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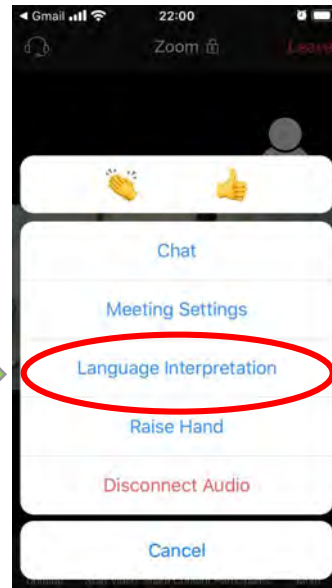
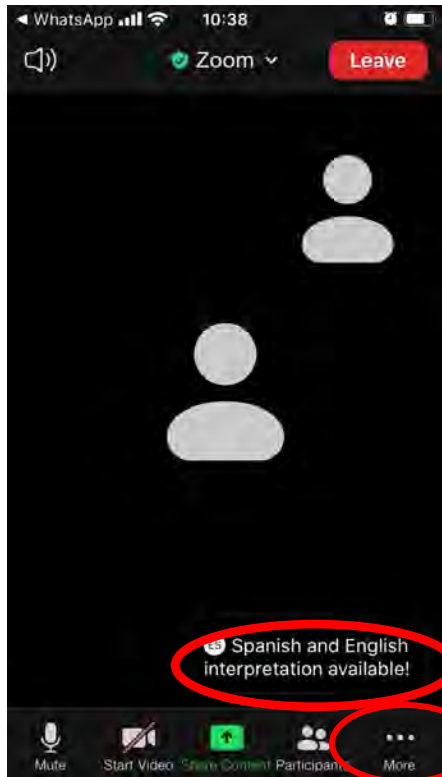
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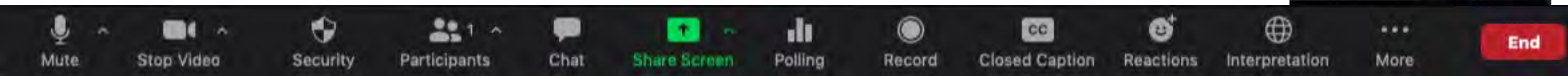
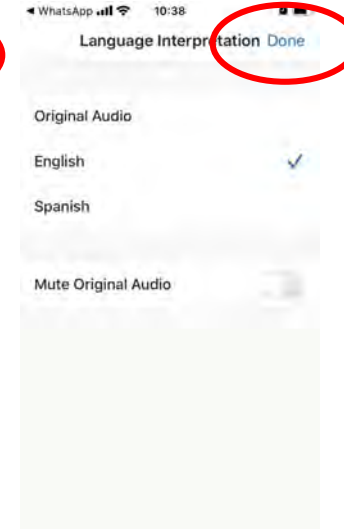
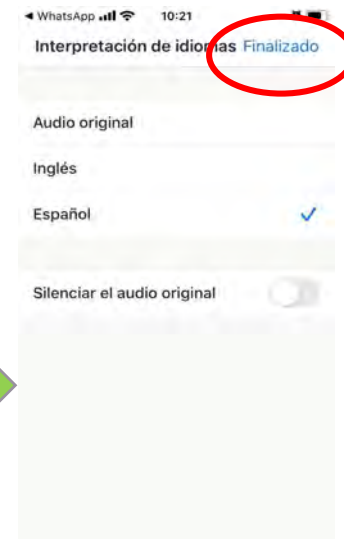
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CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH LIBRARY

Public Meeting #1
April 27, 2021

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An aerial photograph of a city neighborhood, likely Boston, showing a dense grid of residential buildings and streets. A large, light-colored building, possibly a library or institutional building, is visible in the center. The image is used as a background for the presentation slides.

Agenda

1. **PROJECT INTRODUCTION**
2. **PROJECT TEAM**
3. **PROJECT PROCESS & SCHEDULE**
4. **INITIAL LIBRARY ANALYSIS AND THOUGHTS**
5. **RELATIONSHIP TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD**
6. **NEXT STEPS**
7. **YOUR INPUT**

Meeting Format

This meeting includes a oral and visual presentation via zoom and several ways to express your opinions and perspective.

Please stay muted during the presentation, and you'll be able to speak up during Q+A.

If you would like to use the chat, please wait until the Q+A.

We ask that you keep each comment to 2 minutes.

Have A Question?

