Lynhaven Park

History and Character
Lynhaven Park is located at 5 East Reed Avenue in the Lynhaven neighborhood. There are no documented historic sites within the park.

The park is 0.25 acres and features a large playground and sitting area. The Lynhaven Civic Association has adopted the park. The playground features standard equipment and swings for children ages 5-12 years old. The playground is well used by children in the neighborhood.

In 2017, staff replaced a 10-foot chain link fence surrounding the park with a more appropriate for a playground 4-foot chain link fence.

Existing Conditions Map

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Community Feedback

In Fall 2018, staff collected community feedback to understand how the park is used and how it could be improved in the future. The following information summarizes what we heard through an online survey and community workshop. Over 400 people responded to the survey in total, 14 of which were specific to Lynhaven Park. Staff used the collected information to develop the draft park plans.

In 10 years, I would like this Park to...
(Top 3 rankings shown, based on a weighted score)

1. Be a safe place for children to explore
2. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
3. Provide educational opportunities

The image above is an example of a traffic garden. A traffic garden is a miniature roadway made up of small sized streets where children can learn and play. Traffic gardens are large enough for children to use bicycles and scooters, and provide an environment that is safe and away from cars.
In the summer of 2019 RPCA staff collected community feedback on the draft recommendations for improving this pocket park. The following information summarizes what was heard through online surveys and community feedback (see appendix for full results). Over 700 responses were collected in total, 15 of which were specific to Lynhaven Park.

Based on information from the summer input phase, staff updated the plan to best represent current and future community needs. Lynhaven Park had some of the most dramatic changes after the draft plan was reviewed by internal staff, specifically for park maintenance and playground design. For example, the park has been reconfigured creating two maintenance entrance, providing staff easier access to the park. Another change made, is the addition of a seating area outside the playground allowing users of all ages access and use of the park. To improve the walkability and connectivity to the adjoining neighborhoods, the Wilson Avenue and East Reed Avenue crosswalks was added to the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services’ Safe Routes to School list.
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Improvement Recommendations

1. **Plant trees around the park**
   Plant trees in the grass area outside of the fence along Reed Avenue and the alley to provide shade inside the playground without taking space from the playground area.

2. **Add a park welcome sign**
   Add a park welcome sign to meet the City standard and invite park users into the park.

3. **Install a stroller parking area**
   Convert the flat hardscape area near the entrance to the park along Wilson Avenue and designate as stroller parking area.

4. **Renovate playground and provide equipment for multiple age groups**
   The current playground is outdated standard playground equipment, mainly focused on ages 5-12. Community feedback indicated that there is a need for additional structures that interest multiple ages and promote more imaginative play. Include regrading, additional landscaping, and a shade structure over the playground during the playground renovation.

5. **Install bike parking**
   Install bike parking to encourage access the site by bike.

6. **Create shaded social seating areas**
   Community feedback indicated a need for gathering space for caretakers to relax and socialize while children play. This can include the installation of shade structures and tables.

7. **Convert an area of mulch away from the play features to blacktop**
   Community feedback indicated a need for variation in ground surface in the park that could be used for various activities, especially for older children. A blacktop surface could provide multiple uses. One potential use of this blacktop surface is a traffic garden, a painted miniature roadway with markings that demonstrate various roadway scenarios.

8. **Create a plaza-like seating area**
   Community feedback indicated a need for seating outside the fenced playground. The plaza-like space creates a welcoming point for users to the park.

9. **Reconfigure fence**
   Redesign park fence to allow for plaza-like seating area and include a second maintenance entrance and curb apron into the park along Reed Avenue.

10. **Safe Routes to School**
    Add Wilson Avenue and East Read Avenue crosswalks to Safe Routes to Schools to improve area connectivity. Realign curb ramps on East Reed Avenue and Wilson Avenue to direct pedestrians and bikers into the crosswalk.

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### Recommendations and Rankings

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