

PARK WALK THROUGH – JANUARY 16, 2024

Melissa Morrow and Mary Elizabeth Cofer

Walk Through Items Identified (New):

1. The drainage areas on the north and west sides of the lower park pavilion, including the area on the west side of the sidewalk.
2. We should host a community garden clean-up before Spring plantings?
3. Remove tree debris from the garden bed on Rollingwood Drive
4. Upper playground mulch is low.
5. Straighten stones along the granite trail just west of the upper playground.
6. Bury wire between trail and restrooms just north of the upper playground.

Carry Over from Previous Walk Throughs:

1. Hose reel at butterfly garden needs to be anchored to the tree or the ground. If not feasible, it should be replaced with a better solution. **COMPLETE**
2. Some tree pruning needed near the butterfly garden. Some trees are contacting plants in the garden.
Some pruning completed- in progress.
3. There is a large stand of a thorny shrubs, north side of park following the walking trail. These are slowly spreading via root suckers
In progress.
4. Erosion exists in many places along the walking trail. In some places it is more pronounced than others. In some places, it has washed out part of the trail. Trail border stones seriously misaligned along the trail near the field house.
Quote pending for trail improvements.
5. erosion control needed at west side of Pavilion where water from the roof has washed out much of the dirt. We understand that Izzy and Kevin Glasheen have proposed extending the concrete slab where the water falls to prevent further erosion.
Public Works staff will fix this erosion control problem. Estimated to be completed in Spring 2024.
6. A collection of debris behind the Community Garden could be cleaned out if not needed. **In progress.**
7. Another bench, The Johnson Family Bench, needs a bolt and a washer to be added. The bolt has dug into the plastic. **In progress.**
8. Mulch is mounded around a large tree between city hall and the Pavilion. Is this good for the tree? It is my understanding that excessive buildup can harm a tree. **In progress. Public Works will rake back the mulch and allow the tree to breathe.**

PARK WALK THROUGH - NOVEMBER 14 2023

Victoria Johnson and Don Hudson

Walk Through Items Identified (New):

UPPER PARK

1. Serious erosion between field house and trail. This has been under consideration for a while, though no work has begun See 4.b.
2. We discussed how a water collection system could mitigate the flow to the lower park. See 4.b.
3. Three or four areas at the top of the cliff show a path water has been flowing during heavy rain, causing erosion.
Requires larger drainage solution, which the City Council is contemplating. No action by staff.

Questions:

- a. Does a Topographical map of the park grounds exist that clearly shows the elevations?
Yes. Emailed to the Park Commission on: 01/12/2024
 - b. Would like update from City Council regarding item 1. erosion, and item 2. water collection system.
Council has requested proposal related to drainage near the field house. Staff will update the Park Commission once further action has been taken.
 - c. Would like update from City Council regarding a full drainage study, and the hiring of a civil engineer.
Council has requested proposal for full drainage study. Staff will update the Park Commission once further action has been taken.
 - d. Would like update from City Council and Izzy, regarding item 16. Erosion west side of Pavilion. See item 16.
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4. Hose reel at butterfly garden needs to be anchored to the tree or the ground. If not feasible, it should be replaced with a better solution.
Hose reel anchoring in progress.
 5. Some tree pruning needed near the butterfly garden. Some trees are contacting plants in the garden.
Some pruning completed- in progress.
 6. There is a large stand of a thorny shrubs, north side of park following the walking trail. These are slowly spreading via root suckers
In progress.

7. We observed several areas that could be used for memorial tree planting. Perhaps an area with a rock border that could accommodate four trees with a small concrete feature where minimal memorial plaques could be attached.
No action by staff at this time.
8. We also observed that the area bordering the parking lot and the trail at field 2 could become a row of trees, replacing the large boulders that are currently. Such trees could be use as memorials.
No action by staff at this time.
9. Some rock borders, similar to the border that outlines the walking trails could be used to define parking spaces along the pool side of the parking on the drive to the back of the park.
No action by staff at this time.
10. We wondered who maintains the decomposed gravel corner area between the pool and the park at Rollingwood Drive.
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11. Erosion exists in many places along the walking trail. In some places it is more pronounced than others. In some places, it has washed out part of the trail.
Quote pending for trail improvements.
12. One of the memorial benches near the field house needs a bolt to be replaced. Don Hudson will take care of this.
No action by staff at this time.
13. We considered how pavers could be used on both sides of the memorial benches already in the park. Perhaps creating a bed of black gravel surrounding the benches with as many as 8 pavers on each side.
No action by staff at this time.
14. Trail border stones seriously misaligned along the trail near the field house.
Quote pending for trail improvements.

LOWER PARK

1. erosion control needed at west side of Pavilion where water from the roof has washed out much of the dirt. We understand that Izzy and Kevin Glasheen have proposed extending the concrete slab where the water falls to prevent further erosion.
Public Works staff will fix this erosion control problem. Estimated to be completed in Spring 2024.
2. Parts of the trail border missing east of the playscape. This could be intentional to allow mowing equipment access to lawn. **Quote pending for trail improvements.**

3. A peculiar structure exists along the trail east of the Community Garden, consisting of a plastic box on a metal frame, with some ventilation at the top. The thing is about 10' tall by about 2' x 2'. What is it? This is a Chimney Swift Habitat constructed as an Eagle Scout Project.
Public Works investigated and noticed that there are 3-4 nests in the habitat and did not disturb the nests.
4. A collection of debris behind the Community Garden could be cleaned out if not needed.
In progress.
5. Another bench, The Johnson Family Bench, needs a bolt and a washer to be added. The bolt has dug into the plastic.
In progress.
6. Mulch is mounded around a large tree between city hall and the Pavilion. Is this good for the tree? It is my understanding that excessive buildup can harm a tree. In progress.
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