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Q + A

Click to type
your questions



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Project Introduction



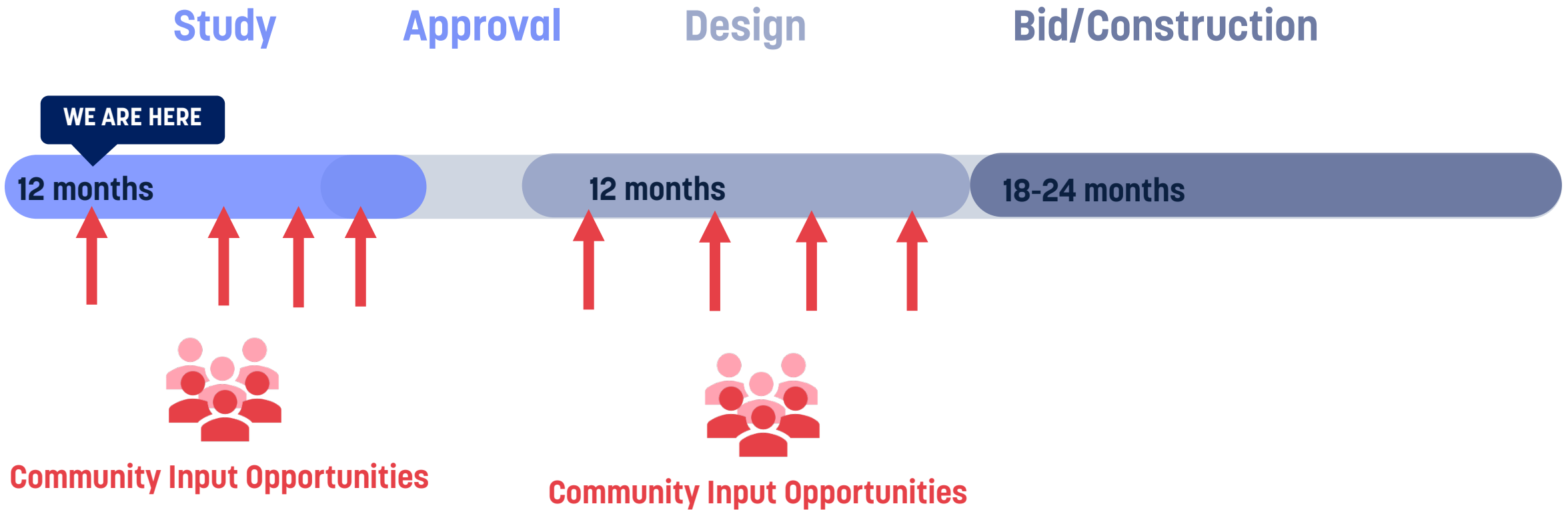
Project Introduction

The City of Boston and Boston Public Library are beginning a study of the Codman Square Branch. This study will collect information about the Branch Library and the community it serves. It will set priorities for library services and design. Finally, it will explore options for renovation, addition, and replacement of the building.

Goals of the Study

- Collect information about the Codman Square branch and the community it serves
- Work with the community to establish program and design priorities
- Develop a library building program
- Assess the existing building and site
- Explore options for renovation, addition, and replacement of the building
- Establish building systems and cost parameters for each option
- After establishing library needs, determine whether it is possible to add housing to the site while meeting all of the library's needs
- Provide recommendations to the City for moving forward with the project

Typical Project Schedule



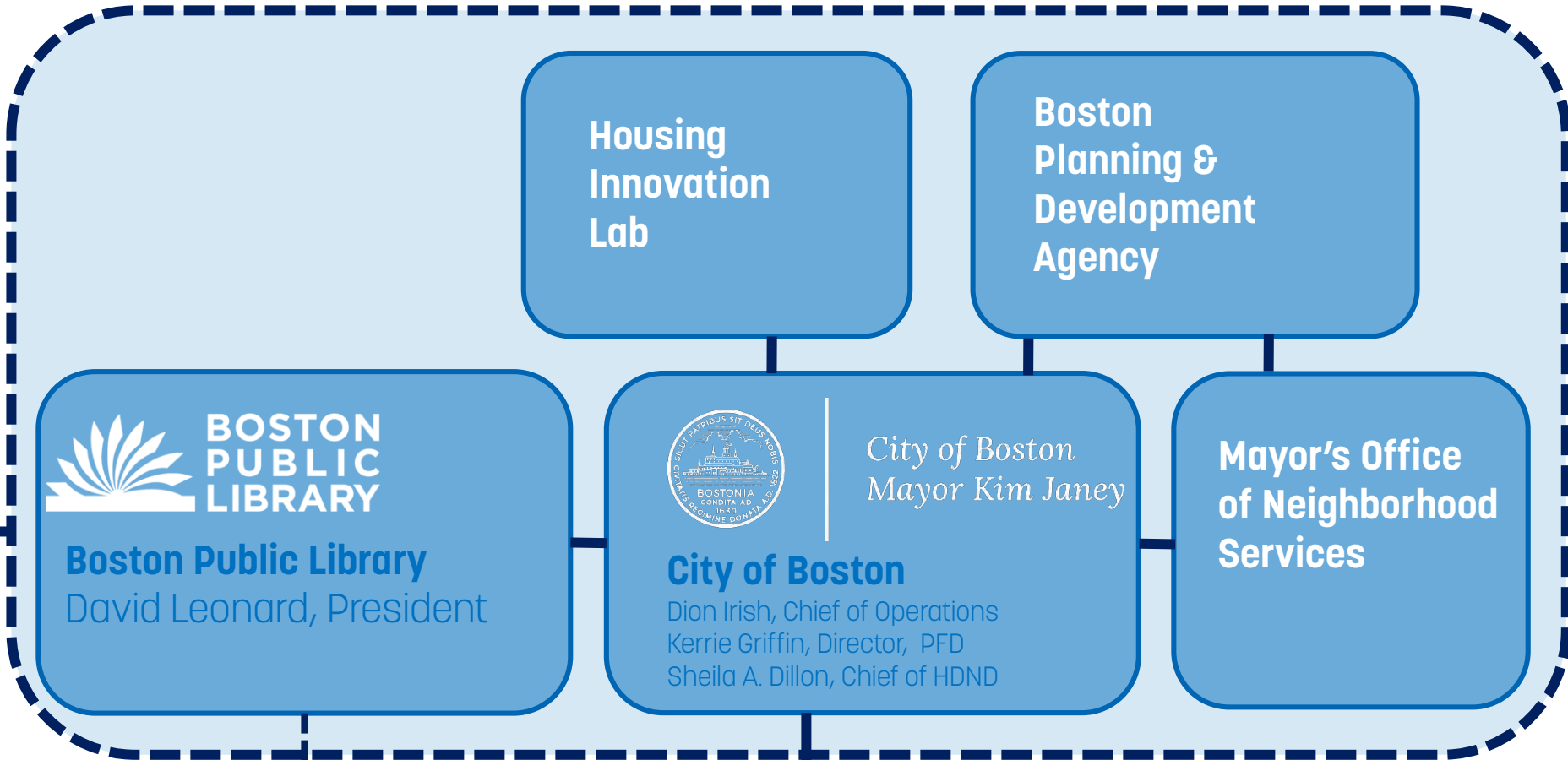
Project Team





Project Team

Codman Square Community



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Planning
Programming
Architecture
Landscape architecture
Urban design

