Dallara Park

URBS 3751
Resilient Communities Project
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Location
Park Profile

Built in 1967
1.04 acres

Full size basketball court, seasonal portable restroom, trash receptacle, playground

Nicole Mardell
SWOT Analysis

HELPFUL

Strengths:
- Central neighborhood location
- Playground
- Basketball court
- Ample on-street parking
- Thirteen trees

Opportunities:
- Add bicycle parking
- Provide additional access points + paths
- Utilize transitional activity space; diversify park activities
- Potential for community programming

WEAKNESSES:
- Underutilized open space
- Limited access points
- Amenities cater solely to younger population
- Disconnection to neighborhood
- Location of private mailboxes

HARMFUL

Threats:
- Lack of promotion for residents
- Pedestrian safety at risk due to limited street access
- Potential cramming of amenities
- Large trees can conceal illegal activity

INTERNAL

EXTERNAL
Opportunities For Growth

- Provide additional access points
- Add places to sit
- Utilize space + location
Access, Linkage, Lighting + Safety

- CPTED Principles
- Lighting for natural surveillance
- Landscaping + paving for access control
Placemaking + Community Engagement

- Provide benches + tables
  - Tables with individual shades
- Unique sign representative of community

http://www.belson.com
Community Gathering

- Provide parking for bicycles
- Upgrade basketball hoops
- Place storage shed for yard games
- Host weekly programs + events

http://www.goalrilla.com/basketball-hoops/60in-backboard/cv60
Ecological Functions

- Replace cut-down trees with infant trees
- Plant hedges around basketball court
- Create rain garden with native prairie plants

http://www.watersheddistrict.org/raingardens.html
Potential Improvements

Phase 1:
• Plant more native plants
• Renovate park sign (commission local artist)
• Add bicycle racks
• Add picnic tables + benches
• Add permanent recycling + refuse bins
• Add access points + pathways
• Add equipment shed
• Increase community programming

Phase 2:
• Create rain garden
• Replace cut-down trees
• Move mailboxes
• Upgrade basketball hoops
• Plant hedges between basketball court and street
• Improve lighting system (with neighbor approval)
• Lay additional pathways
Phase 1

- Plant native vegetation
- Renovate park sign (commission local artist)
- Add bicycle racks
- Add picnic tables + benches

http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/landscaping/maint/images/TurfgrassSelectionImages/Fig4.41-Prairie%20Boulevard-credit.JPG
Phase 1

- Add permanent recycling + refuse bins
- Lay additional pathways
- Add equipment shed
- Increase community programming

http://www.norcalhostels.org/events/free-outdoor-yoga-day
Phase 2

• Create rain garden
• Replace cut-down trees
• Move mailboxes
• Upgrade basketball hoops

http://www.cirrusimage.com/Trees/red_maple_frankssred.JPG
Phase 2

• Plant hedges between basketball court and street
• Improve lighting system (with neighbor approval)
• Lay additional pathways around or through the park

http://www.greenviewsprinklers.com/landscape_lighting
Questions or Comments?