

Hume Springs Park

Improvement Recommendations

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1 Renovate playground

The existing playground is outdated and does not meet the community needs, particularly for non-school aged children that cannot use the Cora Kelly playground during the day. A renovated playground will include more natural features that promote imaginative play and exploration.

2 Replace the fence and enhance entrance

Currently, the park is surrounded by a 12 foot high chain link fence. While originally installed to address safety concerns in the past, the fence today serves as a physical, visual, and social barrier to the park. This plan recommends replacing the fence with a 4 foot black picket fence. The fence will prevent children from running into the street, but will not be a defining characteristic of the park, as the existing fence is today.

3 Install outdoor fitness equipment

There is a desire for outdoor fitness equipment throughout the city. Providing the fixtures in this park will create a destination for a diversity of park users, ranging in age, and promote fitness and health. While there are currently two pull up bars in the playground, the new features will be separated from the child-oriented area within the park.

4 Transform asphalt into painted stroller parking area

The asphalt area, currently an eyesore, will be painted and designated as a stroller parking area. Bright colors will add cheerfulness to the site. It will remain a flat hardscape so that it can continue to be used as event space for neighborhood gatherings.

5 Provide rain gardens

There are two covered drains in the Park that often collect debris and have standing water surrounding them after rain events. This often creates mosquito breeding areas. Creating rain gardens around these drains will provide a better system to address water and be attractive planted areas.

6 Create shaded social seating areas

This plan recommends installing round tables to provide places to relax, picnic, and socialize. They can also be used as seating for neighborhood events.

7 Provide butterfly garden

A butterfly garden near the playground will be visually pleasing and provide an area for natural habitat within a largely urban setting. A small path system through the garden will encourage children to interact with nature.



Note: The City has partnered with RunningBrooke to fund this Playground renovation within the next year. As a result, the City and Organization have developed the Park Conceptual Plan in greater detail than other Neighborhood Park Plans.