

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
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Item 5-B: Recommendation to Approve the Longfellow Park  
ADA Access Improvement Project. (Recreation and Parks  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Increase Longfellow Park accessibility 2026-6107

Greetings Mr. Long,

My name is Rasheed. I'm a West End resident and former Longfellow Tiger.

I'm writing to support increased access to Longfellow Park via ADA improvements (2026-6107). Adding additional park pathways increases accessibility for people using mobility assistance, parents with strollers, and opens the park up so folks do not have to go around to the sole entrance.

In addition to creating access on Henry H. Haight (not a fan of that guy) Avenue, I am curious if there have been discussions about opening up a pathway on Lincoln. As you know, there is a gate there that I vaguely recall seeing opened once in my childhood--and I don't think it was... authorized. Opening a pathway on Lincoln Ave as an addition or alternative would make the park more convenient to those north of Lincoln/Tract 4276 and it would not require the elimination of grass space, since that area goes directly to our small picnic area.

Thank you for working to make parks accessible. Let's talk about that pavement next.

Rasheed