



City Council Information Packet

September 22, 2022

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Council Tentative Meeting Schedule

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Subject to change

September 22, 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, October 3, 2022	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Monday, October 17, 2022	4:30 PM	Joint Entities Meeting Hosted by City of Iowa City	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Tuesday, November 1, 2022	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Tuesday, November 15, 2022	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	
Tuesday, December 6, 2022	4:00 PM	Work Session	City Hall, Emma J. Harvat Hall 410 E. Washington Street
	6:00 PM	Formal Meeting	



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Memo from Parks & Recreation Director: Happy Hallow Park Review of Public Input and Recommendations from Parks & Recreation Commission

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Memo from Parks & Recreation Director: Happy Hallow Park Review of Public Input and Recommendations from Parks & Recreation Commission



TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Juli Seydell Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: September 22, 2022
RE: Happy Hollow Park Review of Public Input and Recommendation from Parks & Recreation Commission

Earlier this summer, the City Council asked staff to host a public input meeting at Happy Hollow Park in preparation for 2024 playground renovations and, specifically, to ask neighbors of the park about the future of the ballfield. Snyder and Associates was contracted to host this public meeting on Tuesday, August 9 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the park. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Rec’N’Roll event that night. 600 postcards were mailed inviting all residents within .5 mile of the park to attend and an on-line survey was available for 10 days following the event. Recreation staff also reached out directly to our youth sport associations to gauge their interest in the field. Public comments from recent effort with park neighbors lean toward a desire to have the skinned baseball field returned to the park.

The future of the baseball field was an agenda item for the Parks & Recreation Commission at their September 15, 2022 regular meeting. The Commission reviewed the project history, field use, differences in maintenance for the two types of fields and recent public input. Three residents attended the meeting and spoke in favor of returning the ball diamond to its previous condition.

The Parks & Recreation Commission passed the following motion:

Moved by Wills, Seconded by Forbes, to recommend to City Council to keep and maintain the Happy Hollow Park Ballfield as is until it can be reevaluated when discussion begins for the FY24’ ‘Happy Hollow Park Playground Replacement park project. Motion passed 5-1 (Penandjo Lemoupa, Morelli & Odinet absent)

The following documents were included in the Parks & Recreation Commission Packet and are attached to this memo:

1. September 7, 2022 Information Memo to Parks Commission
2. June 2, 2022 Information Memo to Mayor and Council
3. June 24, 2020 Information Memo to City Manager
4. Happy Hollow Infield Labor Cost Estimates – Skinned Infield and Grass Infield Options
5. Aerial Photo of Field before the Skinned Infield was Removed
6. Regulation Baseball Field Dimensions

7. Field Use of all City of Iowa City Baseball Fields 2017-2022
8. Input from Affiliate and Field User Groups – August 2022
9. August 9, 2022 Public Meeting Report – Snyder and Associates
10. September 30, 2019 Public Meeting Report – Snyder and Associates



TO: Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Juli Seydell Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: September 7, 2022

RE: Happy Hollow Park Review of Public Input and Recommendation to City Council

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The question regarding the future of the ballfield was brought forward by City Councilor, John Thomas. The ballfield was changed from a “skinned” (gravel) infield to a grass infield in 2019 following a similar public input meeting. The decision was based on the following:

- Low recorded use of the field by rental groups and baseball leagues. The primary user at the time was and remains the Parks & Rec T-ball league. The park is only large enough for the youngest of baseball teams to play. In addition, there were public requests for soccer goals and more open play space.
- All other t-ball fields in the City are grass. (Court Hill, Willow Creek, Mercer) *McPherson*
- Maintaining a stand-alone skinned baseball field requires both staff and equipment to be transported to the site from one of the athletic complexes each time the field needs maintenance. Having a grass infield allows the general park maintenance crew to do the work.

The Commission is asked to review the public input and staff reports, then make a recommendation to the Council. The park playground renovations are scheduled for the summer of 2024. That would be the least impactful time to make changes to the ballfield, if desired. The Commission may also recommend no changes or to make the change sooner than 2024.



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

Date: June 2, 2022
To: Mayor and Council
From: Geoff Fruin, City Manager
Re: Happy Hollow Park Ballfield Update

In 2020, the City converted the ballfield located at Happy Hollow Park from a dirt infield to an all grass playing surface. A memo that was provided to the City Council in June of 2020 is attached for additional background. Ultimately, the City Council concurred with staff's recommendation that the playing surface should remain grass, but that a reversion back to dirt infield could be revisited with the planned playground upgrade at the park. Recently, Councilor Thomas requested an update from staff on this situation.

Since the memo in 2020, there have been a few notable updates:

- The planned playground replacement project at Happy Hollow Park was moved from 2023 to 2024 in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Along with this move the project budget was increased from \$150,000 to \$175,000 to accommodate a potential field conversion and inflation. Revisiting the surfacing of the field would be done in conjunction with the standard neighborhood meeting that is conducted a year before the scheduled CIP project (2023 in this situation).
- Smaller improvements to Happy Hollow Park have been completed since 2020 that are in alignment with the public feedback that was received during the 2019 input session. Those include eight new trees added to the park, a resurfacing of the basketball court and a second basketball hoop added to the court (and subsequently replaced after vandalism).

The Parks and Recreation Department has not received ongoing comments about the playing surface at Happy Hollow Park. T-ball continues to use the field on a regular basis and community groups such as the Iowa Writer's Workshop still utilize the field. Staff has observed steady use of the soccer goals that were added in 2020. Use of those goals often coincides with t-ball practice times but could not occur with older teams that need to utilize outfield spaces.

At this time, staff believes the conversion has been positive in several respects. It has created maintenance efficiencies and helped to introduce broader uses to the park (soccer, frisbee, football, kite flying, etc.). Use of the field for youth t-ball is still strong. The surfacing of the field aligns with the treatment of other similar fields at Court Hill, James Alan McPherson, Mercer and Willow Creek parks. Should there be a desire to upgrade the field and maintenance expectations at one of these parks, the Council may wish to consider equitable upgrades at some or all of these similarly situated fields.



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

Staff now estimates that the grass field saves roughly \$12,000 in maintenance costs per year. To convert one field from grass to a dirt infield will cost roughly \$10,000 and possibly more if contracted out. The savings in staff time helps us maintain our existing sport complexes (Napoleon, Mercer, City and Kicker's) at a higher level which benefits tens of thousands of users each year.

Staff plans to proceed with the neighborhood meeting in 2023 in advance of the playground replacement scheduled for 2024. At that time, the City Council can consider converting the field back to a dirt infield with the playground replacement project should there be a desire to do so. If the Council wants to proceed with converting the field back this year or next, staff will need that explicit direction and will subsequently prioritize that work accordingly utilizing existing operational funds.

Attachment: June 2020 Memo

Item Number: 4.



June 25, 2020

**Memo from Parks & Recreation Director: Happy Hollow Park Baseball Field
Infield Conversion**

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Description

Memo from Parks & Recreation Director: Happy Hollow Park Baseball Field Infield Conversion



TO: Geoff Fruin, City Manager
FROM: Juli Seydell Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation
DATE: June 24, 2020
RE: Happy Hollow Park Baseball Field Infield Conversion

This memo provides background information concerning the conversion of the Happy Hollow baseball field from a skinned infield to a turf infield. A concern was raised by Council member Thomas who sought input from others in the Happy Hollow neighborhood and summarized that for staff. Council member Thomas has requested that staff convert the field back to a skinned infield.

