



Community Meeting #2

Henry Hansen Memorial Park

Somerville, MA

AGENDA

- Project Overview & Update
- Review of Community Meeting 1
- Design Elements
- Schematic Design Possibilities
- Questions for Discussion

Tuesday May 1, 2018

PROJECT OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTIONS

City of Somerville

Bryan Bishop, Commissioner of Veterans' Services

CBA Landscape Architects LLC

D.J. Chagnon, Principal-in-Charge & Project Manager

Jessica Choi & Liz Thompson, Staff Landscape Designers

Community Meeting 1 (March 26, 2018): Present history, site analysis, and precedents. Gather community input, and develop wish list to guide Schematic Designs for future meetings.

Community Meeting 2 (May 1, 2018): Present Schematic Design Alternatives based on first meeting input. Community review and discussion, with the goal of developing a final Preferred Design Plan.

Community Meeting 3 (Early June 2018): Present Definitive Design for park construction, including features and site furnishings based on community discussion at Meeting 2. With community input, discuss project budget, bidding process, suggested Alternates, and prioritize strategy to maximize budget.

Design Development (Summer 2018): CBA will further develop and refine Definitive Design.

Funding Application (Fall 2018): City of Somerville will apply for Funding.

Construction Documents (Winter - Spring 2019): CBA will finalize Definitive Design and suggested Alternates into detailed Construction Documents suitable for bidding purposes.

Construction Start (Late Spring - Summer 2019)

To renovate Henry Hansen Park - a small gem of Somerville's park system with an important story to tell in both local and national history.

The new design will honor an important local son and war veteran, Henry ("Hank") Hansen, the national historic event in which he participated, and other Somerville veterans. The park is also intended to provide a calm respite from the surrounding city where visitors can have contact with nature and experience the qualities of the natural landscape.

Key Design Elements

- Quality, Sustainable Materials
- Thoughtful, Interpretive Signage / Features
- 100% ADA Compliance
- Safe and Attractive Entrances
- Imaginative Lighting
- Landscape Plantings
- Low-maintenance Design

