



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
February 2024

Public access and enjoyment are a key component of CWDI's community-first approach to *Cambridge Harbor*. As such, we have designed-in free open public spaces that both invite our community in, and engage them to activate their bodies and minds once they do. We are eager to start delivering these public amenities to the community.

Exciting news on this front: The City's Planning Commission approved the Phase I Promenade Concept and Preliminary Design at its February 6th meeting. We will break ground on this in July. This hardscape bike/walk trail will extend from the existing wharf along the waterfront and around the point of land west of the boat ramp. Phase II, currently in final design, will ring the Waterfront Park and connect to other public spaces on *Cambridge Harbor* and beyond to the rest of Cambridge.

As a reminder, the Waterfront Park is open for public use. As we pass from winter into spring, we hope you make yourselves at home there - have a picnic, read a book, fly a kite, throw a frisbee, walk your dog (please clean up after them), or whatever other outdoor activity you enjoy. If you have a larger scale, more organized event that you would like to hold in the park, please reach out to Matt or myself.

Another public space will be the Tree Park and Memorial Garden along Byrn Street. It will preserve Maryland's Champion English Elm tree and its twin, and honor those who dedicated themselves in service to our community while working at the former Dorchester General Hospital. We'll unveil concept plans for this space shortly.

CWDI's planning committee met this month and discussed design plans for the East Gateway Park where Rt. 50 meets Maryland Avenue. We are working with muralist Micheal Rosato to create a new mural installation that incorporates the current mural along with new images highlighting Dorchester heritage. The park itself will have an educational component as well as provide visitors with a jumping off point to explore the rest of the city. Concept plans for this space near completion. We'll share them as soon as they are ready.

Our next Board Meeting is March 20th at 4:00PM in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room (306 High Street). The public is welcome to attend the open session of the meeting.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or topics you would like more information on, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself (Angie.hengst@cwdimd.org), Matt (matt.leonard@cwdimd.org), or any of the board members. We will be happy to chat with you.

Cheers,

Angie