The change to the Happy Hollow baseball infield supports three items from the Council's strategic goals:

1. Promote Racial and Social Equity – this change provides equity throughout the park system as it makes this field the same as four other similar fields located in other neighborhoods of the City. The change was made after receiving neighborhood input at a community meeting held at the park. The specific question of what the field surface should be was not asked, but the project was the outgrowth of neighborhood requests for additional multi-purpose field space and ongoing concerns about the aesthetics and safety of the infield since it often had weeds.
2. Promote Environmental Sustainability – changing to a grass infield allows the same park maintenance crew that maintains the rest of the park to maintain the field. Previously, a separate crew would need to travel from one of the athletic fields with equipment to provide maintenance to the skinned infield.
3. Fiscal Responsibility – the change to a grass infield saves the city an estimated \$15,000 per year. The field is still appropriate for use for the t-ball program, shelter rentals, team practices, and recreational games.

A community meeting was held in conjunction with the July 11, 2019, Party in the Park at Happy Hollow. The following items were reported to the City Manager and initiated following this meeting:

- Request for soccer goals in open field. (Completed summer 2019)
- Concerns about condition of ballfield. Field to be renovated over the winter with infield converted to a grass infield matching other recreational fields in the park system. (completed spring of 2020)
- Concerns about cars pulling onto the grass. Limestone blocks to be placed this fall. (Completed fall 2019)
- Requests for additional trees. Three additional trees to be planted this fall or early spring. (Additional trees planted fall 2019) More after location of renovated playground is determined for the budgeted 2023 project.
- Improve conditions of basketball court. Staff pursuing bidding renovations of the court along with similar project for Court Hill Park basketball court in Spring 2020. Funding from neighborhood donations. (Currently out for bid.)

- Hill for sledding – Staff mowed the hillside in the fall.

The leading reasons for the change were the requests for more varied use of the open spaces at the park and the on-going challenge of maintaining a single skinned field away from the main baseball complex. In addition, the field is primarily used for recreational sports. Similar recreation fields at Mercer Park, Kiwanis/Willow Creek Park, Court Hill and Creekside Park all have grass infields.

This change to a turf infield provides a better, safer, and more efficiently maintained playing surface for the younger age group serviced by this field size. The primary user of the field is the City's Recreation Division t-ball teams. The increase in turf provides for more varied recreational opportunities such as flag football, soccer, and ultimate frisbee.

The Happy Hollow ballfield was the only ballfield outside of the four Athletic complexes that had a skinned infield. Being an outlier ballfield that saw less use than other ballfields, coupled with limited chemical use policy, staff found it challenging to keep the field weed-free and in playable condition. The poor condition of the field was a source of complaints both from users of the fields as well as residents concerned about the aesthetics of the park. A chart at the end of this memo shows the difference in cost to maintain the field with a skinned infield versus a grass infield.

Between April and August of 2019, there were 24 uses of the field by Recreation Division T-Ball, 15 uses by Little Hawks Baseball teams, 16 uses by other travel baseball teams, and 1 event rental (Iowa Writer's Workshop). Dispersed throughout the City's four Athletic complexes are 16 ballfields with ag-lime skinned infields and the same base dimensions as Happy Hollow. There is enough capacity at these facilities to accommodate the rentals that were taking place previously at Happy Hollow. T-Ball will continue at Happy Hollow and the field will be available and appropriate for a range of users.

Council member Thomas has asked whether a hybrid model with skinned areas around each base would be a good "middle ground" for this field. Consulting with the Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association staff found no "hybrid" models known in the state. This is likely because a "hybrid" field is even harder to maintain than a fully "skinned" field, limits ability to change base lengths, and the operational inputs and equipment necessary to maintain hybrid field vs a fully "skinned" field would be the same.

Council direction is requested for next steps by staff:

1. Leave Happy Hollow baseball field as-is with a grass infield.
2. Convert the field back to a skinned infield and maintain at higher level for increased playability for youth sport teams.
3. Convert the field to a hybrid dirt/grass field immediately.
4. Explore partnership with youth baseball/softball groups for assistance with reconversion of field and/or conversion of similar fields at Mercer, Creekside, Willow Creek, and Court Hill parks.
5. Conduct a survey to get input from neighborhood and youth sports associations.
6. Wait and discuss with the neighborhood in conjunction with planning the scheduled 2023 playground replacement project.

Staff recommends that the City wait and determine any changes to the field in conjunction with the planned 2023 playground replacement project. Planning for that project including a neighborhood outreach session will take place in 2022.



Baseball Field Dimensions

	USSSA				Cal Ripken / Babe Ruth				Little League				USA Softball			
	Bases	Pitch	Foul	Center	Bases	Pitch	Foul	Center	Bases	Pitch	Foul	Center	Bases	Pitch	Foul	Center
U6	55'	n/a	140'	175'	50'	n/a	175'	175'	50'	n/a	--	--				
U7	60'	40'	160'	185'												
U8	60'	40'	160'	185'	60'	46'	200'	200'	60'	46'	165'	200'				
U9	65'	46'	180'	210'												
U10	65'	46'	180'	210'	60'	46'	200'	200'	60'	46'	165'	200'	60'	35'	175'	225'
U11	70'	50'	230'	275'												
U12	70'	50'	230'	275'	70'	50'			60'	46'	200'	275'	60'	40'	200'	225'
U13	80'	54'	275'	300'												
U14*	80'	54'	275'	300'									60'	43'	200'	225'
U14*	85'	57'	275'	300'												
U14 & Up	90'	60.5'	320'	375'	90'	60.5'	300'	425'	90'	60.5'	300'	425'				
Womens FP													60'	43'	200'	250'
Men's FP													60'	46'	225'	275'
Womens SP													70'	50'	265'	300'
Mens SP													70'	50'	300'	315'
Senior													70'	50'	300'	315'
CoRec													70'	50'	275'	300'

ICBB Instructional League 60/46
 ICBB Pitching Machine 60/46
 ICBB Junior League 60/46
 ICBB Senior League 70/50

Fence Distance:

200'
 250'
 300'

ICGS T-ball League 60/35
 ICGS Primary League 60/NA
 ICGS Intermediate 60/35
 ICGS Junior League 60/43
 ICGS Senior League 60/43



