**Improvement Recommendations**

**Add a park welcome sign**
Add a park welcome sign to meet the City’s wayfinding standards and invite park users into the park.

**Provide benches**
Community feedback indicated a need for benches in the park. Install benches near Commonwealth Avenue and along the back edge of the park to create a social spot for park users of all ages to relax.

**Install a path connection through the park**
Install a path through the park to connect the sidewalks along Braddock Road and Commonwealth Avenue through an additional trail connection. This pathway would provide an accessible way to access and experience the park.

**Plant shrubs and native plants**
Planting shrubs and native plants around the perimeter of the park will help define the edges of the park and create a natural boundary to the park border. The native plants will also provide an area for natural habitat within a largely urban setting.

**Install a vegetated swale to capture water draining through the park**
The park drains east to west and there is a storm drain in the southeast corner of the park. A vegetated swale planted with shrubs and grasses will serve as a basin to capture and then adsorb rain water. The existing storm drain may be used as an overflow in the event of heavy rains. Any drainage improvements will be coordinated with the adjacent neighbors.

**Re-examine the dog area location through updating the Dog Park Master Plan**
There is community interest in a fenced dog area at Braddock & Commonwealth Park, however, the Dog Park Master Plan states that a fenced dog area must be a minimum of ½ acre and 50 ft. from a residential property. It is not possible to meet these requirements in this park. An update to the Citywide Dog Park Master Plan (developed in 2000) will re-evaluate the dog area criteria described above and whether this is an appropriate location.

**Install naturalistic parkour/exercise equipment**
Community feedback indicated a desire to use this park for exercise opportunities. Install naturalistic parkour and/or exercise equipment along the new path through the park.