

Chambliss Park

Improvement Recommendations

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1 Construct nature trail

A new soft surface nature trail, beginning at Chambliss and Fillmore would bring park users through the park, connecting to a pathway system. Benches along the trail near the play equipment would provide quiet seating areas.

2 Install play features and remove unfenced dog area

While the John Adams School playground is a short distance from this area of Chambliss Park, it is up a hill, making it inaccessible, and not available to non-school aged children during school hours. This plan recommends small play areas scattered along a new pathway. Some of the features would cater towards non-school age children and would include a nature-based theme to fit within the surrounding environment. This would replace the unfenced dog area, which is rarely used for its intended purpose. Removal of the unfenced dog area requires an amendment to the City's Dog Park Master Plan.

3 Reconfigure the existing east-west pathway

The current path connecting Chambliss to John Adams School is in poor condition. Sharp angles create areas that are out of view. To increase visibility and safety, this plan recommends reconfiguring the path slightly north. The path will also require a switchback down the hill to be Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

4 Install bike racks

Bike racks will be added to the parking lot entrance and can be useful for cyclists using the adjacent entrance to the Holmes Run Valley Stream bike trail.

5 Convert the parking lot to an unfenced dog park with landscape barrier along the street and Resource Protection Area (RPA)

The existing parking lot is under used as there is street parking along the park on Chambliss St. There is community support for a fenced dog area in Chambliss Park, however, the Dog Park Master Plan stipulates that fenced dog areas must be 1/2 acre, 50 ft. from a residential property, and 60 ft. from any stream bed or water source. The only area of the park that meets these size requirements is area shown in recommendation #1, however, it would fill the entire area. Staff does not support such a highly dedicated park use in a location with passive and natural character. Instead, this plan recommends an unfenced dog area at the parking lot with a landscape barrier to prevent dogs from running into the RPA and street.

6 Create park entrance and trail from Scott Street

Park users have created a desire line and opening in the woods from Scott Street to the park. This indicates the need to formally establish this as a trail. The park entrance would include a refinished wooden fence at the dead end of Scott Street, a park sign, and a soft surface nature trail. This trail would provide improved access for students and their parents to walk to John Adams School through the park.

7 Convert the John Adams School parking lot to play fields

The draft 2015 Long-Range Educational Facilities Plan proposes a school addition and parking lot in the current location of the school's playground, concurrent with the implementation of the road network outlined in the Beauregard Small Area Plan. As a result, a play area and play fields would be established in the location of the existing parking lot. The Chambliss Neighborhood Park Plan supports this proposal as it creates a more cohesive recreation area.

