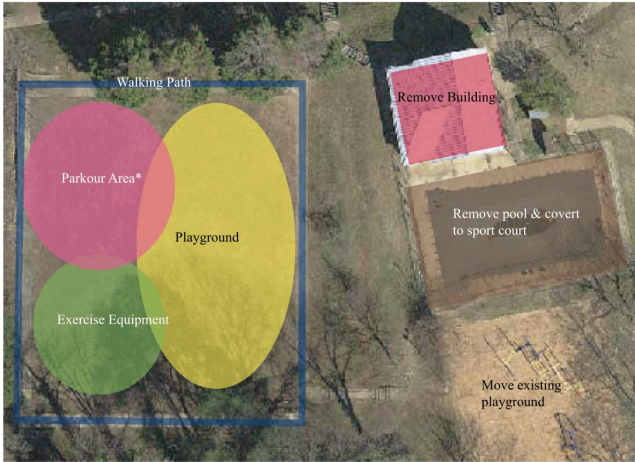


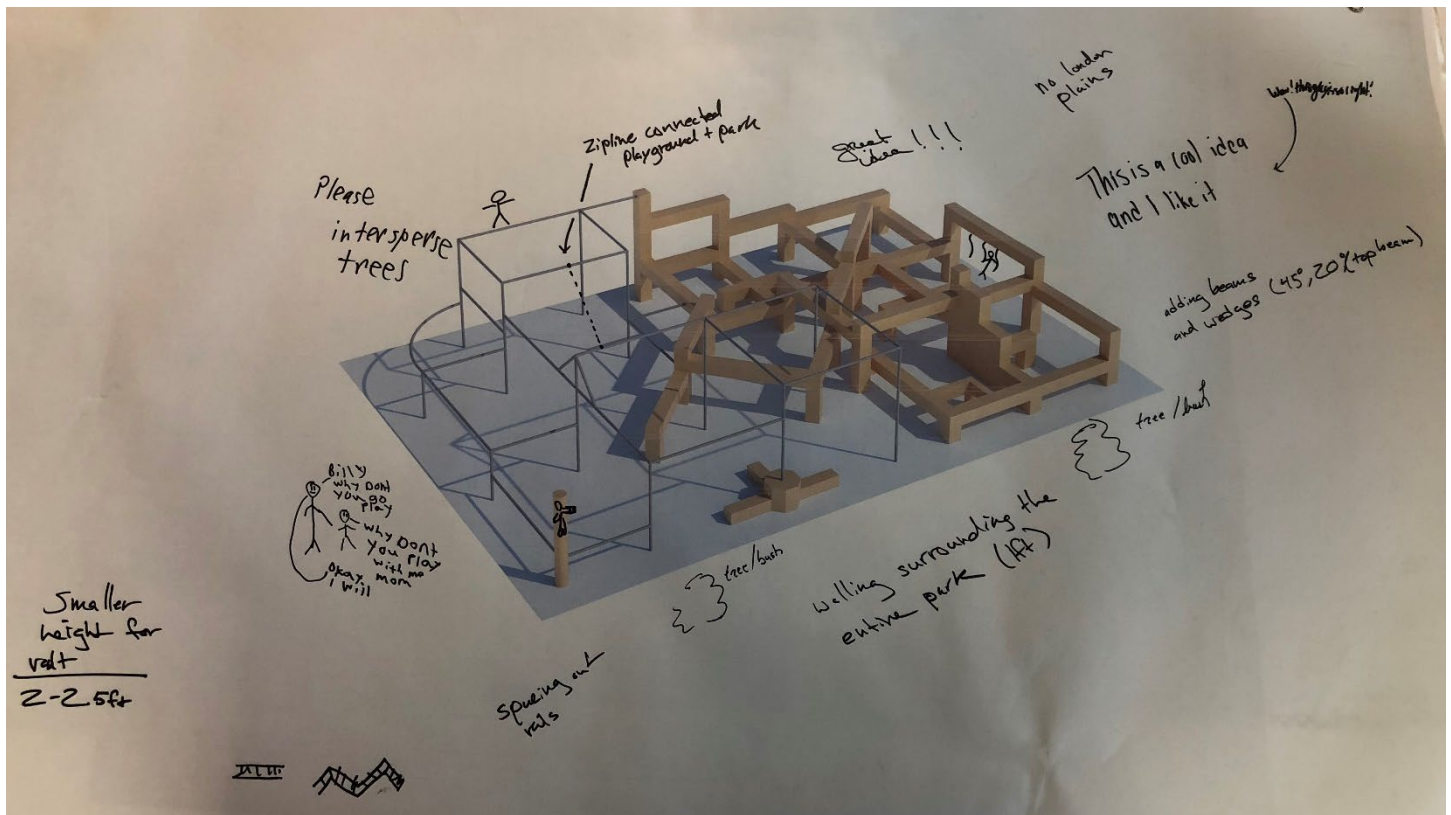
**City of Alexandria  
Department of Recreation, Park & Cultural Activities  
Park Plan Amendment**

