

Recent PRC Evelyn Park Input Incorporated into Villa Park

Recent PRC Input (Evelyn Park 11/9/22)	Incorporated Villa Park Elements for Both Concepts D & E
Relate park design to the building architecture and circulation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West park entry point expanded to flow into adjacent wide pathway/building lobby entrance. • Park's south/main entry plaza links to recently installed raised crosswalk on Villa Street. • Added second park entry point along Villa Street at southwest corner.
Provide lawn area and consider expanding it.	Increased turf area by approximately 25%.
Incorporate central gathering area.	Included.
Consider effects of shade from adjacent buildings on park design.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site solar study included. (See Attachment 3.) • Park is south-facing, with generally low buildings adjacent, where the site receives nearly full sun throughout the year.
Align park features with program of the adjacent development.	Adjacent development includes multiple gathering areas, small dog park and BBQ's for private residences only. No playground features within development. Therefore playground included.
Avoid creation of fragmented spaces within park.	Increased size of central plaza space on Concept D to connect play and turf areas with more flow.
Consider both a greater quantity of trees or larger trees.	Increased size of some trees, added trees for additional shade at picnic areas.
Consider a specimen tree.	Added a specimen tree.
Consider utilizing native trees and pollinator planting species.	Added native trees and pollinator plantings.
Remove rear park entry pathway to park linked from adjacent development for neighbor privacy.	Removed rear park entry point.

Similar to the concepts presented at the October 18, 2022 Villa Park community meeting, amenities in Concepts D and E include a play area, benches, picnic tables, bike racks, and a drinking fountain. Other features similar in both revised concepts include:

- Retaining wall added to increase usable space. Retaining wall needed to account for the ~3' grade difference between the front and rear of the park site (rear is lower) and to have the park site be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
- Utilizing the existing private pathways surrounding the park to improve circulation and allow more space for park amenities.

- Using neutral color play surfacing.
- Incorporating natural play elements.
- Including Pollinator plantings and native trees.
- A row of trees and other screening features are placed along the Villa Avenue frontage.
- Trees are placed adjacent to the eastern neighbor's unpaved EVA area.
- The location of programming elements allows for a fluid experience.
- Cross sections are included in Attachment 2, Figures 2 and 4, to illustrate the park's relationship with the development.

Modifications to the concepts presented at the October 18, 2022 community meeting now include larger open lawns and gathering spaces, as well as natural play structures and shaded seating areas (upon tree maturation). Key differing features for each concept are:

- Concept D (see Attachment 2, Figure 1) provides a larger central plaza space with picnic tables, provides a gathering area surrounding a focal specimen tree, additional plantings and bench seating in the plaza and a low fence all along the street side of park. This concept also has increased the size of trees as well as added trees for shaded seating at the plaza near picnic area.
- Concept E (See Attachment 2, Figure 3) includes a larger, more linear, main plaza and flexible gathering space along the street entry side, added bench seating throughout the park and game tables, and includes a mix of larger and medium-sized trees.