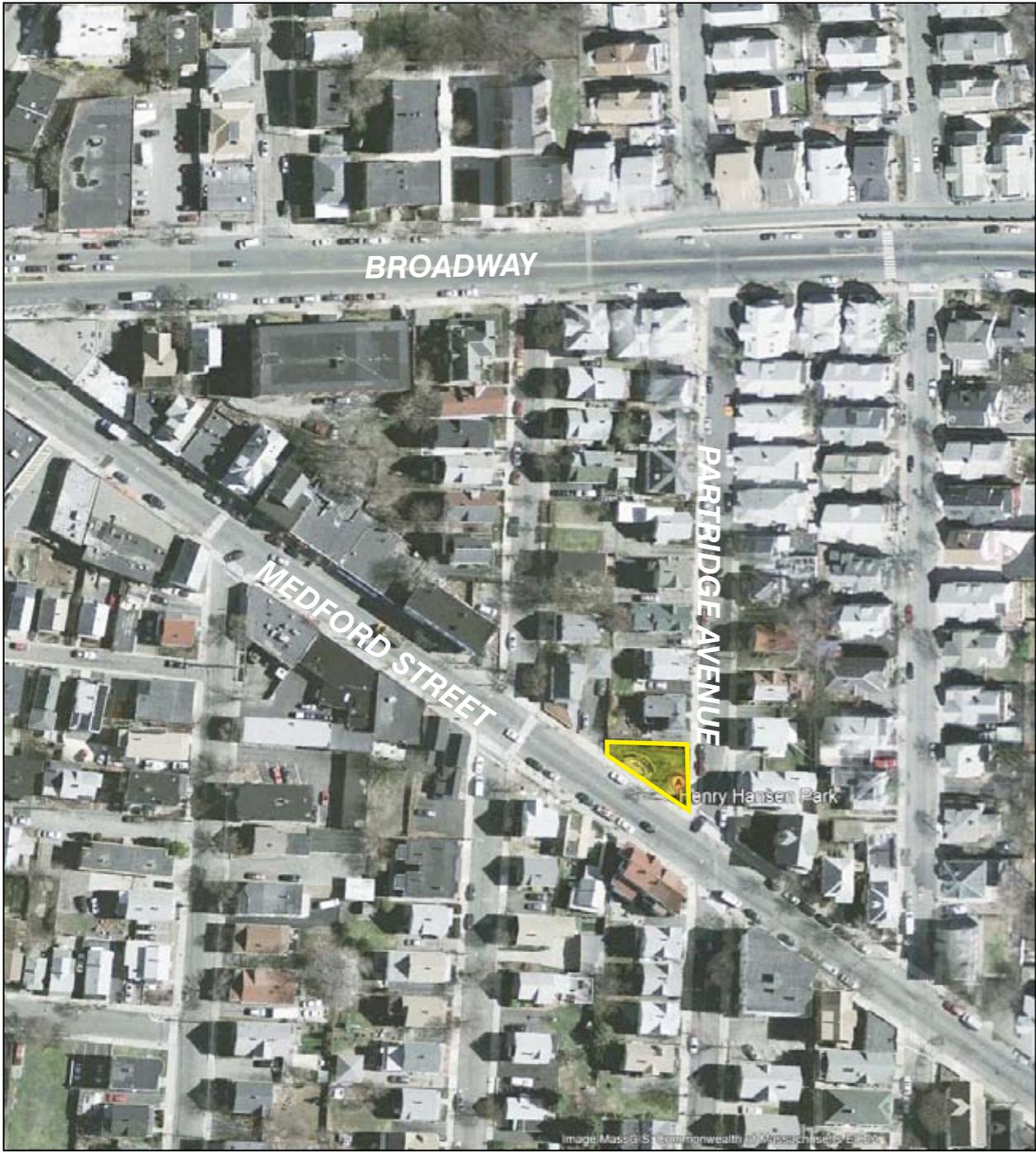
REVIEW OF COMMUNITY MEETING 1



Henry Oliver “Hank” Hansen was born and raised near Magoun Square with one sister and three brothers. He graduated from Somerville High in 1938, and joined the US Marine Corps in 1939.

As Sergeant, he was was one of six members of the combat patrol that climbed, captured, and helped raise the first of two US flags on top of Mt Suribachi on February 23, 1945.

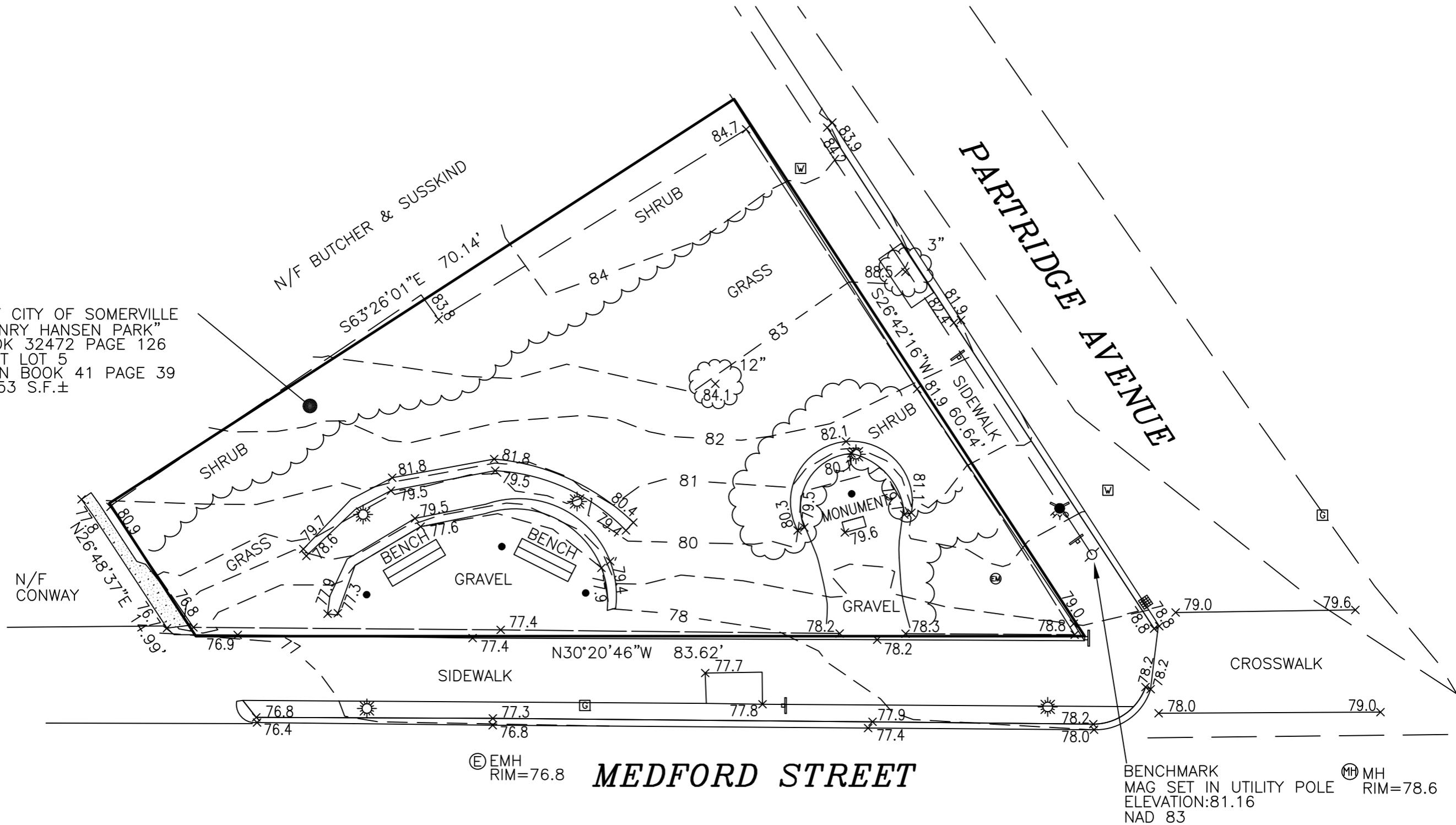
The second flag raising happened shortly after on the same day. Though not featured in this famous photo by Joe Rosenthal, Hansen was there to witness this moment. He died in action during the Battle of Iwo Jima in WWII on March 1, 1945.



