

Community meeting to discuss design plans for Abolition Row Park to be held May 4

The public is invited to a meeting to discuss design plans for a new park planned at the site of two former historic homes at the corner of Spring and Seventh streets in New Bedford, across from the Nathan and Polly Johnson House, home of the New Bedford Historical Society.

On Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at New Bedford Friends Meeting House at 83 Spring Street, plans for Abolition Row Park will be discussed with input from the community. The park, located in a neighborhood known as Abolition Row for its connection with Nathan and Polly Johnson and New Bedford's other leaders in the abolitionist movement, will celebrate interracial and intercultural collaboration.

The discussion will be led by COGDesign of Cambridge, a firm that has been engaged to create the Master Plan for the site. Designers will walk the attendees through the park plans and address questions from the community.

Development of the park is a collaborative effort between the City of New Bedford and the New Bedford Historical Society, along with other local partners.