Consultant Team
Civil engineering
HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing
Fire protection engineering
Structural engineering
Code consulting
Sustainable design
Real estate consulting
Cost estimation

We'd like to hear from you throughout the presentation tonight!

*We will be asking a series of questions live.
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As community members, you are part of our team! Tell us your relationship to the Codman Square Branch Library:

Library Staff

City Staff

Neighborhood Resident (This is my local branch)

Neighborhood Professional (I work or go to school nearby)

None of the above (I just happen to be interested in the this project!)

How often do you visit the Codman Square Library?

Every day

A few times per week

A few times per month

A few times per year

Very rarely

I've never been to this branch

Study Schedule

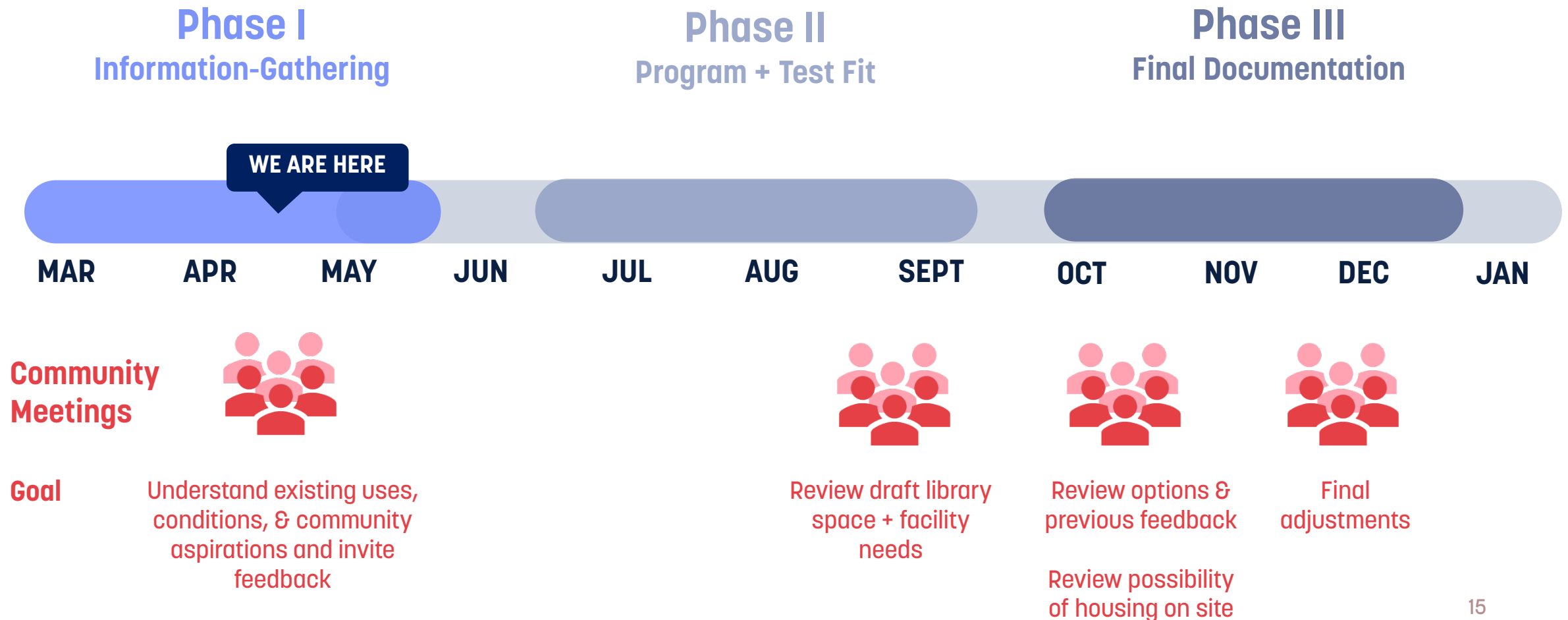
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Study Schedule



Initial Library Analysis & Thoughts

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Codman Square Library Branch