Park & Recreation Commission Date: September 20, 2018
Park Plan Under Consideration: Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan – Ewald Park
Date Park Plan Adopted/Endorsed: November 19, 2015
<p>Describe Amendment:</p> <p>The amendment would allow a parkour area be added to the proposed playground site in Ewald Park. The Parkour area would be a multigenerational playspace that promotes fitness and can help activate the park.</p>
<p>Does this Amendment interfere with implementation of outstanding plan elements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>While the proposed amendment may reduce the size of the playground shown in the park plan, the proposed use compliments the playground and provides an activity to diversify ages and activate the park.</li></ul> <p>Ewald Park - Proposed Site Improvements</p>  <p>*Parkour is only proposed change from 2016 Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan</p>
<p>Does this Amendment add additional maintenance costs from original endorsed plan? If yes, describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No – maintenance costs would be the same as play features.</li></ul>
<p>Community Feedback: RPCA held an open house on Saturday, November 3 at Ewald Park to provide the public with information about the proposal, have parkour demonstrations, and receive feedback on the plan. Feedback and e-mails received are attached to this document.</p>
<p>Staff Recommendation: Approval</p>
<p>Park &amp; Recreation Commission Action:</p>

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Signature, Chair, Park & Recreation Commission

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Images and feedback received at the Ewald Park Parkour Proposal Open House, held November 3, 2018 from 10a.m.-noon at Ewald Park.



**From:** [Mindy Lyle](#)  
**To:** [Dana Wedeles](#)  
**Subject:** Ewald Park  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 10:47:43 AM

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Dana,

The improvements to Ewald Park presented to Parks and Rec commission in September are fabulous. This is much needed on the West End and I hope you will get positive feedback from the community.

Mindy Lyle

*Mindy Lyle*  
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**Subject:** Resident Input/Recommendations for Ewald Park Parkour/Playground Project Area  
**Date:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 11:26:19 AM

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Good morning, Dana,

Thank you for being very transparent and proactive in reaching out to the community about the proposal to install Parkour equipment in Ewald Park. I look forward to the November 3rd meet up in Ewald Park.

I have two recommendations for the project that I ask you give strong consideration to:

**1) First off, please consider using naturalistic-looking Parkour equipment that will blend into the greenspace setting.**

**2) Secondly, I am asking that you recondition the soil in the area you are looking at as part of the Parkour/playground project.**

**Background on the Second Recommendation:**

As I understand it, the city is looking at putting the equipment in where an old tennis court used to be.

This is, of course, a flat area where hardly anything grows because when the tennis court was removed, the city left the top several inches of the ground as compacted crushed stone/blacktop stuff that doesn't hardly allow grass to grow, let alone trees or shrubs.

I would like to point out that the ground is very hard there, and given that the city is also looking at putting a playground there... and because the Parkour equipment will probably also be used as children's playground equipment... and because the planting of a couple of canopy trees to shade the area would be nice...

**Therefore I am asking Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities to also recondition the soil in that area.**

**More specifically I am asking that the city remove the several inches of ugly and hard crushed blacktop, rip/break up the soil below, and then add a few inches of good soil as part of this project.**

**- This would make for a much SAFER Parkour/play surface for adults, teens, and children**

**alike!**

**- It would also allow for the planting of grass and a couple of long-lived native canopy trees to shade the area!**

Please continue to consider and value green infrastructure as much as hardscape in these projects.

This area has been bad for so long and now that the city has a good idea and funding to help implement - it would be nice to see the city do this right from the get go.

The devil will be in the details!

Thank you for your outstanding help on previous projects and for giving serious considerations to these recommendations.

Bonnie Petry  
Resident, Wakefield Tarleton Neighborhood

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I just saw the plans come through - it all looks GREAT!!!

Sissy

On August 31, 2018 at 9:26 AM Judy Lo <[Judy.Lo@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Judy.Lo@alexandriava.gov)> wrote:

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a great summer! Jonas has been working with Parks to develop a parkour area at Ewald Park. He originally approached City Council this spring and they really liked the idea.

He's been working on cost estimates and completed a preliminary design. The equipment would be located where the former tennis courts are, and where playground is proposed to be relocated.

We'll be taking the proposal to the Park and Recreation Commission this fall for consideration because it will be a change to the 2015 Neighborhood Park Plan.

We'll also be meeting with neighborhood groups this fall. Dana Wedeles is leading the project. There is no timeframe for implementation because of funding.

It will be a great project!

Judy Lo, ASLA, PLA  
City of Alexandria, Virginia

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Hi Dana,

I just wanted to commend the effort to do something extremely productive with Ewald park. As a resident of Duke Street and a parent of a small child, its a place I'd love to take my child to especially if it has a gym that no other park in the area has. I take my daughter frequently to Lee Park Center in the Fairfax portion of Alexandria just to give her a more "rigorous" place to play. A parkour installation at Ewald would make this place a unique experience! Hats off to you guys for getting this moving.

Best,  
Sanka Perera  
4322 Duke Street

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