
[EXTERNAL] Voigt Park Proposal Feedback Submission

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Hello,

My name is Emily Sheeran and I live a block away from Voigt Park on Edison Street between Third & Hamilton.

Please use this email as my feedback submission in regard to the Voigt Park Improvement Proposal being discussed at the meeting on 10/8. While I very much appreciate the proposal and the want to improve the park, I do have some concerns over the design itself.

As a positive note, I appreciate restoring the original walking paths and benches. I think they are a beautiful element our park is lacking right now and would make it used by even more neighbors than currently do. I also appreciate the inclusion of dead tree removal - our block club has taken special care in remediating those trees and the City's support is much appreciated!!

My concerns lie in the use and dimensions of concrete as well as neighborhood involvement. I agree with our neighbor Aaron and his suggestion of exploring options seen as more flooding friendly. Voigt park tends to flood frequently and I think it would be smart to take that into consideration since it is an aspect of our park that is likely here to stay. Additionally, I agree that 6 feet feels wide and could take up more space than is needed. A lot of families/neighborhood kids use the park to play flag football, soccer, baseball, etc. If the paths are kept narrower then we can leave the maximum amount of uninterrupted space for them to keep playing games. I would also like to see the concrete pads for the trash cans/benches downsized if possible for the same reason as listed above. Based on the plan I was shown it seems there will be a lot of extra concrete space around benches/trash cans that could be downsized to keep the impact to the park and its green space minimal.

My other concern lies in community involvement. While HBEA and the block club has been made aware of the proposal, I am not sure the general population is informed of it. I would love a few surveys to get any other thoughts from folks using the park to make sure any other improvements that could reasonably made haven't been missed.

Again, I hope this email conveys that there is **a lot about this plan I like, and I very much appreciate the direction the park will head in.** I do not want the proposal to be denied, merely hoping we can make some tweaks and slow the process in order to ensure buy in/creativity from all neighbors have been included.

Thank you for your time, and thank you to the Parks Dept for your wonderful work on this proposal! It is truly appreciated & I am excited for what will come of it!

Best,
Emily