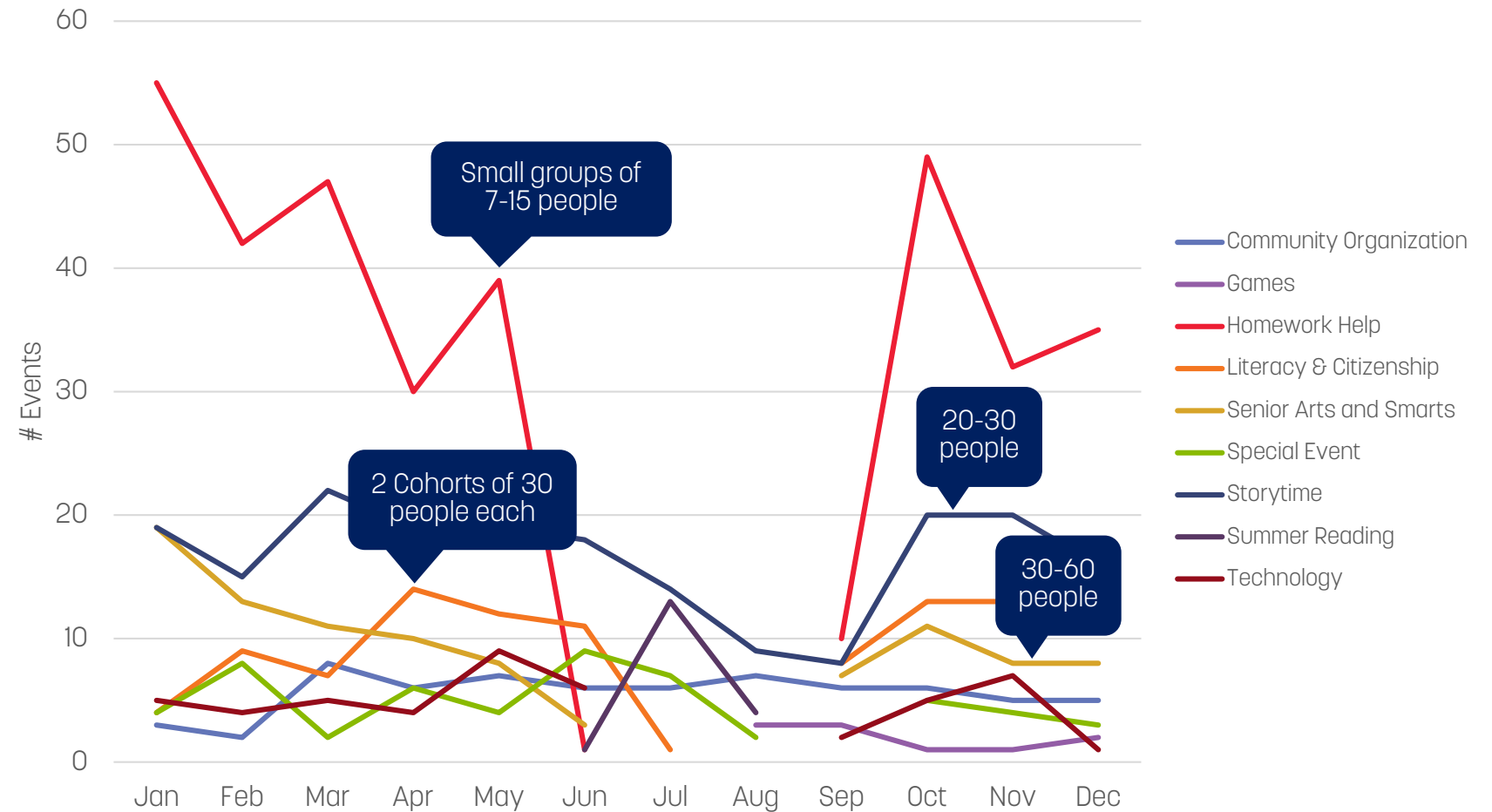
Building Space Needs

- Building Entrances
- Service Desk
- Adult Area & Collections
- Teen Area & Collections
- Children's Area & Collections
- Community Room
- Staff Work Areas
- Restrooms
- Building Services



Library Programs + Events Analysis

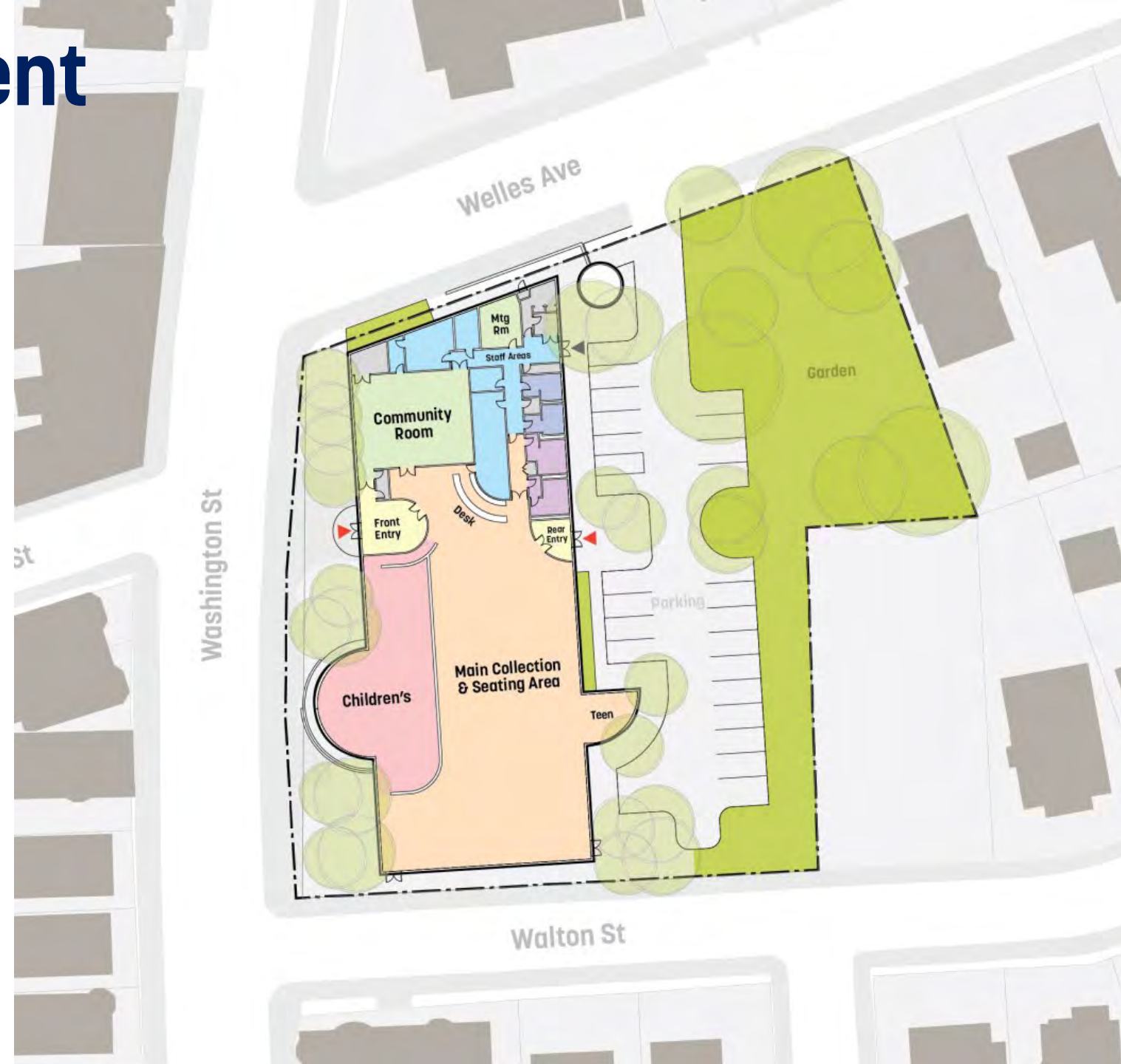
- Many programs and events throughout the day, some concurrent
- This chart is part of our analysis of all scheduled events in the year before the pandemic