FIELD USAGE

Facility Name (Number)	2017 3/15 - 11/5		2018 3/1 - 11/30		2019 3/25 - 11/3		2020 6/15-10/31		2021 3/23 - 11/7		2022 - To Date 4/1 - 7/26	
	Days	Hours	Days	Hours	Days	Hours	Days	Hours	Days	Hours	Days	Hours
Mercer Park Field 1 (M 1)	107	532.00	107	529.42	78	431.50	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mercer Park Field 2 (M 2)	71	394.00	79	394.58	83	364.75	25	57.50	73	251.75	55	247.75
Mercer Park Field 3 (M 3)	72	313.00	76	327.00	78	289.50	50	114.25	91	345.75	50	182.50
Mercer Park Field 4 (M 4)	73	286.25	71	254.08	66	227.67	21	62.00	97	320.42	51	153.00
Center Sub-Total:	323	1525.25	333	1,505.09	305	1,313.42	96	233.75	261	917.92	156	583.25
Little League 1 (LL 1)	91	346.00	72	357.48	58	228.75	14	22.50	80	273.00	53	194.17
Little League 2 (LL 2)	98	348.75	80	354.65	55	227.17	7	12.00	69	244.75	52	184.33
Little League 3 (LL 3)	64	221.33	60	250.65	38	161.08	15	25.00	51	123.25	41	145.67
Little League 4 (LL 4)	68	263.83	54	265.23	40	161.08	13	22.50	69	165.50	59	201.83
Little League 5 (LL 5)	76	301.25	63	341.07	51	227.58	18	35.00	81	264.25	57	201.50
Little League 6 (LL 6)	81	312.50	72	305.65	51	212.08	9	9.00	75	232.00	39	155.67
Little League 7 (LL 7)	35	120.33	58	246.23	28	101.25	9	25.50	33	63.25	51	144.33
Little League 8 (LL 8)	36	85.00	38	159.23	22	82.50	0	0.00	27	48.50	5	8.50
Center Sub-Total:	549	1998.99	497	2,280.20	343	1,401.50	85	151.50	485	1,414.50	357	1,236.00
Napoleon Field 1 (NAP 1)	79	368.33	60	273.73	76	261.92	14	45.00	77	289.25	51	153.00
Napoleon Field 2 (NAP 2)	77	354.42	62	276.73	56	202.42	15	49.00	80	318.08	49	161.00
Napoleon Field 3 (NAP 3)	79	323.75	61	249.15	70	234.33	15	49.00	76	289.00	49	188.00
Napoleon Field 4 (NAP 4)	84	305.67	61	222.65	78	222.33	8	25.00	75	253.00	53	202.50
Napoleon Field 5 (NAP 5)	64	242.25	57	185.98	30	95.08	1	4.00	44	145.50	24	103.50
Napoleon Field 6 (NAP 6)	54	215.08	51	183.98	40	131.08	10	25.67	52	174.00	33	116.75
Napoleon Field 7 (NAP 7)	28	105.25	25	100.23	18	28.75	0	0.00	32	99.25	22	72.50
Napoleon Field 8 (NAP 8)	44	130.67	52	124.73	31	60.08	0	0.00	36	114.50	28	82.50
Center Sub-Total:	509	2045.42	429	1,617.20	399	1,235.67	63	197.67	63	1,682.58	309	1,079.75
Happy Hollow (HH)												
ICPRD Teeball	9	18.00	23	48.75	15	30.00	0	0.00	12	36.00	12	33.00
Kickers Soccer Practice	16	16.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
All Other Use	40	83.75	30	53.00	35	87.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Center Sub-Total:	65	117.75	53	101.75	50	117.00	0	0.00	12	36.00	12	33.00
Happy Hollow Park Shelter	18	96.25	2*	9.50	25	138.50	9	17.83	48	233.72	23	119.00

*under construction most of 2018

Mercer #1 scheduling by City High begins 2020
City Park #8 under renovation 4/1/22 to 6/30/22

Happy Hollow Field – Input from Affiliate & Field User Groups – August 2022

Iowa City Kickers

- 1) The club does not use that green space.
 - 2) Coaches choose their own practice locations and do not let me know where; so I am unaware of how many, if any, teams use that location for practice. I would be happy to put a notice of your public input session on our web page.
- Barb Kamber, Administrator

Iowa City Girls Softball

“We have never used that park (wasn't quite sure where it was) and do not have any plans to do so. I guess we do not have any preference one way or the other.”

- Todd Kruse, President

Iowa City Boys Baseball

“My opinion is a bit on the personal side as I live really close to Happy Hollow and we were very disappointed when the ballfield was taken away. We (I have a 7 year old) had been going there every Sunday and on occasion during the week.

That being said, I know that some pee wee age games were being played but not much else. I think if the field were put back into play, an outfield fence would make that park very attractive as an alternate site for games or practice. Either way, a skinned field would definitely be better than the current state. For ICBB, our registrations are strong and our need for that field would probably only be in April.

I hope that helps and would be willing to talk more about it if you'd like. If there isn't an outfield field, I don't think ICBB would utilize it.”

– Brian Ties, Vice President, Board of Directors

Little Hawks Baseball

“Little Hawks would love to have this field be available for baseball again. While the city has fields we don't have multiple fields at all ages and distances. Having a field for our younger 6/7/8 year olds would take the strain off the scheduling issues at City Park. Unless the city has plans to expand other parks or build a new baseball facility every field is essential. It also would be better for the city rec programs to have another field for practice. If this field was brought back our club would love to have discussions about performing some maintenance to help keep the field up to playing condition, if it becomes a staffing issue for the City. We'd love to be a part of any discussions about this field or any other options.

Due to Iowa City Boys Baseball having a stranglehold on City Park we can not truly grow our club due to field restraints and handshake agreements with our teams to not fight for fields in Coralville and north liberty. We don't want a City High feeder program to practice outside of Iowa City but our options are getting slim."

– Alan Eckhardt, Board of Directors

RedZone Football


"I'm not aware of any teams that practice at Happy Hollow, though it's not impossible as I don't know where every one of them does practice.

I don't know that RedZone would have a need for the park in it's current state. If it had lights and could fit a couple of our game fields, that would be more considerable for our needs during the fall season."

- Tyler Blum, Head Coach

**HAPPY HOLLOW PARK
PUBLIC MEETING REPORT**

Iowa City, Iowa | August 15, 2022





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HAPPY HOLLOW PARK PUBLIC MEETING REPORT

Meeting Date: August 9, 2022

Prepared for:

Parks & Recreation Department
City of Iowa City
Juli Seydell Johnson
220 S. Gilbert Street
Iowa City, IA

1. INTRODUCTION

Happy Hollow Park is a 3.3 acre parcel located northeast of downtown Iowa City. The park was established in 1945 and has playground, shelter, picnic tables, cooking grills, restroom, an open play field, a baseball/softball diamond, and a sledding hill. The restroom, shelter, and sidewalks are new within the last 4 years.

This public input meeting was held in coordination with the City of Iowa City's Party in the Park event on August 9, 2022. Presentation boards and a comments form were shared with the general public to gather input focusing on three topics which included playground, baseball field and site amenities. This input gathered is being shared in this report. This information will assist the City of Iowa City in making informed decisions for future improvements in the park.



Google Earth

Aerial of Happy Hollow Park

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

A Party in the Park event was held on August 9, 2022 at Happy Hollow Park. At this event, the Parks and Recreation Department wanted to receive public comments and input on the park and any desired park improvements. A one-page questionnaire was made available for public comments to be written along with an aerial image of the park. The following is a summary of comments received.

1. Name: John Thomas

Address: 509 Brown St.

Phone: 319-338-1841

Email: johnfredericthomas@gmail.com

Playground Input: Tall swings, facing the field. Seating around the Hackberry. Tall circular slide, integrated into structure, which features natural materials. Circular whirl w/ net climbing is popular, space efficient play piece.

Baseball Field Input: Restore infield. Happy Hollow was the only neighborhood park w/ an infield in Iowa City. Cities typically have a combination of complexes and neighborhood ballfields (with skinned infields) to address full spectrum of ball play, from organized play to practice pickup games, group organizations, etc. That's how Happy Hollow's ballfield functioned.

Site Amenities Input: Benches; moveable seating could be tree stumps at seat height; seasonable mid story trees; explore potential of natural area. May need more trash receptacles if groups are large.

2. Name: None

Address: None

Phone: None

Email: None

Playground Input: Skating rink

Baseball Field Input: None

Site Amenities Input: None

3. Name: None

Address: None

Phone: None

Email: None

Playground Input: Agility course for older kids and swings.

Baseball Field Input: None

Site Amenities Input: None

4. Name: Jake Biger

Address: 519 N. Johnson St.

Phone: 319-321-8521

Email: jackiehockett@gmail.com

Playground Input: It mostly does! Love climbing and slides and the soccer nets. My favorite tree in IC lives here! We love the play structure; but all nature scape with layers of water play would be cool. Actual wood and multiple layers of play for high and low play – climbing caves and ropes.

