

North Park Neighborhood Central Park

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Swimming pool – replaced the old Crystal Gardens
- Teens hangout near Quadra
- Not well used
- New basketball court is well used
- Great slide
- Nice big trees
- Good increase in use when facilities upgrade
- Watch sports
- Walk with dog
- Basketball, kids playing, baseball, dog walking
- Teens and basket ball

a.) How could it be used better?

- A bit too much focus on single use (sports fields)
- Crystal Pool equipment could be upgraded

2.) What makes it special?

- Heavy use
- I played there when I was little
- Good playground
- Great improvements
- Well-used and clean
- Huge improvement since basket ball court upgrade
- Excellent surface to play ball on.

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

- Relocate the pool and return land to park space

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

5.) Other information:

Mason Street Park/Franklin Green

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Bench swing

a.) How could it be used better?

2.) What makes it special?

- Bench swing

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

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

5.) Other information:

Royal Athletic Park

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Sports (closed to public)
- Good that fence was removed

a.) How could it be used better?

- Bit too much focus of single use (sports field)

2.) What makes it special?

- Easy access to watch sports/ ball events

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

- Open to use of general public

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

5.) Other information:

Save on Foods Arena

1.) How is the park actually used?

- Not well used outside courtyard
- Public art

a.) How could it be used better?

2.) What makes it special?

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

- Add seating at corner of Caledonia - Blanshard

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

5.) Other information:

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

Where could new parks and public open spaces be located? Ideas for enhancing:

- 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
- 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

Are there any 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

What do you think the future needs will be?

- 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

Other:

- Traffic is a problem
 - Not enough people
 - Create sitting spots
 - Parks are for people not cars
 - CPTED
 - Lack of things to do once you are at a park
 - Consider turning parking lots into parks.
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