Baldwin Park

Cambridge Planning Board Design Review
11/21/2016
Proposed View Towards Baldwin Park
East/West Section - Baldwin Park

NorthPoint - Baldwin Park
Material Types

- Stone Setts Pavement
- Exposed Aggregate Concrete Pavement
- Concrete Pavement
- Stone Pavement
- Decomposed Granite Pavement
- Reclaimed Granite Block Seatwalls

NorthPoint - Baldwin Park
Plant Types - Trees

Gleditsia triacanthos “Skyline”
Skyline Honeylocust

Catalpa speciosa
Catalpa

Cladrastis kentukea
Kentucky Yellowwood

Gymnocladus dioicus
Kentucky Coffee Tree
Plant Types - Understory and Shrubs

- Amelanchier arborea
  - Shadbush
- Aesculus parviflora
  - Bottlebrush Buckeye
- Comptonia peregrina
  - Sweet fern
- Hamamelis x intermedia ‘Arnold Promise’
  - Witch Hazel
- Hydrangea quercifolia
  - Oakleaf Hydrangea
- Ilex glabra
  - Inkberry
- Ilex verticillata
  - Winterberry Holly
- Itea virginica
  - Virginia Sweetspire
- Kalmia latifolia
  - Mountain Laurel
- Lindera benzoin
  - Common Spicebush

NorthPoint - Baldwin Park
Plant Types - Low Shrubs and Herbaceous Shrubs

- *Vaccinium angustifolium*
  - Lowbush Blueberry

- *Carex pensylvanica*
  - Pennsylvania sedge

- *Dennstaedtia punctilobula*
  - Hay-Scented Fern

- *Dryopteris erythrosora*
  - Autumn Fern

- *Dryopteris marginalis*
  - Leatherwood Fern

- *Hemerocallis fulva*
  - Tiger Daylily

- *Hosta plantaginacea*
  - Plantain Lily

- *Hosta 'Royal Standard'*
  - Royal Standard Plantain Lily

- *Polygonatum biflorum*
  - Solomon's Seal

- *Vaccinium angustifolium*
  - Lowbush Blueberry
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<td>3.1 Open spaces</td>
<td>All open spaces will be open to the public and designed to encourage public use. Open spaces including NorthPoint Common will be designed to support, enhance, and balance the commercial and residential development at NorthPoint.</td>
<td>Baldwin Park’s thoughtful design provides a range of spaces that support numerous uses that correspond to the commercial and residential development at NorthPoint and for a variety of users.</td>
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<td>The provision of open spaces of diverse size and use is encouraged to enhance the public environment at NorthPoint. All open spaces at NorthPoint shall be designed to be public in nature, creating an open environment that the public can easily identify that is welcoming for everyone’s use.</td>
<td>At around 20,000 SF, Baldwin Park is an open space uniquely positioned and scaled within the neighborhood block structure. Its highly visible, central location with frontage on North Street and Dawes Street allow it to become a vibrant plaza for the neighborhood.</td>
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<td>The provision of an interconnected series of open spaces is encouraged to provide connections both to neighborhoods and within NorthPoint so as to promote pedestrian movement.</td>
<td>Direct connections to NorthPoint Common and Baldwin Park North are provided by raised pedestrian crosswalks. Generous pedestrian paths along both sides of the park connect North St and Dawes St.</td>
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<td>Open spaces shall be visible and accessible from public streets.</td>
<td>Direct sightlines and multiple points of access are provided from North Street and Dawes Street.</td>
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<td>3.1.1 Open space programming</td>
<td>Parks: Strolling, Sitting, Picnicking, Informal sport activities, Outdoor movies, Outdoor performances.</td>
<td>Baldwin Park will accommodate informal sitting and gathering with larger events in the central plaza space. The large event space has the capacity to carry a number of events, ranging from movie projections to outdoor performances.</td>
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<td>3.1.2 Parks</td>
<td>Fencing is strongly discouraged; clear entry points, lines of sight into the park, and pathways for the public to use are encouraged.</td>
<td>Baldwin Park does not include any fencing. A raised pedestrian crosswalk on North Street and Dawes Street the full width of the park allows free pedestrian flow from the streets to the park. There are no street trees at the entrances for better visibility and movement into the park. To promote public circulation even further, nine foot wide pedestrian paths define both edges of the park as well as a series of meandering pathways through the center.</td>
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<td>3.1.2 Parks</td>
<td>Individual spaces within the large parks are encouraged to have clear identities and themes, so that the public can understand the potential use, including areas for gathering, and community events.</td>
<td>Lush plant beds with granite seatwall edges and stone pavement give the park a strong visual identity using material reclaimed from the NorthPoint site. The plant beds are shaped to create a variety of spaces for intimate or more communal sitting and gathering. The center of the park is an open paved space of approximately 3,800 SF for larger gatherings and community events.</td>
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