

# East Phillips Park Improvements: Themes MPRB Heard

## Safety

- Improve fencing
- Add cameras or more security
- Consider adding safety buttons
- Improve visibility by reducing blind areas and hiding spots
- Create safe, accessible pedestrian and bicycle crossings to access the park
- Hills by picnic table could be better utilized elsewhere
- Increase lighting throughout: courts, fields, paths

## Water

- Water play and recreation for all ages, abilities
- Cleanliness important; replace existing pool with safer alternatives (splashpad)
- Upgrade and/or expand existing water play area: add cooling misters, shade structures, more seating
- Add drinking fountains

## Playground

- Accessibility and inclusivity is important, including safe, durable equipment
- Replace sand with a safer, cleaner, more accessible surface
- Enhance and expand: new features like larger slides, baby swings, sensory swings, ziplines, spinners

## Greenery

- Incorporate edible trees, bushes, and herbs
- Repurpose turfgrass edges for native plantings
- Support for habitat, flower gardens, cultural and medicine gardens
- More shade needed
- More seating for enjoying natural areas



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## Athletic/Activity

- Soccer fields: Enhance, improve, enlarge to meet demand
  - Better maintenance
  - Artificial turf, full-sized field
  - Lights for nighttime play
  - Year-round facilities such as a dome over the field
  - Accessibility: challenges around reserving fields, fees, clubs outside the neighborhood
- Basketball courts: Expand from half- to full size due to high usage
- Accommodate diverse sports, recreation, hobby opportunities for all
  - Including ice skating, skateboarding, rock climbing, bike skills course, bike rental services
  - Spaces for individual sports: tennis, basketball, table games
- Add workout / exercise equipment and paths through the park
- Re-evaluate underutilized spaces like softball diamond: Offer more flexible uses or remove
- Improve field safety and layout, including higher walls along Cedar Avenue
- Seating / spectator amenities: bleachers, benches, other options

## Social & Cultural Themes

- Increase educational aspects
- Incorporate cultural aspects of the neighborhood
- Cultural fair, signage, community events, etc.
- Programming for all-inclusivity
- Represent all cultures in the neighborhood
- Requests for “Land Back” to support various social services for unhoused Native community members
- Incorporate mental health and wellness-focused amenities
- Advising and services for children
- Inclusive and multi-generational spaces
- Natural, quieter, calmer, shaded area for seniors
- Space for events, movies, cultural events, classes, etc.

## Miscellaneous

- Formalize picnic areas
- Add more public art, such as sculptures
- Improve/increase parking



## East Phillips Engagement March 2024- Present