Baseball Field Input: I would love to see the skinned infield back! It made it feel special for t-ball, kickball, etc. Plenty of grass left.

Site Amenities Input: Additional seating. Benches by b-ball hoop – adjustable hoops on both hoops.
Bike parking, recycling!

5. **Name:** Sarah Clark

Address: 509 Brown St.

Phone: 319-594-1683

Email: sclark52245@gmail.com

Playground Input: Every playground needs a swing! The rope structures offer a variety of play in a relatively small space (e.g. the Christmas tree shaped structure), so adding something in that vein would be good.

Baseball Field Input: Unfortunately, we can't really call the current field a ballfield – it's a grass field with a backstop. I played in (and watched) many ballgames at this park in the 1980s – I can't imagine what it would be like to try to do that in its current version. This town needs at least one real ballfield that isn't located in a sports complex. Kids (nor adults) won't go to sports complexes to play catch or a pickup game. That sort of ball play happens in neighborhood parks. Putting back the skinned infield does not preclude the other uses.

Site Amenities Input: Seating is always important. Flexible seating is best – seating so people can view the playground and the field. Maybe a nice wooden bench that encircles the large tree next to the playground. Introduce a few playful seating elements like the tree stumps. Additional trash receptacles would be good because some of the shelter reservations generate a fair amount of refuse and one receptacle is not sufficient. I live nearby so wouldn't need it, but bike rack would be a welcome addition. Older kids would bike here more readily if there was a good way to secure their bikes.

6. **Name:** Jacqueline Briggs

Address: 328 Brown St.

Phone: 319-321-7627

Email: jackiebriggs@earthlink.net

Playground Input: None

Baseball Field Input: Would like to see the baseball field upgraded again. And would like to see some sort of soccer amenities.

Site Amenities Input: More benches by the tree edges.

7. **Name:** Mary Lu Callahan

Address: 824 N. Gilbert St.

Phone: 319-621-4157

Email: marylucall@gmail.com

Playground Input: A zip line like RFX park. Very fun for all ages!

Baseball Field Input: None

Site Amenities Input: None

8. **Name:** Ben Landsee

Address: 621 N. Johnson St.

Phone: 319-499-5060

Email: bennylandsee@gmail.com

Playground Input: Tall swings! Zipline, Union Park in Des Moines has some excellent playground structures that would be perfect here! My kids love this park in the woods too!

Baseball Field Input: I play soccer on the field, we also toss frisbees. I am in favor of bringing back the infield!

Site Amenities Input: None

9. **Name:** Christina Welu-Reynolds

Address: 619 Brown St.

Phone: 319-337-9763

Email: chriswelu@gmail.com

Playground Input: Larger, more up-to-date play equipment, a few more benches for parents/guardians to watch kids while playing on the equipment.

Baseball Field Input: I loved hearing the baseball games from my yard. I liked the field as a baseball diamond. I thought it brought more people to the neighborhood that had not been here before. The prairie grasses/flowers are a great addition but not sure if it would cause issues for players. I'm not sure if parking was an issue for families.

Site Amenities Input: The new pavilion and restrooms were a great addition. A bike rack and another garbage receptacle would be nice. When people rent the pavilion, they often have to set the garbage next to a full receptacle.

10. **Name:** Nancy Thompson

Address: 827 Brown St.

Phone: 319-512-9128

Email: nancy-thompson@uiowa.edu

Playground Input: Current playground meets my needs.

Baseball Field Input: Keep the use of the baseball field for softball only. Hard balls fly further and negatively impact our house. Perhaps reposition the field so it points to the SW more than directly south.

Site Amenities Input: Render the section north of the park cleaner. No trash, maintain places for sledding in winter.

11. **Name:** Thomas Callahan

Address: 618 N. Gilbert St.

Phone: 319-621-0814

Email: root@thomas-callahan.com

Playground Input: 1. Does the current playground meet your needs: Yes. 2. Any preferences or thoughts for future playground: A 5 ft climbing wall is a waste of space.

Baseball Field Input: Please remember the college kids when considering the ballpark. They use it. Let them use it. Keep a functional baseball field.

Site Amenities Input: Restrooms, which currently exist. Bike racks, which don't.

12. **Name:** Michael Fallon

Address: 804 Ronalds St.

Phone: 319-331-9543

Email: mjfjr@yahoo.com

Playground Input: The current play structure has been fun and useful for our children for 15 years. It is fun for younger children. For older kids, it's not that useful. Teenagers, pre-teens and older kids need active play equipment like ziplines and climbing structures.

Baseball Field Input: Our family has used the bb field over the past 15 years, both w/a dirt infield and grass space. Both are fine w/ us. We use the open space for soccer practice much more than bb. We'd like to see the space used for soccer and other sports.

Site Amenities Input: Permanent grills (outdoor), recycling bin, permanent soccer goals & sledding hills. In the winter HH park is a big sledding destination. Removing trees along the hillslope and creating a nice sledding hill would be great.

13. Name: Rachel Berger

Address: 611 N. Governor St.

Phone: 319-343-7340

Email: Racheliza@hotmail.co.uk

Playground Input: The native playground looks great. The needs could meet children with disabilities better. We love Happy Hollow Park though!

Baseball Field Input: It is a great space. Knowledge about any teams/clubs that play here would be good.

Site Amenities Input: Appreciate the bathroom! More trash cans. Benches around the playground.

14. Name: Gilad Jaffe

Address: 425 E. Jefferson St., Apt. 2

Phone: 917-650-9099

Email: giladrjaffe@gmail.com

Playground Input: None

Baseball Field Input: Unfortunately, it does not. I am one of the organizers of the Iowa Writer's Workshop's annual softball game and we were all very disappointed to see that the infield has been filled with grass, rather than infield dirt. As a result, we faced a number of dicey scenarios when it came to softball taking dangerous hops on inexperienced infielders. If for safety along, I and the entire Iowa Writer's Workshop believe the field should be filled with dirt/sand once again. Especially that the Happy Hollow field is and has been for some time the only public baseball/softball field on the north side. Thank you for considering this important proposal.

Site Amenities Input: None

15. Name: Evan Goldstein

Address: 941 Webster Street

Phone: 316-329-6232

Email: goldstein@gmail.com

Playground Input: None

Baseball Field Input: The current baseball field is unsafe because the infield dirt was allowed to grow in. As a member of the Iowa Writer's Workshop, we use the ballfield every spring to practice for and play our annual softball game in tradition we have for decades. In its current state, the field is dangerous because balls with the grass tend to jump unexpectedly. The infield should be ballfield with sand to make the ballfield safe for children and inexperienced players. We use it, and we rely on the City to provide and maintain safe, public parks. This is the only possible field in Iowa City that anyone can walk on and play, as it should be safe to do so for all.

Site Amenities Input: None

16. Name: Derek Pardie / Selma Vital

Address: 1006 N. Dodge Street

Phone: None

Email: srsvital@gmail.com

Playground Input: A mixture of agility and music design would be appreciated.

Baseball Field Input: None

Site Amenities Input: Bike racks, trash/recycling receptacles and water fountains are definitely useful.

17. Name: Lisa Heineman

Address: 729 Ronalds St

Phone: 319-321-1223

Email: lisa.heineman1945@gmail.com

Playground Input: Current playground is... ok. Not much there to hold the interest of kids above 5 or so. I like practically anything other than prefab pieces assembled into a "typical playground". Native playground is great (unless it's plastic in the shape of trees). Music, agility...all great. Please consider shade and interest for older kids. Water play would be amazing – many German playgrounds integrate a pump.

