

## **Northside Park Assessment**

**Date:** January 21, 2022

**Conducted by:** Bob Dalton

**Purpose:** To visually walk the park site and inspect current conditions and look for opportunities for improvement.

**Structures** - Handball court building, and bathrooms need to be cleaned and painted with colors that are bright and modern. Insides were not inspected.

**Basketball court** - In fair repair.

**Playground equipment** – Minimal equipment – visually inspect to ensure in good repair, although one swing was missing.

**Signage** – Some signage needs to be updated. One sign refers smoking is allowed in designated area, but there is no identified area. No signage at key locations along streets and main street that indicate where park is located.

**Garbage cans** – Replace plastic barrel with updated cans with lids and add several more throughout park as they are very limited which promotes leaving garbage on ground and tables.

**Trees** – There are several trees that are old, and need removed, some could use some pruning.

**Dog Waste Stations** – One in place and in good repair with bags available.

**Lighting** – No lighting in park itself. There was one light at handball building and one at bathrooms. Very under luminated.

**Parking** – Ample available parking. Stripping of spaces needed.

**Picnic Tables** – Multiple tables throughout park, upper and lower area along river. Although there is a memorial table missing next to placard for Kenneth Thompson.

**Walking Paths and Access** – A concrete sidewalk from parking area to bathrooms. Pathway from upper park to lower park along river, steep and muddy. No handrails in place. No other designated walkways in park to promote pedestrian walking throughout park or ADA use.

**Landscaping** – Overall OK. Grass cut and surface areas in good repair. No visible debris from trees on ground. Rhododendron near bathrooms looks to be in bad condition.

**Roadways** – Park has multiple road access points. Redwood street access is in very poor condition, with standing water and large potholes creating a driving hazard.

**Opportunities:**

- Increase lighting for visibility and security purposes.
- Inspect handball court building and bathrooms inside to identify needed improvements
- Add a Frisbee golf course, possible horseshoe pits as well.
- Create a walking path around the perimeter.
- Pave pathway from upper park to lower park along river.
- Add some caution hazard signs along riverbank.
- Park signs on main street and side streets to notify pedestrian and vehicle traffic as to park locations. This would be a great benefit to tourist that come through our community.
- Update landscaping and plants.
- Improve Park lighting – very dark at night.
- Pave Redwood Street.
- Incorporate dog park area.
- Paint outside of structures to brighten them up and be appealing.
- Install new garbage cans throughout park.
- Replace Memorial table.
- Park irrigation adequate?
- River access opportunities - Possible float tube/Kayak take out area?