Library Events by Type (2018-20)

Building Assessment

- Program & space needs
 - Does each space meet the needs of the library collections, services, and activities that it contains?
- Building systems
 - Heating, cooling, ventilation
 - Electrical, fire alarm,
 - Plumbing, sprinklers
 - Building structure
- Building envelope
 - Walls, windows, roof
- Building security
- Sustainable Design
 - Energy efficiency
 - Embodied carbon
- Accessibility
- Site systems and exterior spaces
 - Sidewalks, green spaces, plantings
 - Drainage and utilities
 - Parking



What is your favorite space in the library?

The Community Room




The Children's Space

The Teen Area




The Outdoor Area

The Stacks

Other



What is one word you would use to describe the Library today?



What improvements would you like to see at the Library?

(Enter a short phrase)

Relationship to the Neighborhood

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The Neighborhood

- 21 Block Groups
- Area of Block Groups:
1.11 Sq Miles
- Total Population:
25,579 (+34% from 2010)
- Population Density:
23,044 People/Sq Mile

- 15-min walk shed Block Groups
- BPDA catchment area Block Groups
- Closest library Block Groups

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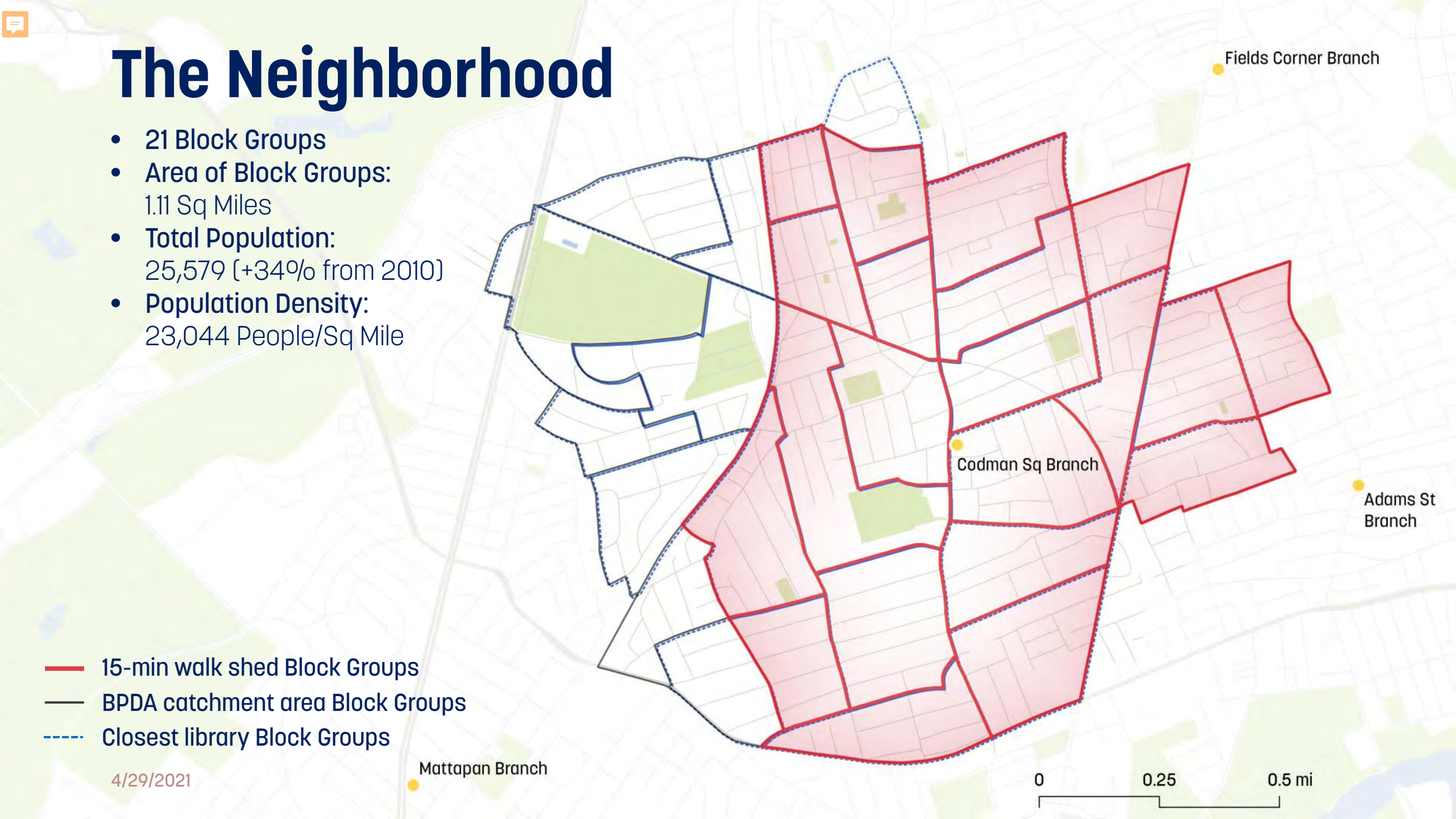
Mattapan Branch