Baseball Field Input: Take some of the space for expanded playground – do native and music and agility! I like having the soccer goals there. A spot to shoot hoops would be great (not a full court – just a basket). Neither my kids nor I are/were baseball people, so I can't speak to that. A zipline would be very popular!

Site Amenities Input: Bike racks! Prairie restoration is nice (although neglected was this a covid problem?) I can imagine edible forest elements.

18. Name: Brian & Maggie Dess

Address: 617 Ronalds St.

Phone: None

Email: None

Playground Input: Not current playground users, but we liked the music themed idea and the more accessible swings. It would be ideal if this could be as accessible a playground as possible; there are more traditional ones nearby.

Baseball Field Input: See above (we moved in right before the pandemic), a "skinned" field (full-size) seems like a good idea. Expanding or upgrading the basketball court would be good too.

Site Amenities Input: Maintain current level of tree cover. More seating (non-picnic bench), and ensuring good drainage. Maybe more trash receptacles.

19. Name: Diane Harris

Address: 523 Brown St

Phone: None

Email: cwerrr@gmail.com

Playground Input: Update playground equipment. Would like to have had presentation on discussion about options. Sketches not sufficient. I am disappointed that the City did not hold a neighborhood meeting, which is what the neighbors expected. Impossible to talk over the music. This event diluted the possibility of a neighborhood response.

Baseball Field Input: Re-skin baseball field. Happy Hollow was unique neighborhood park for softball. Current sod, etc., not maintained. How does this event address the concerns about the ballfield expressed by the baseball community? I want a skinned field in the neighborhood, as we had for years.

Site Amenities Input: Perhaps a second trash can when parties are scheduled at the shelter. Love the re-done bathroom.

20. Name: Sharon DeGraw

Address: 519 Brown Street

Phone: 319-936-0021

Email: sharondegrow@yahoo.com

Playground Input: The playground is more interesting for 2–5-year-olds. Rope play, rock climbing wall, and especially the nature play look like great additions.

Baseball Field Input: We really miss the skinned infield. If there is a way to return that along with an outlet to accommodate a pitching machine. When ballfields are all booked, we go to Weber Elementary and this is just too far when you live on Brown Street and have an “almost ballfield” at Happy Hollow. My son loved playing baseball at Happy Hollow. He also liked the gravel infield for kickball. We think it would be great if the park play program during summer could include some time at Happy Hollow Park. There are some kids who live around HH who would come out of their houses if the park play program was there. Maybe M-W-F at MN SP and Tues & Thurs at HH? That’s were my son would have thrived on kickball during the summer. (He was shy to approach the kids living around HH all the way to Hy-Vee).

Site Amenities Input: Can there be a wooden circular seating (maybe it should be custom building for around the big tree near the playground. It would be nice to watch games and sit under the tree but not facing the playground. That’s creepy to face the playground when other peoples’ kids are playing and it’s nice to sit under the tree. We’re so glad to see Happy Hollow Park used a lot since the new pavilion and restroom. Then, after some parties at HH there can be a lot of overflowing refuse. Is there a way to ask people how large their event is going to bring extra garbage service/bags for people who need it. Then, this isn’t exactly park related – it’s just outside the boundary. During winter, there is at least one ongoing homeless encampment, which gets a little weird when you want to use the park and there is a fire and strange person in the woods. Sometimes it’s a couple. I think it’s property owned by the person who owns the abandoned office building. That area is sketchy too – with drug dealing, broken windows. It makes Happy Hollow not exactly the place you want to send your kids without adult supervision. Would the abandoned office building be considered a nuisance property?

21. Name: Matt Drabek

Address: 815 N Johnson St.

Phone: None

Email: matt.drabek@gmail.com

Playground Input: I enjoyed the rope structure options presented at the event. But I don’t have any major needs from the playground.

Baseball Field Input: I currently use it to play catch. But I think it would be best turned into a baseball infield with dirt. It’s extremely difficult to play baseball on an all-grass field. I don’t need it for soccer, but that could be accommodated at the edges of the park.

Site Amenities Input: I think the park could use grills or other food/beverage areas. It feels a bit remote from parts of the neighborhood. Maybe some kind of walking trail or connection to the houses/apartments behind.

22. Name: Andrea Truitt

Address: 815 N. Johnson St.

Phone: 319-359-8388

Email: andrea.m.truitt@gmail.com

Playground Input: Yes it does, but I also don't have children, so it's not a priority. I would like to have swings that fit adult hips better (for children of all ages) I would like to comfortably swing.

Baseball Field Input: Put the dirt infield back in! If it's going to function properly, it needs dirt, not lawn. Keep the baseball field and do it correctly with a dirt infield.

Site Amenities Input: Having accessible swings/for those with disabilities would be great! A bike rack would be helpful too, but I'm not sure how much use it would get. A grill?

23. Name: Nora & Jeff Boerner

Address: 911 Fairchild St.

Phone: 319-621-3107

Email: n-boerner@gmail.com / jeffboerner@gmail.com

Playground Input: Would love a native based space with challenging rope course.

Baseball Field Input: The fence alone seems odd, bases or hybrid option?

Site Amenities Input: More benches around the new play space.

24. Name: Eric Gidal

Address: 328 Brown St.

Phone: 319-354-3411

Email: eric.gidal5@gmail.com

Playground Input: I don't have kids who use playgrounds (too old now), but I'd like to see a modern playground with swings and slide kept up to date in the park.

Baseball Field Input: Again, I don't have kids playing ball or play myself, but if is used to benn a diamond and if was used regularly by ids in the neighborhood and by organized teams, I'd like to see it restored.

Site Amenities Input: All of them. The shelter is great but could use upgrading.

25. Name: Judy Stephenson

Address: 853 Saint Annes Dr.

Phone: 319-321-4472

Email: judykstephenson@icloud.com

Playground Input: Continue this as a neighborhood park – with a playground that appeals to multiple age groups. I love the pictures of the nature scape playground.

Baseball Field Input: Have not used – our children are grown.

Site Amenities Input: Appreciate the nice restrooms at the park.

26. Name: Kirsten Callahan

Address: 618 N. Gilbert St.

Phone: 319-360-5999

Email: krsth3821@gmail.com

Playground Input: More swings, at least one infant/toddler swing. Nature play theme. Update basketball court – 2 basketball hoops.

Baseball Field Input: Keep baseball field and open space.

Site Amenities Input: More benches.

27. Name: Mark Grulke

Address: 1018 N. Gournier? St.

Phone: 319-594-9195

Email: mark.grulke@uiowa.edu

Playground Input: Playground is a B, could be fancier, but solid. More shade would be good.

Baseball Field Input: No. Have lived 1 block away for years. Hit infield to my kid for years. Now have to drive to Napoleon to take ground balls. Please bring back the dirt!! All the local softball kids will be happy!

Site Amenities Input: Is ok, could use a few more benches. Prairie grass is awesome.

28. Name: Matthiem Biger

Address: 519 N Johnson St.

Phone: 319-321-7852

Email: mbiger@gmail.com

Playground Input: Current play structure is adequate for many ages/abilities; any new one should have this mix w/ challenges build-in. In addition, urban lumber, native playscapes would fit well into woody lot.

Baseball Field Input: Skinned field would benefit leagues and unorganized games. There should be still be room for soccer playing.

Site Amenities Input: Feature building on winter fun activities (e.g. sledding at S and SE in trees). May make wilder snow fun safer; a tethered rope or pully system at SE for instance). An edible forest (e.g. service berries, peach...) would add spring color and summer scrumptiousness.