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Henry Hansen Park was constructed, honoring a Somerville WWII veteran and serving as a place of pride for the Veterans community. It faced the home of H. Hansen's last remaining relative in the neighborhood.

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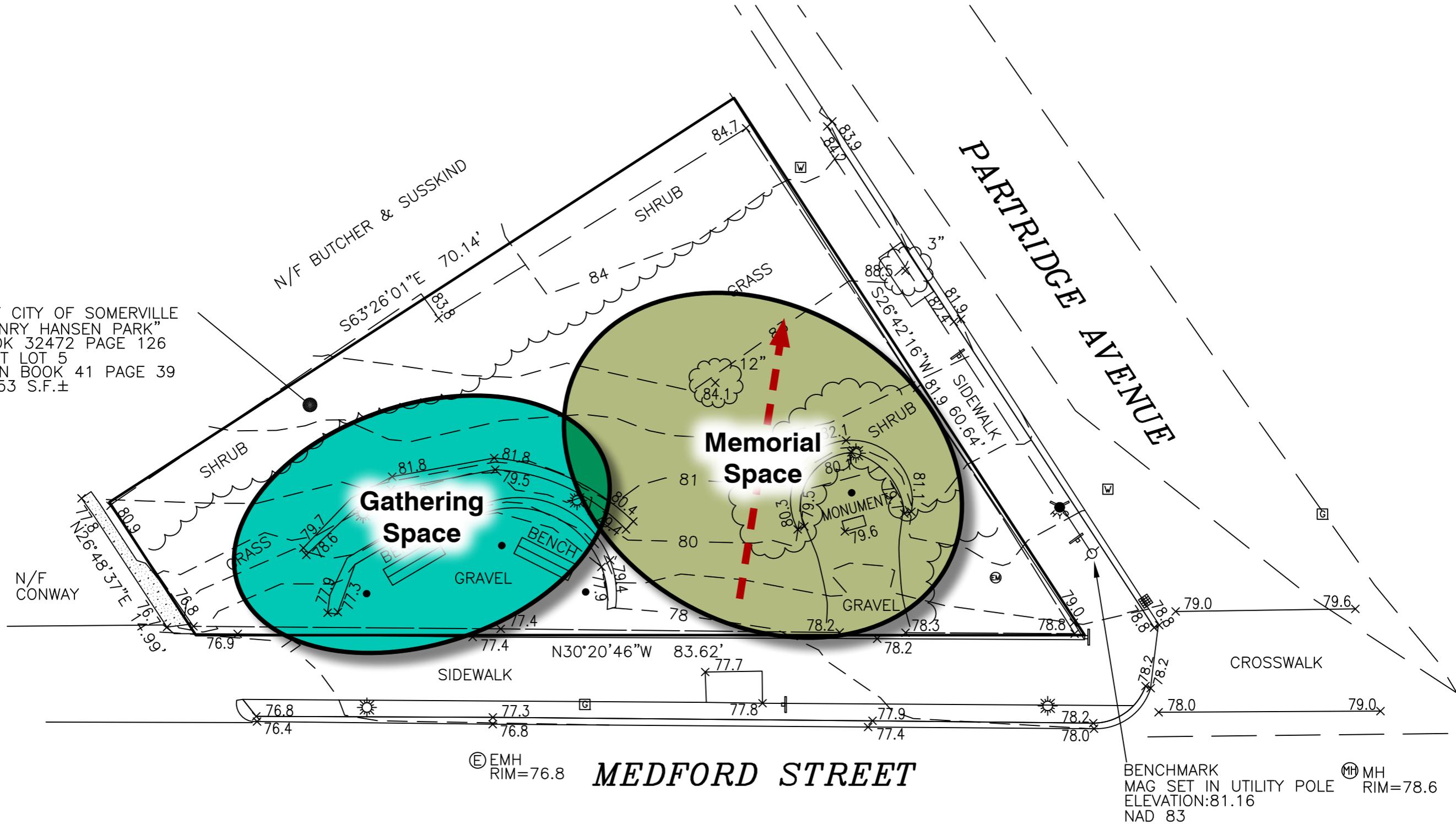


