

Stevenson Park

Improvement Recommendations

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1 Install wayfinding signs along Stultz and Stevenson Street to direct park users to the parking lot

It is unclear that the parking lot is a public lot for the park because there are no signs and it appears to belong to the adjacent townhouses. Signs would direct park users to the lot and help increase the sports use of the park.

2 Create trails with wayfinding signs through the wooded area

This Park provides an opportunity to increase access to nature, a desired park use, as indicated in the 2013 Citywide Parks Needs Assessment. This need is particularly great in the city's West End. The trails could also connect to the condominiums south of the park, as many of the residents currently walk through the woods in its condition without trails. The locations shown are illustrative only and need precise field verification when designed.

3 Consider an access easement to create a trail connection to Yoakum Parkway

Yoakum Parkway is a very densely populated area of the city that lacks access to public open space. Stevenson Park is in close proximity to the area, but is separated to the east by a privately owned wooded area. The city hopes to obtain an access easement through this land in order to provide access to recreational space for city residents.

4 Line the outfield for soccer and provide portable goals

As indicated by neighbors, many park users come to this area to play pick up soccer, using trash cans or other makeshift items as goals. Lining the field and providing portable goals would help promote impromptu use of the Park for recreational activity. A full size regulated field will not fit on the site. The field centerline would overlap with the first base foul line of the ballfield.

5 Upgrade the ballfield to hold up to a 70ft diamond field with bleachers, dugouts, foul poles, and press box

This plan calls to upgrade the diamond field to have similar amenities as Lockett Field, as shown in the image below. While the outfield cannot be beyond 25000 ft., a shorter outfield could still sufficiently be used for Little League games and help meet the increasing demand for ballfield space. RPCA intends to install irrigation to this field in 2015, which would also provide improved site conditions.

6 Re-design the parking lot to increase use and visibility

The current parking lot does not have enough spaces to support programmed little league games at the ballfield. However, the circle in the center of the lot can be replaced with eight additional spaces and a planted green island to make a more efficient and attractive use of the space. The green island will also hold a prominent park sign that recognizes the lot as an entrance to the park. Bike parking can also be added to the lot.