Email Comment Received 8/10/2022:

Name: David Hamilton

Address: 814 N. Linn St.

Phone: None

Email: david-hamilton@uiowa.edu

My favorite thing there is the grand hackberry tree right by the shelter. It should flourish far longer than you and I..

Second, I suppose, is the wide spread of green. One can imagine a meadow even if it isn't quite that. Next is the strip of prairie on south edge. Beautiful, getting better year by year, and saving a lot of dangerous mowing.

I'm glad there is a soccer field and a ball diamond. No reason the two can't co-exist.

I'd love to see the infield brought back to the diamond. I'd sacrifice a bit of green for that.

Who wouldn't prefer to play where a grounder skips across a true infield.

That's how you learn to field and throw.

The basketball court isn't essential to me, but I see people using it more days than not.

And I come by the park almost every day.

The playground is relatively new. I expect it can be improved, but not at the expense, I hope, of losing much land.

Especially not at the expense of digging into the spreading roots of that grand hackberry tree.

Happy Hollow Park Planning Input
Comments Received from City's Website

#1

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Last Modified: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:19:11 PM
Time Spent: 00:03:11
IP Address: 63.152.39.140

Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Respondent skipped this question

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

Q2

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

i have heard that many people who use the baseball field preferred it when it had a dirt infield. from my observation, the field was more popular and more used when it had an actual infield and bases.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

Q4

Please provide your information.

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#2

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Thursday, August 11, 2022 12:56:18 PM
Last Modified: Thursday, August 11, 2022 12:58:50 PM
Time Spent: 00:02:31
IP Address: 174.235.216.30

Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

I'd love some kind of gravel walking path around its circumference, and stairs up the hillside to the sidewalk on Governor St so I could enter it at the corner of Brown & Governor

Q2

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

I only use it to play fetch with my dog on a long leash, and then only rarely

Q3

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

Benches, trash, shade cover

Q4

Please provide your information.

Name:	Heather Blatt
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Email:	hblatt@gmail.com

#3

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Thursday, August 11, 2022 12:57:02 PM
Last Modified: Thursday, August 11, 2022 1:01:46 PM
Time Spent: 00:04:43
IP Address: 173.18.56.216

Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

For some reason it seems inaccessible. It's not a playground I think of using often. More likely to go to Market Square

Q2

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

More plantings (shade) and seating other than on the deck. As it stands it is nice for a group event where everyone sits on the picnic tables, but there aren't areas that a single person can sit and reflect and enjoy the space and the outdoors.

Q3

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

more plantings and benches would make the area more useful

Q4

Please provide your information.

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#4

COMPLETE

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Started: Thursday, August 11, 2022 1:12:25 PM
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Time Spent: 00:03:22
IP Address: 192.199.181.201

Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

I don't have small kids, but the structure does show some wear. The basketball court could certainly be improved.

Q2

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

I know the removal of the "skinned" infield has been an issue for some, but I like the grassed version better. Even before it was sodded over I never once saw teams using the infield (and I'm there a lot). The space is better used for grassy soccer, frisbee, kite flying.

Q3

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

Benches would be great.

Q4

Please provide your information.

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#5

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Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

Created as part of an effort to expand parks post-WWII, Happy Hollow park was a focus of outdoor winter activities - not only the sledding that still exists but also a skating rink was installed in the winter and rentals for snow shoes and other winter activities. This park is such a draw in winter as is, I wonder if there's an opportunity to do highlight both that history and its current hub of winter activities.

Q2

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

Please bring back the skinned infield. I've heard from friends and neighbors that they miss having it a local neighborhood park. Including this petition with nearly 500 signatures: <https://www.change.org/p/iowa-city-council-member-restore-happy-hollow-park-ballfield>

Also well-maintained basketball courts around the city remain popular. This court is in a sorry state and should be improved.

Q3

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

It's one of two parks in a historic district (a third is in a conservation district). The site itself was a historic brickyard. The hollow of Happy Hollow as created by the land being taken to make the bricks. The history of the park should be considered in how the park is set-up for the future.

Q4

Please provide your information.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Kevin Boyd

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319-400-2051

Kevinmboyd@gmail.com

#6

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Thursday, August 11, 2022 5:22:34 PM
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Time Spent: 00:02:33
IP Address: 173.28.93.13

Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

Where is the baseball diamond?

Q2

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

Jesus, where did the baseball diamond go. Why on earth did you make that stupid decision?

Q3

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

Yes, have your City Manager tell the police force to enforce the fireworks/noise ordinance in Happy Hollow on July 4th. The park was trashed. Actually, fire the City Manager.

Q4

Please provide your information.

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#7

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Friday, August 12, 2022 8:31:52 AM
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Time Spent: 00:06:35
IP Address: 204.141.213.12

Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

Modernize, accessibility improvements. What do kids/adults like these days?

Q2

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

Return the original infield. This is one of (or the only?) city parks that has a ballfield, perfect for group gatherings. Move the soccer backstops, of course.

Q3

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

There isn't an "other" space, so here: has there been analysis of the reservation data from which some trends/demands can be detected????

Q4

Please provide your information.

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#8

COMPLETE

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Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

The current playground meets our needs, it does not need to be replaced.

Q2

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

The current baseball field meet our needs, it does not need to be replaced. In fact, I recall the contractor installing the grass surface (turf or sod) only a few years ago. Now, the city wants to remove the sod? Why is the city spending money to remove the sod they only installed a few years ago? How much money has and will the city spend on the baseball field at Happy Hollow Park? What about other sports? Surely, there are other sports are worthy of taxpayer dollars, too? Soccer & Ultimate Frisbee, come to mind.

Q3

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

Recycling bin. Also, sledding hill in the winter. Hickory Hill is a destination for families during the winter. People love to sled down the hills because they're safe and fun. One of the hill slopes at Happy Hollow Park is congested with volunteer trees. I suggest clearing the trees from a portion of the hill slope to create a expanded sledding hill.

Q4

Please provide your information.

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Email:	mjfr@yahoo.com

#9

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IP Address: 63.152.22.109

Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

Yes.

Q2

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

It would be nice to make the park more versatile by reinstalling the infield.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

Q4

Please provide your information.

Name: Lisa Collier
Address: 524 Church St

#10

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Page 1: Introduction

Q1

Respondent skipped this question

Playground Input: Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Baseball field input: Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it: baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

Q3

Site Amenities Input: Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?

I think a small enclosed, free dog park could be incorporated into the space

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide your information.

