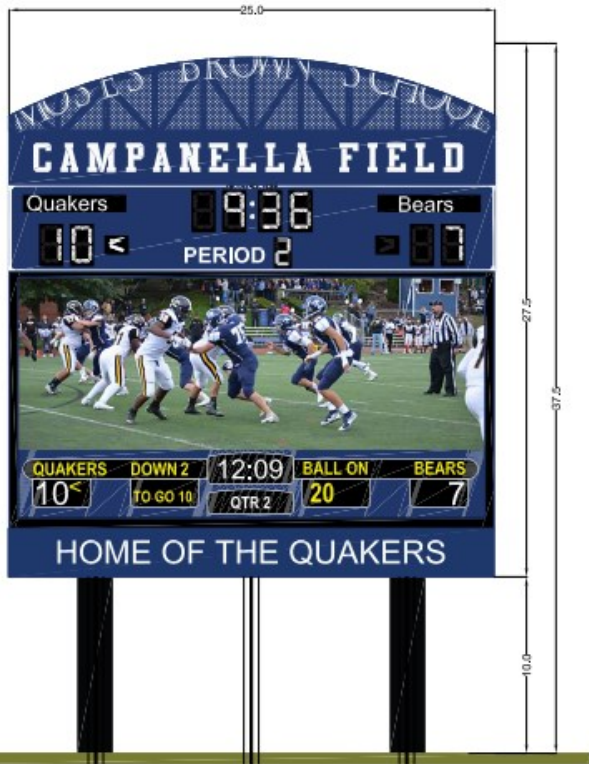


Providence City Plan Commission

October 11, 2022



AGENDA ITEM 2 ■ MOSES BROWN SCHOOL



Proposed scoreboard



Aerial view of the site

OVERVIEW

OWNER/ APPLICANT:	Moses Brown School	PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	The applicant is requesting to amend the campus plan for development to make updates to the athletic facilities including replacement of the scoreboard and public address system.
CASE NO./ PROJECT TYPE:	2022-11 DPR	RECOMMENDATION:	Approval of the development plan amendment
PROJECT LOCATION:	250 Lloyd Ave AP 11 Lots 132 and 48	PROJECT PLANNER:	Choyon Manjrekar
NEIGHBORHOOD:	College Hill		



Renderings of proposed changes

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The subject amendment has been requested to update the scoreboard and public address system on it’s athletic fields. The scoreboard will have the ability to provide video and other images. Information on updates to other facilities is also included. The amendment does not include any plans for lighting.

ANALYSIS AND IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL ISSUES

Use

The subject property is currently zoned R-1 where primary and secondary schools, including athletic facilities with scoreboards are permitted by right.

Dimensions and design

Per Section 1607.P of the ordinance, scoreboards

are permitted to use an electronic message component to display scores. Video components that display the game and other messages are not currently permitted by the ordinance. However, an amendment to the ordinance is under review that would allow for video displays on recreational fields, and requires that scoreboards be oriented toward the field of play.

A video component may be installed, but its operation is contingent on the amendment of the ordinance.

The applicant is proposing to locate the scoreboard in the northeast portion of the field, with the display oriented toward the field and the rear facing Weymouth Street. Based on plans provided, the sign will be approximately 37.5’ tall and 25’ wide with a video display located between digital information related to the game.

The applicant is proposing to develop a tree planting plan to further screen the board from the surroundings. The scoreboard will not produce any sound, but public address will be conducted from a central sound system located in the press box and will meet City noise ordinances for residential areas.

It appears that the video scoreboard will conform to the requirements of the amended ordinance, but it is not permitted under the current ordinance. Operation of the video on the scoreboard requires that the ordinance be amended, and the applicant demonstrating that its operation will have a minimal effect on the surroundings.

In addition to the scoreboard, the applicant has made other improvements to the playing field including renovation of the playground, a new press box and outdoor seating. Resurfacing of the turf field is also planned. None of these changes require a master plan amendment.

FINDINGS

Based on the foregoing discussion, it is the DPD's opinion that the applicant has satisfactorily demonstrated compliance with the requirements outlined in Section 1202.M of the zoning ordinance pertaining to Development Plan Review for Primary or Secondary Educational Facilities. Approval of this amendment does not include any approvals for site lighting, which requires a separate amendment application.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the foregoing discussion the CPC should approve the master plan amendment subject to the following condition:

Operation of the video component of the scoreboard shall not be permitted until the ordinance is amended to allow for video displays.