- The fencing along the street sides makes the park feel unwelcoming, but the fence along Partridge Ave. is important as an extra handhold when the sidewalk is icy.
- Fencing on the abutters' sides is important to those abutters and should be kept or replaced.
- Paving materials should be easy to maintain, weed-free, and attractive. There was an interest in permeable paving if feasible and appropriate.
- The existing maple is possibly in decline and casts strong shadows; there are concerns that it has overgrown its space.
- The arborvitae are much taller than necessary - consider pruning or replacing them.
- Both of the street trees are in fairly poor condition.
- Concern about the idea of a water feature, particularly due to rodent issues.
- The site is already used both for school history classes (Winter Hill) and as a recreational space; consider incorporating elements accessible to children, and consider how the space will be played in.
- The current open lawn is nice for picnics; some accommodation of that should be in the design.
- Several neighbors expressed a preference for more traditional materials and memorial features.
- One option mentioned was a portrait bust similar to the one of George Dilboy at City Hall.

DESIGN ELEMENTS

“KIT OF PARTS”

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WALL MATERIALS

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Cast-in-place Concrete



Stepped Stone Blocks



Fieldstone



Decorative Precast Block

PAVING MATERIALS

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Precast Brick-Style Pavers (possibly permeable)



Large-Format Stone or Precast Paving



Exposed Aggregate or Decorative Concrete



... or a combination of materials?

MEMORIAL ELEMENTS

DESIGN ELEMENTS



Photo-Engraved Walls



Vertical Panel Elements



NPS-Style Infographics Panels



Cutout Sculpture (integrated flagpole)



