



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Lee Center

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.

In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 270 people responded to the survey in total, sixteen of which were specific to Lee Center.

In 10 years I would like this Park to...

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Provide organized recreational opportunities
2. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
3. Be a space to go exercise on my own

What would you like done with the basketball court?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	5	83%
Enhance it	1	17%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the Miracle Field?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	8	100%
Enhance it	0	0%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	5	83%
Enhance it	1	17%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the open play field?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	3	38%
Enhance it	4	50%
Transform it	1	13%

Explain

Add lights

It would be great if the city could add this field as an option for little league games or practices. Benches and picnic tables here would be great too. I'm most interested in seeing the open play field updated for use as an actual baseball field. Most of the kids in are area are in the NJL district for rec, but we need to travel all over Alexandria for practices and games. It would be ideal if this space was at least useable for baseball pratices. It's a great location that is under utilized.

The open play field is currently in disrepair. A little work could go a long way to improve the infrastructure at this park and all it to be used as additional field for baseball.

What would you like done with the picnic tables?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	5	71%
Enhance it	2	29%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	6	75%
Enhance it	2	25%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the tennis courts?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	6	75%
Enhance it	2	25%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain

Line them for pickleball

What is currently NOT in the Park that you would like to see there?

Response

A lit baseball field.
 Covered seating, swings, sandbox, more equipment for smaller kids
 Dugouts. Stands for visitors to watch baseball games. More parking available on Franklin St.
 Pretty and well kept sitting and walking areas.
 Early morning exercise classes for adults ala Chinquapin
 Resurfaced tennis courts
 More trash containers (properly placed). Better bathroom signage/education.
 Better parking signage/enforcement.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

A leisure walking trail around and through the grounds.
 No one knows it's there and there's no signage
 Over focus on children
 It's great that there are pull up bars (part of fire station). Every park should have at least one set outdoors!
 It would be nice if the fence near Franklin could have gates that closed so balls aren't able to roll into the street.
 It's a great park that is underused but could attract a lot of use if it were improved slightly. It's a neighborhood ballpark that is currently not used but could be a bright spot for organized activities in an upcoming neighborhood.
 I live in the neighborhood and have caught people taking advantage of the play field at the center using my condos trash bins as well as using the enclosed trashbin area as a bathroom. Additionally, when there are events, people often take up neighborhood parking as opposed to using the parking at the lee center. Better signage and education to the groups using the parks might help. Perhaps having a city representative on site to help enforce rules would be useful.

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	9	60%
Bike (personal)	2	13%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	4	27%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

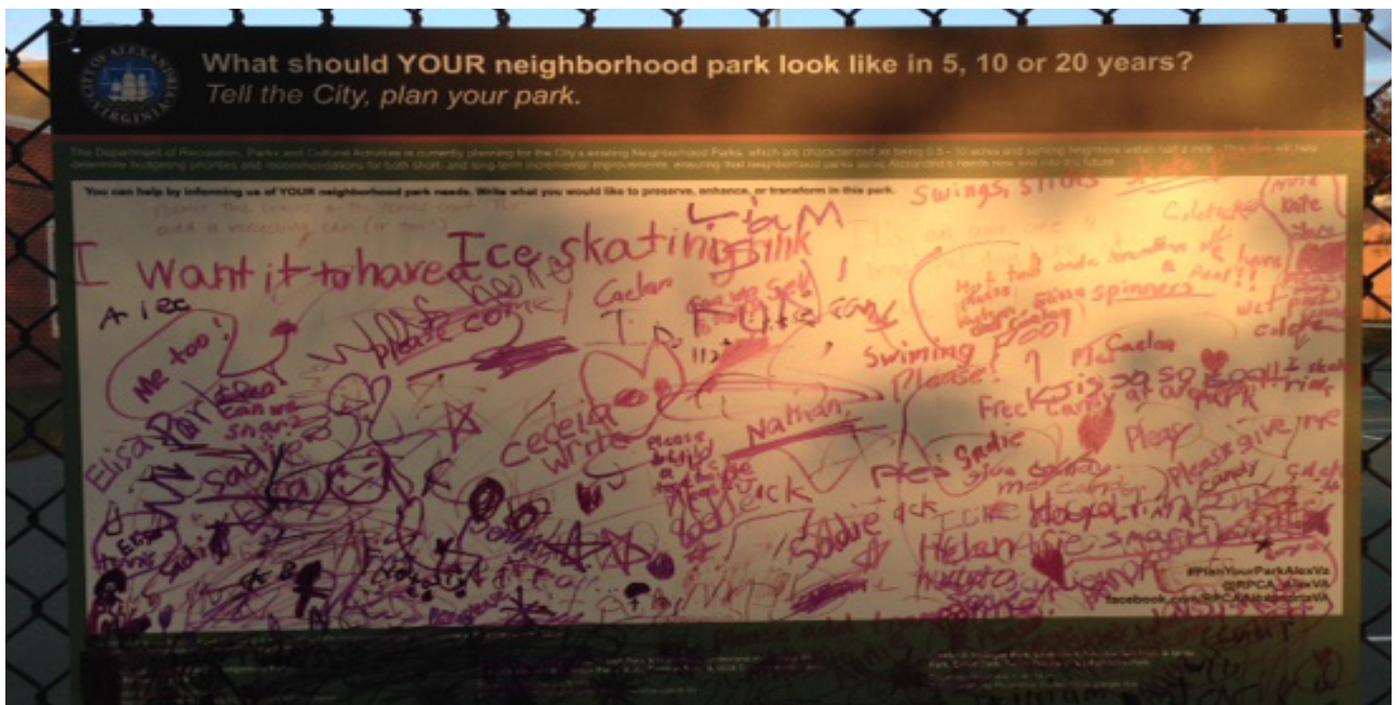
Value	Count	Percent
Less than ½ mile	10	67%
Between ½ mile to 1 mile	0	0%
Between 1-2 miles	1	7%
Over 2 miles	4	27%

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
I am physically limited from walking	0	0%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access to the park from where I live	4	50%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	1	13%
There is not enough parking	1	13%
There is nothing in the Park that interests me	3	38%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	5	33%
Weekly	6	40%
Monthly	3	20%
Yearly	1	7%



A “graffiti sign” in the Park had a marker attached and asked park users to write down what they would like their park to look like in the future. The sign were on site from September to November 2014 (image from October 27).