

# Harris Green Neighbourhood

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### 1.) How is the park actually used?

- Homeless hangout
- Nice shade in summer

#### a.) How could it be used better?

- nice for cars, bad for pedestrians
- people camping here is bad

### 2.) What makes it special?

- Trees
- Long views
- Long stretches of green
- Consistently well maintained
- Neat space. Great saved area
- Great trees and looks good

### 3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?

- Need seating at top of hill for view
- Add flower gardens, picnic tables and benches
- Community gardens tended by “our place” patrons
- Interior walkway
- Currently used infrequently. Make more user friendly
- Improvements (e.g. furniture, linear walkway)

### 4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?

### 5.) Other information:

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### General Comments about what makes parks special:

- Vancouver Street – like because of fabulous trees. This could be even more park like
- Coziness
- Urbaneness
- Seating areas
- Views
- Chance to meet other citizen's

- Closed streets
- Serenity
- Leafy streets along Government Street between Humboldt and Yates

### **Current unmet park/open space needs in your community?**

- Not enough friendly meeting places
- Need places to sit x 2
- Chess boards x 3
- Café style seating
- Places for delight
- Food carts x 2
- Speakers corner
- Family friendly summer programming (sports/activities)
- Neighbourhood parks accessible to moms and little kids with benches and play equipment within stroller walking from residential areas
- Urban agriculture – demonstrating the real thing
- Water gardens
- Agritourism – and markets (e.g. Pike place at Fisherman's Wharf)
- Waterfront market and food markets (e.g. Moss Street)
- Off leash areas for dogs, but not if it can't be safe from cars
- Chinese garden

### **Future needs:**

- More urban squares with elevation changes to look down on activity
- Spots for markets/ food stalls
- Open spaces for a variety of uses – parks/sports
- Determine specific goals need based on trends and population growth now and in the future
- Shortage of gardens need substitutions
- Pedestrian only streets
- Wider paths for car alternative transportation: pedestrian, bikes, scooters
- Less car noise
- More mini parks- even a few square yards with seats and bike racks and a few hardy plants
- Green tunnels like along the courthouse in Vancouver (on one side at least) – trees close together on a narrow sidewalk
- More large ramps rather than staircases can be things of beauty and more functional
- More connecting bike trails
- Pocket parks – do more with less
- Parks to cater to older population (fitness)
- Off leash areas for dogs

### **Obstacles to accessing parks:**

- Traffic is a problem
- Not enough people

- Parks are for people not cars
- CPTED
- Lack of things to do once you are at a park

### **Ideas for acquiring new parks or enhancing existing ones:**

- More boulevard trees generally
- Amenity Bonus – trade park space for increased density
- Restrict car space to create people space
- Include a continuous public waterfront all around the harbour interspersed with pocket parks to link with the Gorge Waterfront Park
- Make it so people go into a park, not drive by it
- Fountains
- Statues
- Make more family friendly
- Improve:
  - Furniture
  - Benches
  - Fountains
  - Maintenance
- Dog walking area
- ID existing mid-block walkways
- Suggest creating more green space walkways connecting parks
- More public activity/ play areas (e.g. outdoor basketball courts/benches)
- Basketball courts
- Empty lot at South East corner of View and Vancouver
- Work with developer – DCCs
- Park space rather than “ant”
- Tax incentive to estates (e.g. individual leaves homes to City for eventual pocket parks)
- Do we have trust fund system – bequeath \$ to city to be used for land acquisition only
- Trade off
- Preserve views with view corridors
- Get rid of parks that aren't working (knot garden)
- If we have room for walkways include room for bikeways
- Food vending – ice cream or hot dog vendor
- Create sitting spots
- Consider turning parking lots into parks.