

# 3550 Commonwealth Ave

## Improvement Recommendations

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### 1 Install plaza with game tables and seat wall

This plan recommends constructing a plaza on the corner of Reed and Commonwealth. Along the edge of the plaza would be a seating wall with built-in game tables and secured chairs. The plaza will serve as a community gathering spot, visible from all sides. Game pieces, such as dominos, chess, and checkers, could be checked out from Cora Kelly Recreation Center, creating a connection between the two facilities. Trees along the edges would provide shade for the seating.

### 2 Retain the two landscape gardens at the corner of the Park

When the City acquired this Park in 2009, a community group volunteered their services to create and maintain two gardens on the corner of Reed and Commonwealth. This plan recommends retaining the site and adding irrigation to them.

### 3 Add a park sign to create a defined entrance

A formal sign would define the entrance and recognize the site as a recreational space. The sign would be most visible along Commonwealth Avenue.

### 4 Plant trees along Commonwealth Avenue

Planting trees along Commonwealth Avenue will provide shade and define the edge of the Park. The trees should be limbed up to 5 feet to allow clear visibility into the Park.

### 5 Convert maintenance path into formal entrance

The former site's driveway is now used as a maintenance path for the park, however the asphalt abruptly ends after about 20 feet into the park. This plan recommends this as a location for a Park entrance with a sign and a path connecting to the Plaza. It also recommends removing the evergreen trees along Reed Street which currently block the view into the park.

### 6 Create shaded play areas

This plan recommends creating four spaces with trees and interactive and/or climbing features. Each of the four spaces may be designed with a different play element, such as a hammock, boulder, movable bench (such as a joggle board), or climbing sculpture. The features are meant to be used by both children and adults to encourage all ages to use the site and move around to different stations.

### 7 Create unprogrammed play space by re-grading and installing irrigation in the center green space

The center of this park is currently wide open, however, it is not in the condition for recreational use. Re-grading the open area and installing irrigation will provide an open lawn for a variety of active and passive uses. Programmed sports would not be permitted here in order to maintain the grass for more universal use by the community. The park will remain unfenced.

