



# STONYBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

jamaica plain, massachusetts

## Olympics in Franklin Park Survey I 5/5 – 5/26/15

– Total Of 100 Respondents –  
– Not Every Question Was Answered By All 100 –

Q1 Which areas (if any) of Franklin Park do you use?

White Stadium	8.16% - 8
Golf Course	24.49% - 24
Playing Fields	29.59% - 29
The Wilderness	78.57% - 77
Tennis Courts	17.35% - 17
Playground	23.47% - 23
Walking/Bike Paths	92.86% - 91
Zoo	54.08% - 53
I don't use Franklin Park	4.08% - 4
Other	3.06% - 3
-- The road that cuts through it (not sure what it's called)	
-- Bear Cages	
-- Golf course overlook	

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Q2 What excites you most about hosting Olympic events in Franklin Park?

Park Facilities Improvements	65.56% - 59
JP pride	25.56% - 23
Attending Events Close to Home	30.00% - 27
Boost to Neighborhood Vendors/Businesses	27.78% - 25
Other	28.89% - 26
-- none	
-- None of it.	
-- Nothing.	
-- These used to excite me but I am no longer confident these will happen, and they don't out-weigh the risks	
-- Nothing. I am not excited about hosting Olympic events in Franklin Park.	
-- all of the above	
-- The beauty of Olmsted's vision.	
-- I'm not	
-- I have serious qualms about the whole corrupt endeavor	
-- nothing	
-- I'm not excited about the impact that the Olympics would have on Franklin Park.	
-- I'm opposed to them	
-- I do NOT want to host the Olympics in Boston	
-- Nothing excites me about the olympics in Franklin Park	
-- nothing, I do not want the Olympics in FP	
-- Potential for less drug use in the area	
-- not excited. I think it is a terrible idea	
-- Nothing!	

- nothing really excites me about the prospect, but facility improvements would be a mitigating factor.
- nothing
- nothing
- Not one damn thing
- I'm not excited at all.
- Nothing excites me...Dread is the emotion felt at the prospect.
- I'm having trouble being excited, honestly.
- nothing

Q3 What concerns you most about hosting Olympic events in Franklin Park?

Games Attendees Parking On Neighborhood Streets	53.06% - 52
Public Losing Access To Park	70.41% - 69
Cutting Of Trees/ Changes To Landscape	73.47% - 72
Congestion On Orange Line & Public Transit	47.96% - 47
No Follow-Through On Promised Park Improvements By Olympics Organizers	85.71% - 84
Other	17.35% - 17

- possible terrorist threats to the neighborhood
- Increased cost of housing (and/or displacement) as neighbors rent out their homes high rates to Olympic fans. Increased security and crowds causing general disruption of our daily lives (e.g. commutes, shopping, enjoying home and neighborhood) - not just during the Olympics, but in the weeks/months leading up to it
- TRAFFIC ON FOREST HILLS STREET
- Surveillance and excessive security necessary for the conduct of the Games.
- All of the above, but if I have to pick just one I'd say public losing access to park
- all of the above need to be addressed
- The time and resources that they Olympics would take away from other worthwhile projects throughout Boston neighborhoods
- this is a bad idea
- and that this is an economic disturbance meant to increase profit margins for major corporations at the expense of residents, especially the most vulnerable
- A public space being hijacked by an elite minority leveraging their money and power to get more money and power. Also, security would make the area a complete mess.
- City getting stuck with the bill for all this
- The T will break down again
- Disruption and potential loss of the park as a quiet sanctuary
- impact on Shattuck Hospital
- Lack of sustainability funds for basic park maintenance
- Massive debt passed on as increase in taxes
- Increase in trash/litter between the T and the park and decreased safety due to increased burden on Boston Police Dept

Q4 If Franklin Park is chosen as a venue, what sort of improvements to the park should the community ask for in return?

