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







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

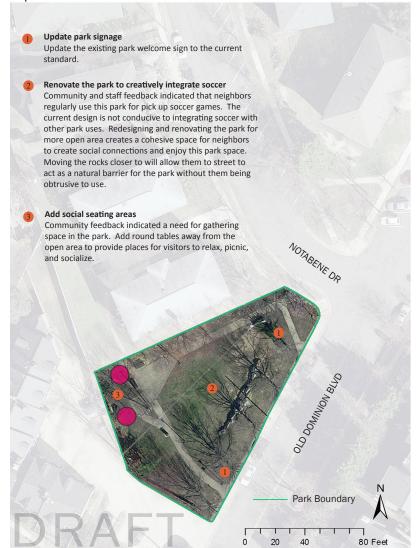
- 1. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
- 2. Be a safe place for children to explore
- 3. Help reduce environmental impacts from urban surroundings



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.

Which of the following existing proposed park elements do you love, like, or not like?							
Recommendation Number of responses	Park welcome sign		Recommendation Number of responses	Soccer area			
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 Number of responses	Open area ⁸		Recommendation Number of responses	Seating 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		

Improvement Recommendations



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.

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.

Improvement Recommendations

Update park signage

Update the existing park welcome sign to the current City standard.

Renovate the park to create an open play area 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. Redesign and renovate the park to allow for more open space to create a cohesive space for neighbors to have social connections and enjoy the park space. Move the rocks closer to the street acting as a non-obstrusive natural barrier for the park. Regrade park to increase the useable activity space.

Create a seating area

Install moveable chairs to provide a place to relax and socialize. Moveable seating can also be used for small neighborhood gatherings.

Add crosswalks

Install crosswalks at Notabene Drive and Old Dominion Boulevard to improve access to the park.

	Recommendations and Rankings								
#	Recommendation	Dept. Lead Priori		y 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					

Park Boundary

80 Feel

NOTABENE DR

OLD DOMINION BLVD

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