, estimated to be \$315,000.

"The generosity of Children's Hospital Boston is much appreciated at DCR, and will be even more appreciated by the children who visit this new playground," said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr.

"On behalf of my colleagues on the Urban Renewal Committee at Children's Hospital Boston, we are excited about partnering with DCR to take the first steps in building an interactive playspace in Jamaica Plain," said Paul Bernon, chairman of the Urban Renewal Committee. "We look forward to working with the community to create a safe place for children to experience exploration and imagination through physical activity. Kids who play are healthier, less likely to be obese, and less prone to obesity-related health problems, such as diabetes and heart disease."

The public meeting will be Monday, December 6, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at DCR's Southwest Corridor Park headquarters, 38 New Heath Street, Jamaica Plain.

"I appreciate the goodwill of Children's Hospital Boston in funding and building this playground for the Jackson Square area," said State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez. "I look forward to seeing it develop into a place where the community can gather together."

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“There’s not a place in the city that can benefit more from this playground,” said State Representative Liz Malia. “I am grateful for Children’s Hospital’s investment in our park.”

At the meeting, DCR staff will share information about, and obtain public input on, the proposed new playground.

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