

Le Bosquet at Sunnyside Park

History and Character

Le Bosquet at Sunnyside Park is located at 615 West Glebe Road in the Arlandria neighborhood. There are no documented historic sites within the park.

This park is named after Maurice Le Bosquet, the father of Mrs. Joan Rhodes, who donated the parcel of land in 1990 to the City. Prior to this donation the lot had an unstriped parking lot, often filled with abandoned cars.

There is a Right of Way agreement that allows for the parking lot with five spaces and driveway to the seven condos that are next to the park but within the parcel. The agreement states:

“The City would maintain the site as a passive park until the number and ages of existing and new children in the neighborhood can be better determined. This way the play equipment and other facilities could be designed with the neighborhood residents and in accordance with their specific needs.”

The 0.37 acre park features a passive grassy space, boulders, seating, and a walkway. The park is located adjacent to an apartment complex within a diverse and densely populated neighborhood.



Existing Conditions Map



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Which of the following existing park elements would you like to preserve, enhance, or transform?								
Element		Park sign		Element		Open area		
Number of responses		6		Number of responses		6		
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it	4	67	Preserve it	1	17	Preserve it	2	33
Enhance it	2	33	Enhance it	3	50	Enhance it	4	67
Transform it	0	0	Transform it	2	33	Transform it	0	0
Element		Benches		Element		Trashcan		
Number of responses		6		Number of responses		6		
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it	2	33	Preserve it	2	33	Preserve it	2	33
Enhance it	3	50	Enhance it	4	67	Enhance it	4	67
Transform it	1	17	Transform it	0	0	Transform it	0	0

- What is currently NOT in the park that you would like to see there?**
1. Public sculpture. Some type of periodic cultural attraction or life. Right now it is a nowhere space.
 2. Something beautiful to attract our attention and invite us in.
 3. A playground for my children

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, 7 of which were specific to Le Bosquet at Sunnyside. 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 place to create social connections with neighbors*
2. *Be a safe place for children to explore*
3. *Help reduce environmental impacts from urban surroundings*



The image above is an example of movable seating that will be placed in Le Bosquet at Sunnyside Park to provide park users with additional seating and the ability to move them and use the open space as they see fit.

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Which of the following existing proposed park elements do you love, like, or not like?					
Recommendation	Park welcome sign		Recommendation	Soccer area	
Number of responses	9		Number of responses	7	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
I love it!	4	44	I love it!	2	29
I like it	4	44	I like it	2	29
I don't like it	1	12	I don't like it	3	43
Recommendation	Open area		Recommendation	Seating	
Number of responses	8		Number of responses	9	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
I love it!	3	38	I love it!	4	45
I like it	4	50	I like it	3	33
I don't like it	1	13	I don't like it	2	22

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, nine of which were specific to Le Bosquet at Sunnyside Park.

Improvement Recommendations

- 1 Update park signage**
Update the existing park welcome sign to the current standard.
- 2 Renovate the park to creatively integrate soccer**
Community and staff feedback indicated that neighbors regularly use this park for pick up soccer games. The current design is not conducive to integrating soccer with other park uses. Redesigning and renovating the park for more open area creates a cohesive space for neighbors to create social connections and enjoy this park space. Moving the rocks closer to will allow them to street to act as a natural barrier for the park without them being obtrusive to use.
- 3 Add social seating areas**
Community feedback indicated a need for gathering space in the park. Add round tables away from the open area to provide places for visitors to relax, picnic, and socialize.

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Park Boundary

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Based on information from the summer input phase, staff updated the plan to best represent current and future community needs. While RPCA staff was reviewing community input about Le Bosquet at Sunnyside, they realized that park users thought the space was too small for a formal soccer field but were not opposed to the open space. RPCA staff agrees with this and realized that the draft plan's recommendation may have been confusing, staff had intended for the recommendation meant to make the park a space where pick-up soccer games could be played and amended the recommendation to say open play area.

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Improvement Recommendations



Recommendations and Rankings

#	Recommendation	Dept. Lead	Priority	Cost
1	Park signage	RPCA	Medium	\$1,800 - \$2,419
2	Open play area	RPCA	Low	\$22,000 - \$29,556
3	Seating area	RPCA	Medium	\$5,600 - \$7,526
4	Crosswalks	RPCA/TES	Low	\$1,700 - \$2,285