APPENDIX A
PARK MAP AND QUESTIONNAIRE USED AT PUBLIC MEETING



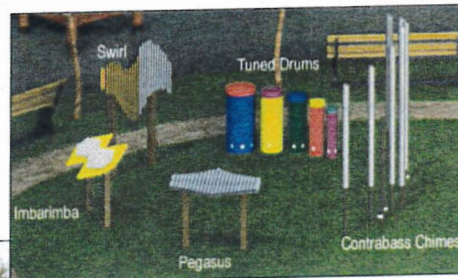
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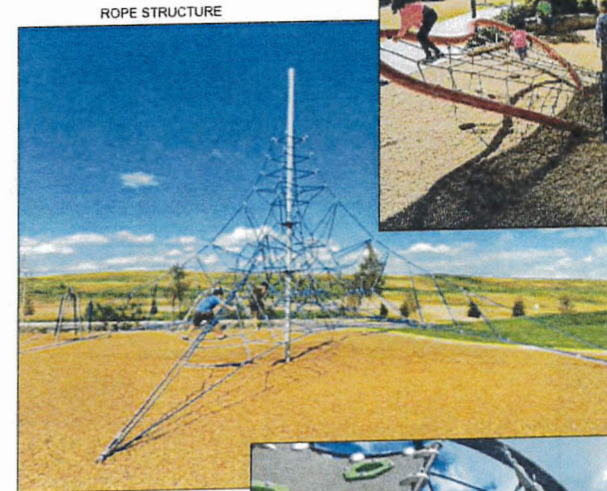
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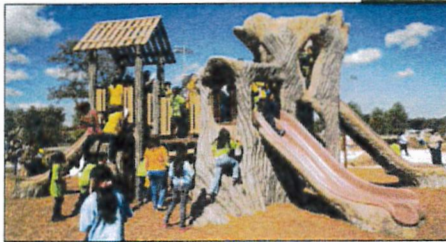
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HAPPY HOLLOW PARK

PLAYGROUND IDEAS

August 9, 2022

Public Information Meeting

HAPPY HOLLOW PARK PLANNING INPUT

Recent park improvements include the restroom, shelter and sport court upgrades.

Please share your comments with us for future park improvements related to the playground, baseball field and site amenities.

PLAYGROUND INPUT

Does the current playground meet your needs? Any preferences or thoughts for future playground improvements?

BASEBALL FIELD INPUT

Does the current baseball field meet your needs? How do you use it—baseball, soccer, open space, etc.? What would make the field and green space more useful?

SITE AMENITIES INPUT

Are there any site amenities that would be useful in the park such as benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, signage?



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APPENDIX B
PARTY IN THE PARK – EVENT PHOTOS







HAPPY HOLLOW PARK
PRE-MASTER PLAN SERVICES

Iowa City, Iowa | September 30, 2019



HAPPY HOLLOW PARK PRE-MASTER PLAN SERVICES

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1. INTRODUCTION

Happy Hollow Park is a 3.3 acre parcel located northeast of downtown Iowa City. The park was established in 1945 and has playground, shelter, picnic tables, cooking grills, restroom, an open play field, a baseball/softball diamond, and a sledding hill. The restroom, shelter, and sidewalks are new within the last 2 years.

The Scope of Services is as follows:

1. Create a questionnaire and an aerial map to use at a public meeting.
2. Attend the July 11, 2019 Party in the Park event and gather public input and comments for future improvements.
3. Prepare a report outlining the public comments.
4. Submit the report to the City for use in future park improvements.

Snyder & Associates, Inc. collected public feedback on July 11, 2019 at Party in the Park in Happy Hollow Park.



2. PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

A Party in the Park event was held on July 11, 2019 at Happy Hollow Park. At this event, the Parks and Recreation Department wanted to receive public comments and input on the park and any desired park improvements. A one page questionnaire was made available for public comments to be written along with an aerial image of the park. The following is a summary of comments received.

A. DESIRED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

GENERAL STATEMENTS (4 comments)

- Bigger Park
- Bigger Park
- Drainage
- Grass by parking floods a lot: maybe better drainage

BASKETBALL (10 comments)

- Better Basketball
- 2nd basketball hoop to create mini-court
- Add another basketball hoop
- Another basketball hoop
- Raise court so it doesn't flood
- Improve basketball court: level concrete; improve drainage
- Replace surface
- Put in two backboards
- Seating (could be backless)
- Improve basketball court: level concrete; improve drainage

PLAYGROUND (5 comments)

- "Alone Zone" in playground for autistic/spectrum
- Assuming existing play structure remains, add inexpensive ancillary play features, such as the spinners or spring toys at North Market Square, or spinning net climber
- Tall swings, oriented north/south toward ballfield
- Seating: benches, table (1 or 2)
- Teeter-totters for playground.

NEW AMENITIES (13 comments)

- Gaga ball
- 4-square
- Pool
- Water park
- Water park
- Educational signage
- On-grade embankment slide, either on Brown St. slope or Dodge St. slope
- Horseshoes
- Bocce Ball
- Croquet
- Maypole
- Food Truck Night (combined with Party in the Park)
- Hockey rink

SLEDDING (4 comments)

- Mow hill in winter for sledding.
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- Sledding infrastructure
- Already a pretty good park, everyone sleds here. Maybe make it easier to back up sledding hill.

SITE FURNISHINGS (8 comments)

- Seating: under the hackberry tree or possibly an arbor between the play area and basketball court.
- Tables away from the shelter (provides an alternative if the shelter is occupied)
- Consider movable wooden seats, tree rounds, Better Block furnishings.
- Firepit (location could be tested first, or done in such a way that fire place is portable)
- Brick oven (referencing history of brick yard)
- Council ring (could include fire pit)
- Bench swing/bench rocker
- (2) Bike racks

PARKING (3 comments)

- Block cars from parking on grass, fill in mud holes and reseed.
- Vehicles parking on the ballfield: since the entry drive is also the pedestrian access into the park,
- Consider installing a barrier (e.g., limestone blocks at seat height between the trees, or trees trunks laid horizontally, supported by trunk sections notched to receive them).

PLANTING/ NATURE (12 comments)

- Remove invasive trees, downed trees in wooded slopes
- Consider flowering and/or fruit trees (e.g. persimmon) in lawn area adjacent to wooded s lope
- Understory along wooded edge (paw paws, hazelnut)
- Planting area(s) for perennials near shelter/restroom, at park sign on Brown St.
- Consider butterfly habitat
- Shade trees around bleachers
- Allee along entry, Brown Street street trees
- Pollinator garden or prairie restoration (% a portion).
- Prairie/ Butterfly garden/rain garden
- Pollinating plants/Prairie
- Bee house / Bat house
- Edible garden.

B. PARK IMPROVEMENTS- TOP PRIORITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS

No. 1's:

- Keep mulch fresh
- Ponds and pools
- Pond fishing
- Installation of prairie
- Clean up broken concrete in woods on north perimeter
- SLEDDING!

No 2's:

- Tree house
- Tree house
- Drainage

No. 3's:

- Bigger playground
- Bigger playground
- Basketball

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

- Our environment is undergoing widescale ecological collapse, and the youngest generation has (due to extinction of experience phenomenon) lost all knowledge of basic local ecology. Restoring native habitats in public park areas in carbon sequestration good/habitat for important species and provide children a space to explore nature.
- There is a little hidden area in the western part of the park that is a lovely little cove this if was just a little more accessible and a small place to site, it would be great. And, as always, more prairie & pollinating plants would be amazing.
- Great job with the renovations! It's beautiful

D. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING ONE-ON-ONE DISCUSSIONS

- North Market Square- we should review park area
- Shade for spectators
- Tall swings- long swing
- Programming- features for adults
- Cornhole
- Bocce ball
- More trees along entrance drive
- Barrier from parking
- Paw-paws – backside of restroom/shelter
- Drainage
- Clean up wooded slopes- city property limits?
- Slide on embankment
- Perennials @ base of park sign.
- Path/sidewalk to basketball court and ballfield
- Emergency phone

3. APPENDIX CONTENTS

Appendix A – Park Map and Questionnaire

Appendix B – Public Comments

Appendix C – Party in the Park – Event Photos

APPENDIX A
PARK MAP AND QUESTIONNAIRE USED AT PUBLIC MEETING



BROWN STREET

HWY 1

Happy Hollow Park

Iowa City, IA | 07/09/2019

HAPPY HOLLOW PARK

PLANNING INPUT

Recent park improvements include the new restroom and shelter buildings.
Please share your comments with us for future park improvements.