Portrait Busts or Sculpture



Branches of Service Flagpoles

SITE FURNISHINGS

DESIGN ELEMENTS



Somerville Standard Metal Ribbon Furniture



Contemporary Cafe-Style Seating



Stone Block Seating



Linear Benches

LIGHTING OPTIONS

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Accent and Feature Lighting



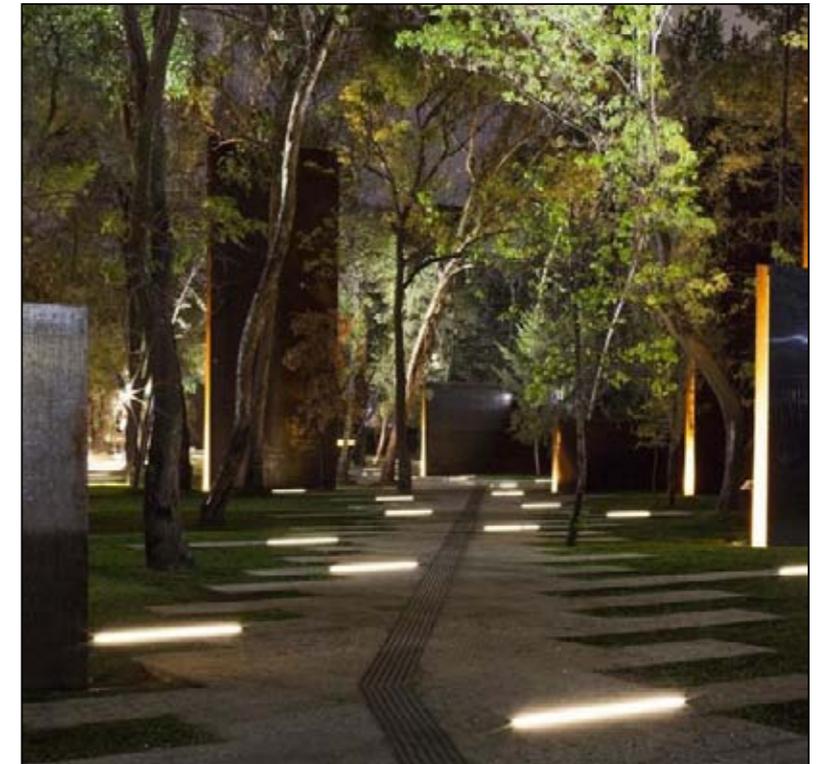
Ribbon Lighting in Walls or Furnishings



Post-Top Pedestrian Lights



Traditional Bollard Lights



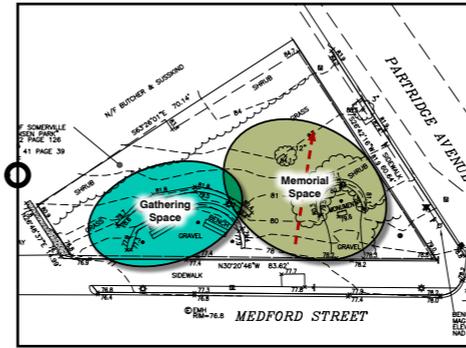
In-Grade Accent/Path Lighting

SCHEMATIC DESIGN POSSIBILITIES

CONCEPT 1 - DESIGN ELEMENTS

SCHEMATIC DESIGNS

Layout: Larger Memorial area, on the right



Design Concept: Curvilinear spaces



Wall Material: Cast concrete walls



Paving: "Brick" with areas of stone or concrete



Memorial Element: Photo-concrete wall and NPS-style infographics panel



Site Furniture: Seat wall and circular tables



Lighting: Ribbon lighting integrated into wall



CONCEPT 1 - SCHEMATIC PLAN

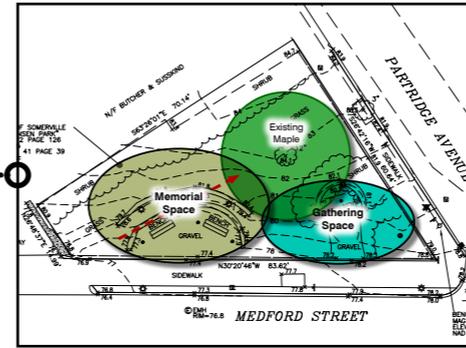
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CONCEPT 2 - DESIGN ELEMENTS

SCHEMATIC DESIGNS

Layout: Maple as backdrop, Memorial on left



Design Concept: Natural materials, stepped blocks



Wall Material: Large staggered granite blocks



Paving: Stone or large-format precast pavers



Memorial Element: Raised elements atop walls; integrate flagpole into flagraising scene