Codman Sq Branch

Fields Corner Branch

Adams St
Branch

0 0.25 0.5 mi



Neighborhood Demographics

Who is living within the Codman Square Library catchment area?

- BIPOC population: Majority Black and Hispanic populations
- Family households with a high percentage of single-mother households
- Families with young children

How has the surrounding neighborhood changed since 2010?

- Increase in total population by over 25%
- Becoming more racially and economically diverse
- Increase in owner-occupied households
- Increase in single-female family households

Neighborhood Character

Open / Green Space

Businesses + Restaurants

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3-4 Story Housing

Quiet Neighborhood Streets

Washington Street

Social Front Yards



What is one word you would use to describe the Codman Square Neighborhood?

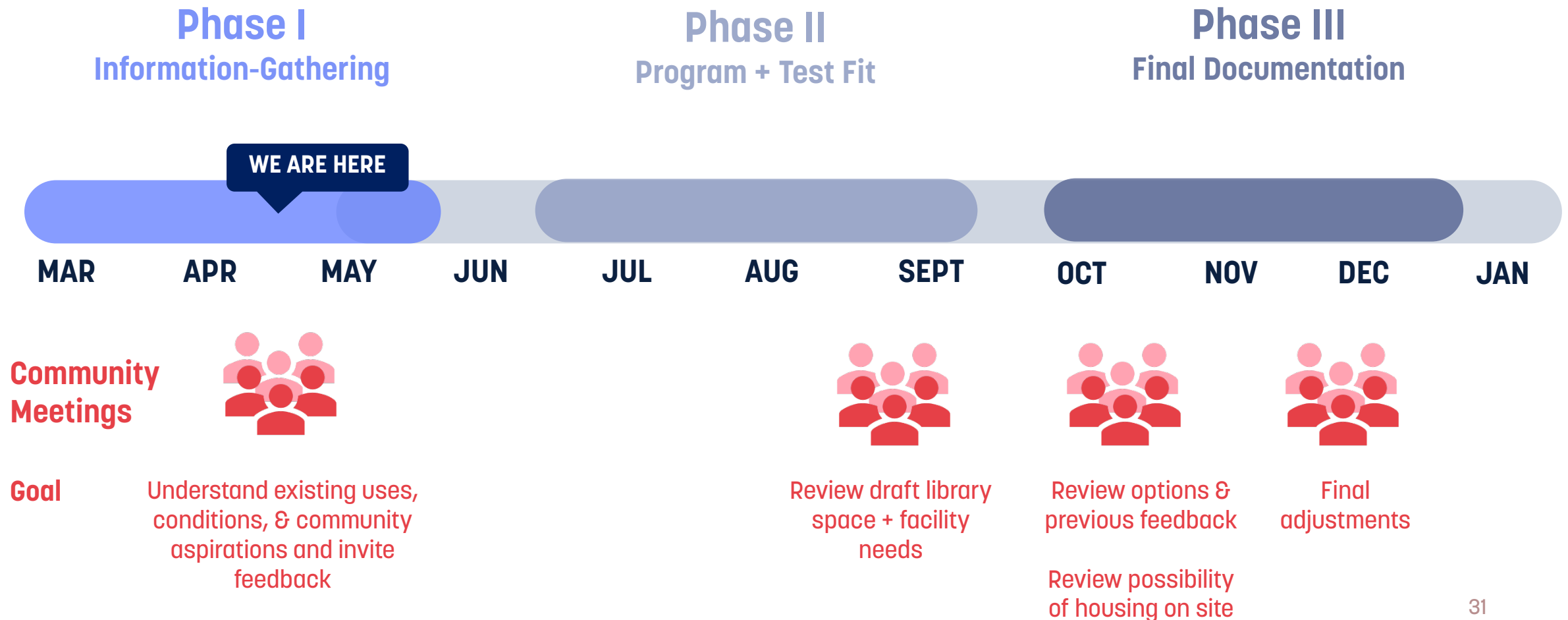


**How should the library contribute to the character of the
Codman Square neighborhood? (Enter a short phrase)**

Next Steps

- Gather feedback
- Develop space program
- Create concept options

Study Schedule



Your Input

We want to hear from you!