DESIRED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

PARK IMPROVEMENTS - TOP PRIORITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

OTHER COMMENTS



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APPENDIX B
PUBLIC COMMENTS

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1. *Block cars from parking on grass, fill in mud holes + reseed.
- 2.
3. 4-square and/or gaga ball
2nd basketball hoop to make mini-court + raise
so it doesn't flood
Pollinator garden or prairie restoration (of a portion)

PARK IMPROVEMENTS - TOP PRIORITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

COMMENTS



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DESIRED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

1. Bigger park
2. Draining
3. Pool
- water park
- mow hill in winter
- bike racks

PARK IMPROVEMENTS - TOP PRIORITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS

1. pond and pools
2. Tree house
3. Bigger play ground

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water park
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Bike rack

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2. tree house
3. Bigger Playground

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DESIRED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

1. Improve basketball court: level concrete; improve drainage
2. dedicated path for sledding on east slope? (with possible traffic protections)
3. teeter-totters for playground

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1. clean up broken concrete in woods on north perimeter
- 2.
- 3.

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DESIRED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

1. Pollinating plants / ~~little prairie~~ / prairie
2. Bee houses / bat houses
3. Edible garden

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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1. Add another basketball hoop
2. Fix drainage ~~at~~ on basketball court
3. Hockey Rink

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- 3.

OTHER COMMENTS

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- 2.
3. Drainage
Basketball

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Happy Hollow Park Master Plan

Prepared by John Thomas, 5/25/16, last revised 7/11/19

Issues and Opportunities

Basketball Court

- Replace surface
- Put in two backboards
- Seating (could be backless)

Drainage

- Ponding, standing water

Playground

- Assuming existing play structure remains, add inexpensive ancillary play features, such as the spinners or spring toys at North Market Square, or spinning net climber
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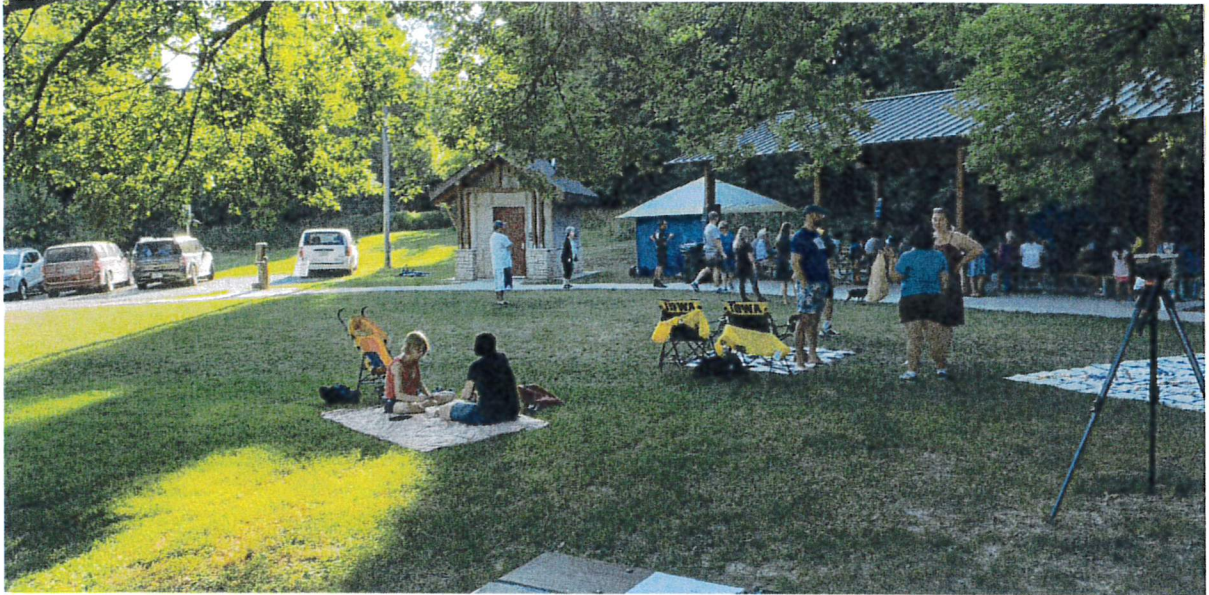
Property to the West

- Lease for park use, such as community garden or orchard

Potential Park Partnerships

- Northside Neighborhood Association
- Horace Mann Elementary School
- Taproot

APPENDIX C
PARTY IN THE PARK – EVENT PHOTOS



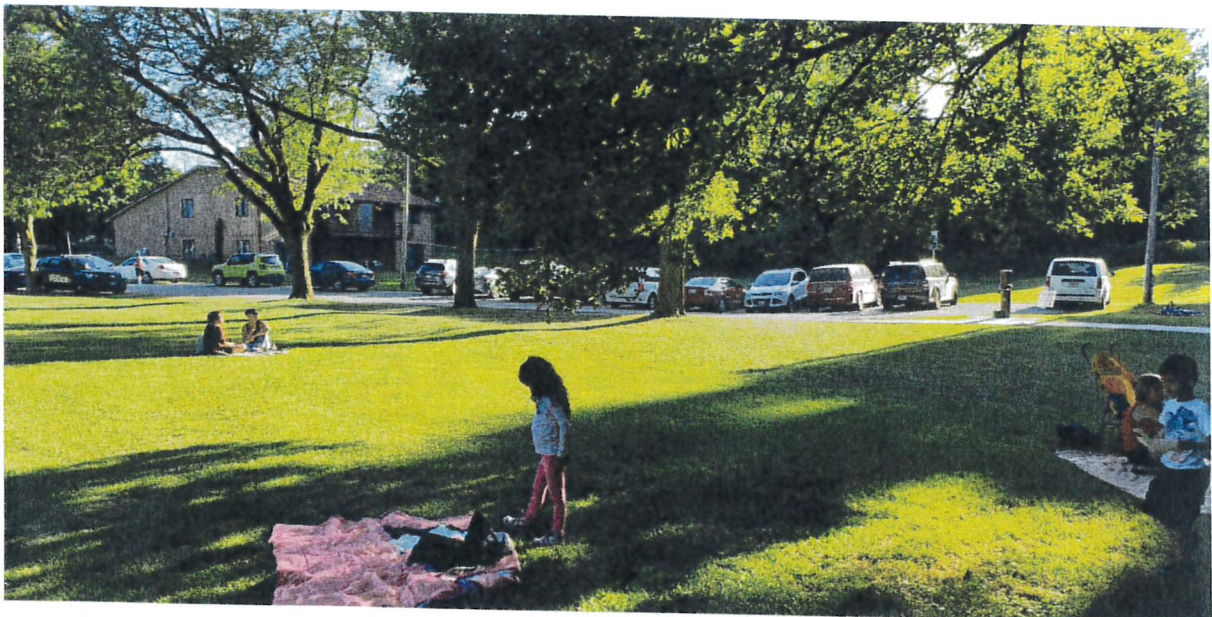
View of new restroom and shelter



View of playground equipment and basketball court



View of park open space and entry drive



View of vehicle parking area



Hillside use for sledding



Event was well attended



September 22, 2022

Civil Service Examination: Construction Inspector I

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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TO: The Honorable Mayor and the City Council

RE: Civil Service Entrance Examination – Construction Inspector I

Under the authority of the Civil Service Commission of Iowa City, Iowa, I do hereby certify the following named person(s) as eligible for the position of Construction Inspector I.

1. Dason Ryals
2. J.S. McGarvey

Iowa City Civil Service Commission



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