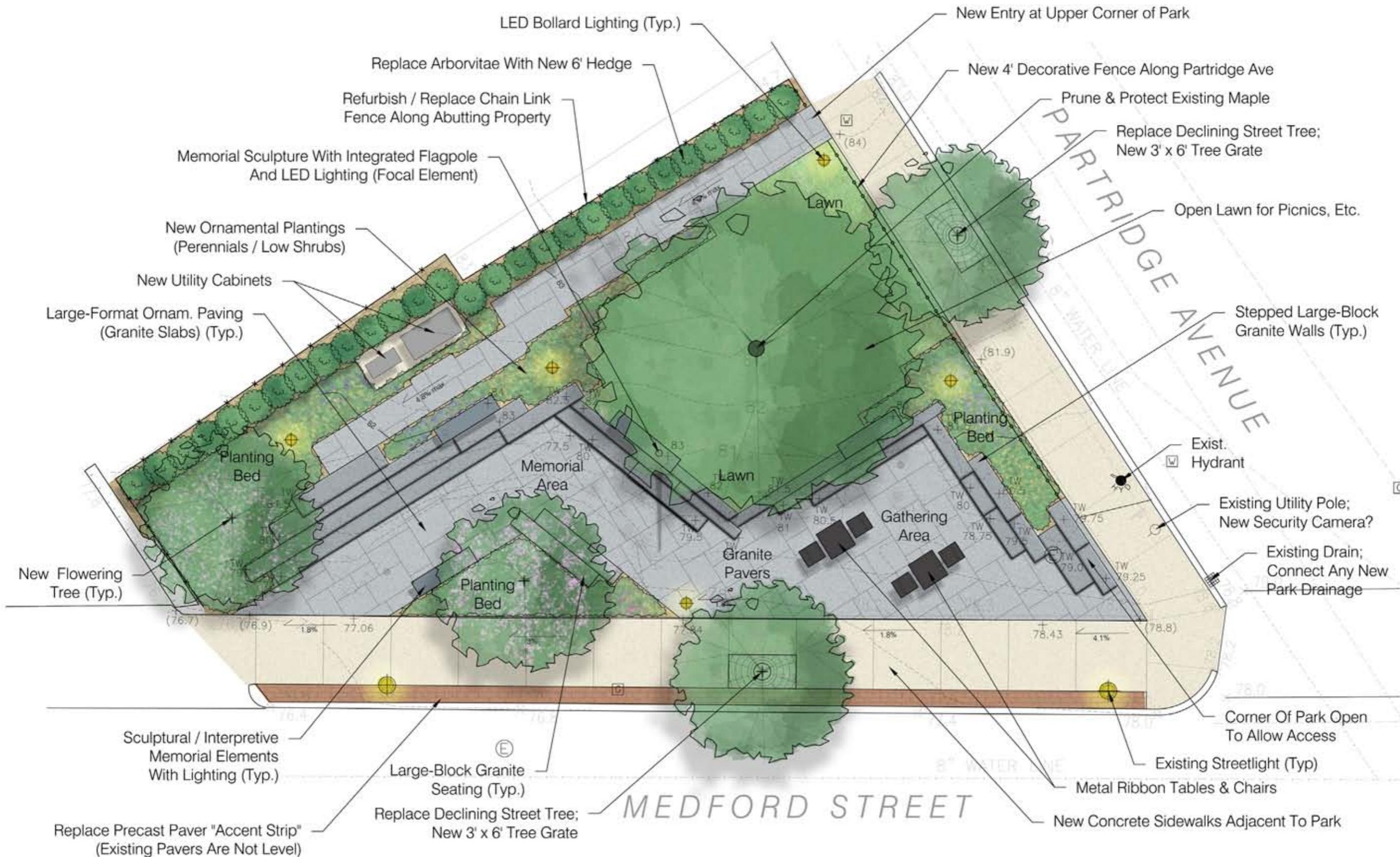
Site Furniture: Traditional metal ribbon style



Lighting: Bollard lighting and accent lights

CONCEPT 2 - SCHEMATIC PLAN

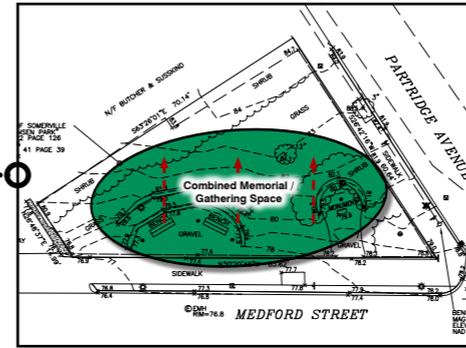
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CONCEPT 3 - DESIGN ELEMENTS

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Layout: Unified single space, transplant maple



Design Concept: Memorial grove, angular space



Wall Material: Fieldstone or decorative precast



Paving: Ornamental concrete w/ accents



Memorial Elements: Vertical info panels, flags for branches of Armed Forces, portrait bust



Site Furniture: Large seat blocks or benches



Lighting: Accent lighting and in-grade lights



CONCEPT 3A - SCHEMATIC PLAN

SCHEMATIC DESIGNS



CONCEPT 3B - SCHEMATIC PLAN

SCHEMATIC DESIGNS



COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

- Which general organization of the space do you prefer?
- Do you have a preference for the overall design style?
- What sort of memorial elements do you find most appropriate to the space and to the memory of Sgt. Hansen (and others if desired)?
- Do you have preferences between the various materials and furnishings choices discussed tonight?
- What is your preference regarding the existing maple - save it and have a smaller space, explore transplanting it, or consider replacing it? How about other plant materials?
- Any other topics or concerns?

OVERVIEW SLIDE

SCHEMATIC DESIGNS



THANK YOU

Other questions, concerns, and ideas? Interested in attending future public meetings and sending more feedback? Please contact:

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