Please visit

<https://www.bpl.org/codman-square-project/>

and fill out a survey online or on paper!

Further Feedback?

Please contact Priscilla Foley, Director of Neighborhood Services, Boston Public Library

pfoley@bpl.org

Q & A

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Thank you!

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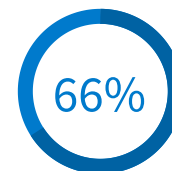
Activities

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Participants

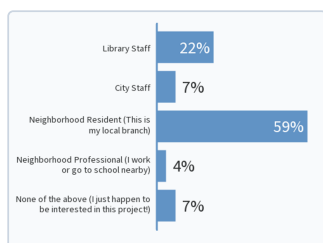
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Average responses



Average engagement

As community members, you are part of our team! Tell us your relationship to the Codman Square Branch Library:



Response options

Count Percentage

Library Staff

6 22%

City Staff

2 7%

Neighborhood Resident (This is my local branch)

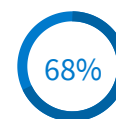
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Neighborhood Professional (I work or go to school nearby)

1 4%

None of the above (I just happen to be interested in this project!)

2 7%

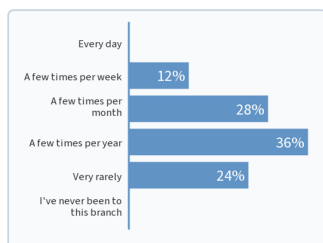


Engagement

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Responses

How often do you visit the Codman Square Library?



Response options

Count Percentage

Every day

0 0%

A few times per week

3 12%

A few times per month

7 28%

A few times per year

9 36%

Very rarely

6 24%

I've never been to this branch

0 0%

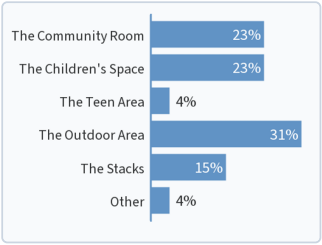


Engagement

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Responses

What is your favorite space in the library?



Response options

The Community Room

The Children's Space

The Teen Area

The Outdoor Area

The Stacks

Other

Count Percentage

6 23%

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1 4%

8 31%

4 15%

1 4%



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Responses

What is one word you would use to describe the Library today?



Responses

bunker settled poor Welcoming

Welcoming unusable spacious boring

community community community lacking

great librarians archaic Bunker potential

outdated Outdated community boring

welcoming safe Outdated Quaint outdated

Spacious helpful basic outdated old

Community confusing old charming Old

helpful lacking 21st century kind staff

opaque Caring outdated Has potential

Outdated welcoming fun Old Enormous

too small Outdated small

Nice but a bit outdated. Imposing needs love

Bare Resource mysterious Tired traditional

Outdated spacious outdated sleepy sad

big Fun Helpful



68%

Engagement

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Responses

What improvements would you like to see at the Library? (Enter a short phrase)

" To remain just a library in this already too dense neighborhood. Community rooms yes. Housing-No. "

" More welcoming to children & families - Children can run out of the area easily, and children are told to keep voices quiet because

Responses

To remain just a library in this already too dense neighborhood. Community rooms yes. Housing-No.

More welcoming to children & families - Children can run out of the area easily, and children are told to keep voices quiet because of the library's open space.

space for community organizations to meet

Outdoor landscaped spaces ONLY if they can be well maintained

Sensory items!!

More nice, safe green space.

events

More green space

more technology updates

graphics that tell the story of the neighborhood and the diverse community that it serves

spaces that can be used without disturbing others

intergenerational space allowing for more creative activities

street front area of building --poorly maintained, not welcoming

fit the historic nature of community

more printing and updated technology

More teen space

comfortable spaces to settle into for reading

updated technology

Maintenance plan

better signage and identification of the various areas

Community garden space

better lighting

Community garden / children's garden



Engagement

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Responses

Responses

Modern, green, vibrant activities

floors for teens, floor for youth, floor for adults

Better technology

community space available in evening hours

Study rooms / meeting rooms

multi use

Greenery

more integrated space

Recently published books- super outdated

Preservation and enhancement of outdoor gardens

More inviting

More community activities

Engagement spaces

more events

More activities, including virtual components even after Covid.

community space room that community can use

Architecture that represents the culture of our community

less bunkerlike

maintain/improve fair foods use

More spaces for teens

improved floor plan for workflow

updated

Wifi access

indoor and outdoor space

multi level and floors for different ages

I like the children's area

More windows

Better front sidewalk...more benches and social space

green building

Larger gardens

physical plant

variety of books in stacks

Responses

Make a brighter space with more books, technology, and community meeting spaces.

