

Charlotte Forten Memorial Project

Submitted Questions Answered - June 20, 2023

1. Are there multiple entrances to the park?

Response: Yes, the park can be accessed from Derby Street at the front of the park and the Harbor Walk at the rear of the park. However, most foot traffic accesses/approaches the park from Derby Street.

2. Have any artifacts of Ms. Forten-Grimke's life survived in addition to her diaries, for example clothing, jewelry, furniture, letters, etc. If so, could there be access to these items?

Response: Some items/artifacts from Charlotte's life are on view in the Charlotte Forten Room at Salem State University, located on North Campus in Meier Hall 316B. These are not owned by the City of Salem. Viewings of this space are allowed. Please email Nate Bryant at Salem State University directly to make arrangements to view the room and the artifacts contained within at nate.bryant@salemstate.edu.

3. Does the park close at night? Will there be a need for special lighting after dark? If so, would this be part of the artist's budget?

Response: Technically all City parks close at dusk, but access is not shut off. The public can enter the park at any time of day, however loitering between dusk and dawn is discouraged. There are no requirements for special lighting of the sculpture after dark. If the artists choose to propose lighting as part of their project that is acceptable. The cost of lighting would be part of the artist's budget.

4. Has the placement of the shade structure been decided or does that depend on the site of the sculpture installation?

Response: The areas marked in orange on the map of the park provided with the Call for Artists show where you should consider installing the sculpture, so that it is not impacted by the shade structure. Additionally, the nuances of placement of the sculpture will be negotiated with the final selected artist once one has been identified in Phase 2 of the process. Exact location is not critical at this stage.

5. Is a recording of the Artist FAQ session available?

Response: Yes, it can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/837967722?share=copy>