

Next Step of Sidewalk Witness

Parallel Reality

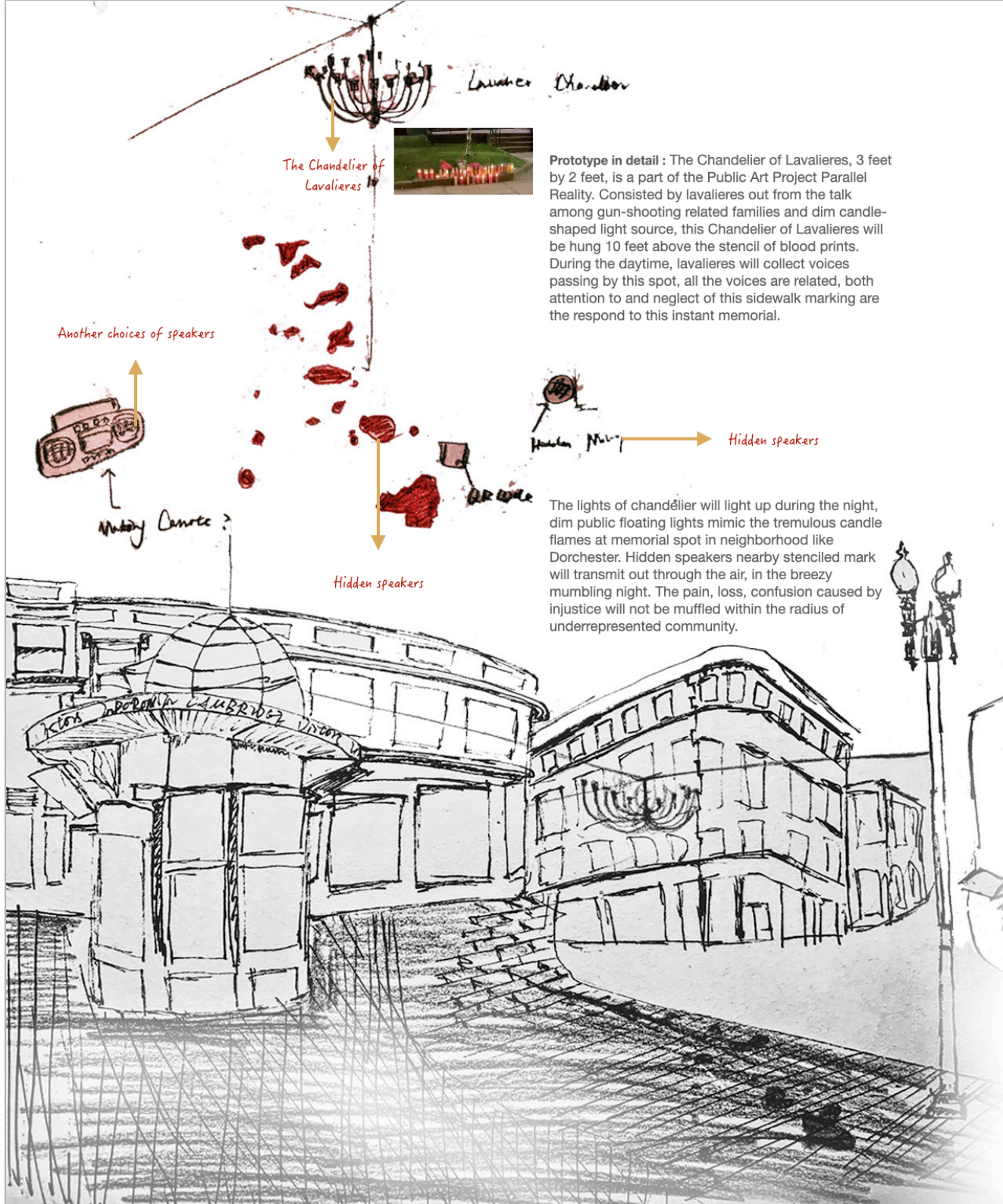
Parallel Reality is the action to spread the injustice in the marginalized community to the outside of the world. We seek to develop new ways to memorialize at a local level and raise awareness among the greater community.

The pilot project of *Parallel Reality - Sidewalk Witness*, happened when the woman bled to death from bullet wounds shortly after 9 pm on Saturday, September 25th, 2021. In a community such as Dorchester, MA, many of these murders are memorialized at the neighborhood site with candles, teddy bears, and stories that are carefully, painfully, urgently placed to create an instant memorial. However, awareness of these traumatizing neighborhood incidents often starts and stops right there, in the neighborhoods... not reported in Boston newspapers, TV, or radio (except as statistically noted in the daily Boston Police Crime Incident Reports).

Project Prototype

Public talk and gathering will be the first session of the action. To provide therapeutic time to the victims' families, sharing deep wounded feelings will strengthen the unit power inside the community while catching the attention from the outside. The Reaching Out talk will be recorded with the permission of the attendees.

Combining the stencil shapes of blood prints with audio collected from the public talk by every natural single person who has had gun shooting experience or reflection, this sidewalk transmissive installation will show up in Cambridge, Allston, Boston, and other cities as a public art project serving as a memorial alter, education spot, and a floating audiobook archiving the true stories from the underrepresented communities.



Prototype in detail : The Chandelier of Lavalieres, 3 feet by 2 feet, is a part of the Public Art Project Parallel Reality. Consisted by lavalieres out from the talk among gun-shooting related families and dim candle-shaped light source, this Chandelier of Lavalieres will be hung 10 feet above the stencil of blood prints. During the daytime, lavalieres will collect voices passing by this spot, all the voices are related, both attention to and neglect of this sidewalk marking are the respond to this instant memorial.

The lights of chandélier will light up during the night, dim public floating lights mimic the tremulous candle flames at memorial spot in neighborhood like Dorchester. Hidden speakers nearby stenciled mark will transmit out through the air, in the breezy mumbling night. The pain, loss, confusion caused by injustice will not be muffled within the radius of underrepresented community.