updated community space

trees/green space and seating outside

Community meeting room

More activities and resources

less concrete

Interaction

larger

outside space

more dynamic

more teen space and resources

removal of sunken space

Green building

More attractive building

more welcoming and coherent

More community breakout rooms

community meeting room

Visibility to the outdoors

more transparency - I want to be drawn in

computer space

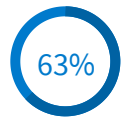
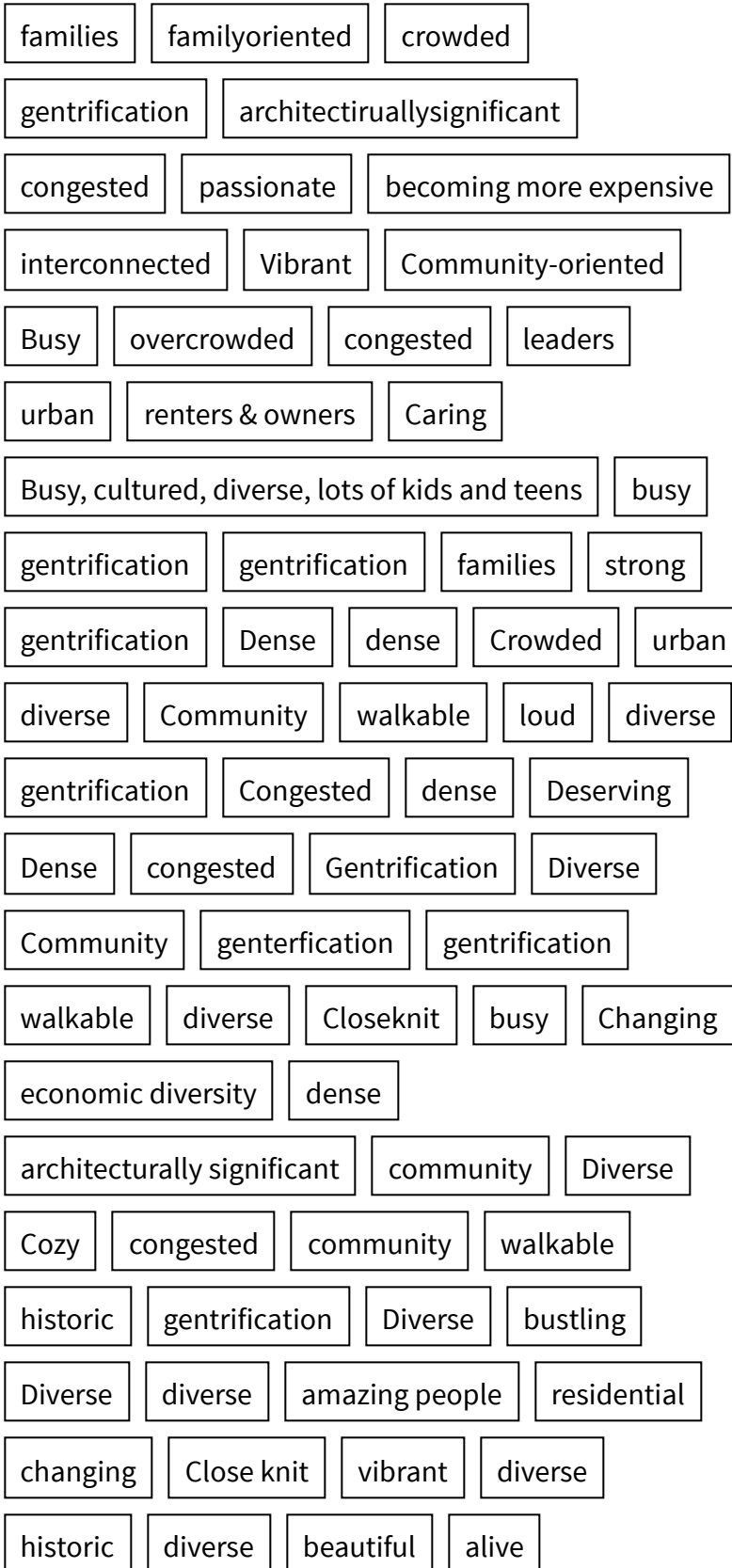
technological

more windows

What is one word you would use to describe the Codman Square Neighborhood?



Responses



Engagement

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Responses

How should the library contribute to the character of the Codman Square neighborhood? (Enter a short phrase)

" Affordable housing, diverse books, dedicated children and teen area, garden area "

" Evening hours to accommodate more residents "

" have multilingual librarians that represent the community "

Responses

Affordable housing, diverse books, dedicated children and teen area, garden area

Evening hours to accommodate more residents

have multilingual librarians that represent the community

A safe space for people of all needs - internet accessibility for those who need it

Free printing to support our low income neighbors

provide resources that people need - wrap around services, business incubation, etc.

Children's space that gives a safe space to read, play, imaginative play, color, gather

Support events and activities that bring the diverse community together

Make it feel safe and secure space for families

Tell history of Codman square

engage neighborhood

increase technological classes

TeenSpace that feels welcoming & engaging & safe

project a more welcoming appearance

Inclusive and safe

One of the last true public places

More useful & maintained & welcoming gardens

skills building/training programs

stay as library and not be multipurpose - no housing within or on top of

Welcoming to nearby schools, daycares, & preschools



Engagement

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Responses

Responses



Maintain historic building feel

Keep quiet atmosphere of traditional library.

Not the existing building, the architecture around it...the building that is there is not a contributor

Hire staff that is more in line with the culture

celebrate longevity of families

More responsive to community needs

Supporting existing community efforts

celebrate BIPOC community residents

Beautify Washington street

Community gathering

decreasing the digital divide

Different celebrations and education on the different cultures in the community

a place for learning

Welcoming

Represent ALL of the diverse residents

promote healthy, sustainable, and walkable neighborhood

Beautiful, books, technology space with nice green space.

welcoming-to-all

community space for gathering

place for teen events

elevate Black & Brown community

sized to fit the neighborhood

resource center

Resource for all community members

be respectful of the architecture of the neighborhood

Responses

provide a public place	hub	community resource
community gathering space		
maintain historic nature of building architecture		
events	A place that is really for all	
Diversity within the library	integrated	
meeting space	support families	
Community resource		
a place where people gather for civic engagement		
shared events		
enhance and advance the neighborhood		
maintain parking	build-community	