Improvements To Existing Pathways	61.46% - 59
Funding For Woodlands Restoration And Maintenance	79.17% - 76
Picnic Tables, Water Fountains, Or Other Amenities	60.42% - 58
Funding For Youth Programs In The Park	50.00% - 48
New Signage Throughout The Park	41.67% - 40
Funding For Mounted Patrols And Safety Improvements	61.46% - 59
Funding For Community Events In The Park	42.71% - 41
Other	20.83% - 20

- While all these are great ideas, I don't even want to ask for them - I just don't want the Olympics in Franklin Park!
  - All of the above, really, but these are my top choices
  - any or all of the above would be good
  - Funding to improve public transportation to get to the park
  - And an endowment that is equivalent to the payout for the board members of the IOC
  - Maintenance, patrols, safety improvements, restoration all need more support including the Zoo!
  - It should not happen there
  - NO OLYMPICS
  - I don't want the Olympics in FP. If by some act of Satan Boston 2024 gets their way, a huge amount of money should be dumped into a trust to be used by FP in perpetuity to make improvements, etc as needed.
  - A grant to the Franklin Park Coalition for long term park maintenance
  - Improvements to golf course
  - Nothing is worth it. These are generally far less valuable than what is lost
  - all of the above
  - improved lighting
  - Send lawyers, guns and money
  - A fund to support ongoing maintenance for 5-10 years following the Olympics (mounted police, trail/woodland maintenance)
  - funding for consistent and continued trash removal.
  - Unless there is massive improvements across the board, there is nothing to be gained by allowing Olympics
  - (1)Community input, permission and approval of improvements and (2) Funding for 10-15 years of maintenance and repair of improvements
  - Disc Golf Course and everything and anything you can get from these people.
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Q5 What would it take for you to support Franklin Park as an Olympic venue?

- I support it
- not much would change my mind
- park improvements voted on by public in JP gazette poll. And a public committee in each neighborhood voting on game impact and changes. Etc
- Nothing would make me support the Olympics.
- I will never support this awful idea.
- I fully support it
- improvements for the long term and little to no changes to access or overall design.
- Nothing, I can't be convinced.
- Alot. The recent JP Gazette Article from London was a huge wake-up call. I want commitment that trees will not be cut back or removed, that access will not be cut off except for the duration of the Olympics. I want 'abutters' (e.g. within a mile radius) to have free tickets to the events in the venue - 2 per household. And I want the Franklin Park Coalition to have veto power over any decisions regarding changes/improvements to the park, as I trust their judgment more than any of the Olympic organizers.
- Creation of a fund to maintain the park. No major damage to the park.
- I AM AGAINST THE OLYMPICS COMING TO FRANKLIN PARK.
- I am implacably opposed to Boston hosting the Olympics. Nothing promised could alter my opinion.
- I would be supportive, only if we could be guaranteed that the Park would be improved/cared for related to wildlife/woodlands/zoo.
- A clear plan for use and a clear commitment, in writing, outlining improvements to the park. Perhaps an agreement between Olympic organizers and JP residents on acceptable use/changes/improvements.
- To understand: 1. How preparation for the games would affect public access to the park 2. How the Olympic organizers plan to improve the park for public use after the games
- Specific detailed information about what improvements would be made, who would pay for them, and the timeframe for those improvements. I would also want to know exact timeframe for closures throughout (how long each specific section of the park would be closed - starting when, ending when).
- Getting information and commitments about improvements and addressing possible problems ahead of time.
- Improved public transportation
- a Boston 2024 management team that I trusted and that had public accountability and had a real stake in ensuring that the event was done well and to the benefit of all of Boston.
- Knowing it (and the neighborhood) wouldn't be trashed.
- Not possible
- I support it.
- Legislative, binding guarantees of a fixed plan and sources of private funding.
- If Jesus H. Christ came down from heaven and asked I would still be opposed.
- detailed park improvement plans upfront, before the community signs off. and guarantee that committee would deliver on those improvements. i don't really support boston olympics overall. franklin park improvements would be only silver lining for me for the whole damn thing.
- Specific plans for long-term improvements to the park and/or youth programs and some evidence of those improvements well before the Olympics
- Nothing.
- Up front long-term money for maintaining the park and the zoo.
- Significant improvements to leave Franklin Park far better than when they found it. If they only restore it to current conditions then it is a huge loss for the city since we would be giving up access to our park for a long period of time.
- i already support it.
- I will not
- NOTHING, THIS IS A BAD IDEA AND ALSO NOT A VERY GOOD SURVEY
- Until the city of Boston and the state of MA can show that they can handle the weather, we should not host the Olympics. The past winter saw the breakdown of public transportation,

closing down of schools and major parking and driving issues. Prove that you can handle our every day struggles before you bite off something as big and temporary as the Olympics.

