

Jackson Park Neighborhood Meeting – Compiled Comments July 30, 2019

Comments on playground

- Concern of high school youth using playground as a gathering spot, especially at night
- Playground concentrates sounds / need peace and quiet / sound travels
- Support young families, keep it natural
- Kids playing makes us happy
- Local daycare opposed
- Would need assigned parking. Not enough parking for a playground
- Fix the playgrounds we have instead
- Many dogs in the park. How to control kids and dog bites.
- Not every park needs a playground. Several parks are in walking distance
- Closest playground is a one mile walk. Challenging with small kids & other mobility issues
- Working parents can't walk one mile during the week to go to a playground
- Special attention should be given to opinions of people live facing park
- Important to respect neighbors' needs
- History doesn't need to impede progress. Park needs change.
- There are many multi-family units here with no yards.
- Helps move out bad behaviors / deters less desirable behaviors and brings more families
- Will bring families together
- Kids love the park as is
- Park is too narrow to add a playground
- A gathering area instead could be a possibility
- Encinal Ave. is busy and not safe. With bus stop – strangers can get off and hurt children
- American Heart Assn & American Stroke Assn supports green space and play for healthy behavior. Can do both.
- Small playground would be for neighbors to walk to, not others to drive to
- Kids and teens want to walk to the park and playground
- A fence is important. Park currently isn't a space where an energetic runner kid can come
- Parents gravitate to parks with playgrounds
- The whole park is a playground with unprompted free space
- Concern playground will be vandalized
- Can make family friendly features that aren't just a playground to activate the park
- Active parks enhance safety – Franklin Park history to compare
- Holding just history can be / was problematic.
- Library holds storytime in parks. 60-70 at each park and only a couple at Jackson.
- Can envision so much more here – lots of potential
- Playground will be a few kids in a local park, not overrun.
- It's an opportunity to eat & shop then play
- Honor the park and keep the space beautiful
- Have a mindful space/play area instead of a playground.
- Have multi-use of park and playground plus renovation

Comments on other aspects of park

- Bandstand improvements needed
- Fix all asphalt – in disrepair
- Haven't finished Phase 2 of the 1997 Master Plan – DG pathways, lighting
- Trees need help
- Need a bench for the bus stop on Encinal
- Don't want a bench for bus stop – creates problem area
- Used to be benches on the Encinal side.
- Add dog poop bag dispenser
- Bathrooms are locked every day due to vandalism
- Not the safest park
- Bring back more events – crafts, music to activate park
- Artistic carving of the existing wood stump
- Add No Offleash Dogs signage