



First Community Meeting

ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES

1. Barrier curb would be designed to current standards for volleyball courts.
2. Sand used to be contained better in volleyball courts.
3. Re-pave tennis courts. Bad surface. Tennis is very well used.
4. Access is dark/hidden in basketball area, “illicit activity”. When illicit activity is spotted, call the Resident Beat Officer or the Police.
5. Baseball schedules should be posted so the volleyball players can plan their schedule accordingly.
6. Teenage group has nothing to do. The Park District needs to be conscious of different age groups.
7. Likes tennis courts but should be resurfaced. Provide one or more tennis backboards for independent play.
8. Oak Park Youth Baseball would like a 2nd softball field in the northwest corner of the park for ages 9 through 13. Would also like to have better fields. – 2 premier fields/softball 55’ bases.
9. Survey teen group.
10. Look into fitness obstacle course similar to the federally funded course at Lincoln School.
11. Concerns were voiced about parking and crosswalks, traffic and street issues. Crossing needed at Jackson and Cuyler.
12. Drop-off area on Ridgeland is very busy and dangerous.
13. Landscape not child-friendly, the rose bushes in particular.
14. Basketball court in wrong area. Older kids spill over the court and take over the tot playground equipment.
15. Gates on Adam are always open/safety issue. It should be closed.
16. Staff the center more regularly to improve access to bathrooms and drinking fountain.
17. Need access to bathrooms from outside and an outside drinking fountain, possibly at the north end.



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Saturday, September 23, 2006 – Longfellow Center

18. Likes the sand volleyball courts but they could be moved.
19. Add lights to volleyball area.
20. Volleyball needs to be regulation size.
21. Must consider Longfellow School and playground. May not need a playground for older children since the school already has one.
22. 2 courts could be ok for tennis.
23. Likes the seal but prefers rubber surface for spray area. Need benches.
24. Separate entrances for park and ball field.
25. Families use sand volleyball courts. Need better volleyball nets and available more consistently.
26. Don't need larger spray area.
27. Neighbors use every aspect of park. Need to keep it multi-use.
28. Walking path with mile markers.
29. Cricket team uses park.
30. Soccer too close to volleyball.
31. Location of playground makes it impossible to watch kids at playground while watching kids at ball fields.
32. Would like to see building used for adult fitness.
33. Would like to see a volunteer program for park maintenance.
34. Steps to basketball court need to be repaired.