- Infusions of money (and a percentage of corporate profit) directly back to small local community groups. No physical or landscape disturbance and no exclusion of community members for these spaces.
- I would want signage and current paths improved, old trees left undisturbed, no increase in total paved area, funding that would provide for ongoing maintenance after the Olympics were over, and some sort of legal document that would ensure that all promised improvements and funding would actually happen (some entity needs to make a financial guarantee so that the city isn't left on the hook and the park gets any funding that it is promised).
- Richard Davey's salary? Since that isn't going to happen, nothing, I don't want the Olympics in FP.
- It would have to be a good deal for the neighborhood and regular Franklin Park users. I would like to see some major improvements to the park, significant funding for long term maintenance, and guarantees against tree cutting or other damages that can't be reversed.
- No equestrian and no pool! Some sort of guarantee that the park would be better for our community, such as increased money for woodlands restoration and maintenance, trails, etc.
- A more clear plan for the games impact on the park and for their promised improvements
- Know that citizens not stuck for the tab, know that parking and transportation have clear plans and that it will not be a nightmare.
- Creation of a detailed master plan for park restoration. Creation of a funded endowment for the park. And an escrow account to ensure promised improvements to woodlands, pathways, etc. actually occurs.
- A feeling on honest commitment from the city
- A solid plan to keep all Olympic traffic - including pedestrians - out of our neighborhood
- nothing. I am completely against the Olympics coming to Boston
- Some legal binding agreement with Boston 2024 regarding the state of the park after the Olympics. Obviously they will claim that they will leave the park in an improved state, but after the Olympics, I think we'd lose the ability to use the media to put pressure on them to follow through, and the organizers will have already made all of their money so they're less motivated to follow through. I'm not a lawyer, but something like they put money in escrow that they only get back if they don't screw the park or the community. Also, massive clarity on the plans for changing the park. The golf course and certain other areas will definitely get disrupted. I have no concept of how much room is necessary for these events. Finally, is it just the horse events here, or would there also be the running portion of the pentathlon?
- Complete renovation and restoration of the park, for community use.
- The advance funding of restoration of the park and establishment of an endowment to take care of it.
- nothing. i don't support it. i'd like to see Boston 2024 investors' money go to city improvements for the park and the T instead of hosting the Olympic games at all.
- Significant long-term improvements to the park, in terms of both infrastructure and programming.
- I would want legal commitments for the Olympic organizers to make the promised improvements, in a timely manner, and to disrupt the neighborhood as little as possible.

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Q6 If the Olympics are held in Boston in 2024, how likely are you to support using Franklin Park as an event venue?

Very Likely	15.31% - 15
Somewhat Likely	8.16% - 8
On the Fence	23.47% - 23
Somewhat Unlikely	10.20% - 10
Very Unlikely	42.86% - 42

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Q7 Should Boston host the 2024 Summer Olympic & Paralympic Games (the "Games")?

Yes	29.90% - 29
No	70.10% - 68

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Q8 If Boston were to host the 2024 Olympics, should the City commit any public money to support the Games?

Yes	17.53% - 17
No	82.47% - 80

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Q9 If Boston were to host the 2024 Olympics, should the City make any financial guarantees to cover cost overruns for the Games?

Yes	10.42% - 10
No	89.58% - 86

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Q10 If Boston were to host the 2024 Olympics, should the City use its power of eminent domain to take private land on behalf of the Games?

Yes	5.10% - 5
No	94.90% - 93