



# Friends of Chimborazo Playground

# **Our Mission**

**Address crime, safety and health issues  
and provide a beautiful place for  
community members of all ages  
to play, gather and enjoy by  
encouraging community involvement  
in the care of our historic park.**

# Crime & Safety Issues

**Drug use**  
(crack cocaine, marijuana)

**Prostitution**

**Alcohol abuse**

**Area Lighting**

**Graffiti**

**Vagrancy**

**Dogs**



# Crime & Safety

- Community requests resulted in increased police patrols of park at night
- Despite poles, no lights



**Chimborazo Playground entrance at night (Grace St)**



Playground equipment at night

# Addressing the Issues

- Increased lighting
- Redesign entrances
  - reduce “cut-through traffic” to liquor store
- Frequent police patrols
- Lock gates at night
- Community cleanup days

# The Heart of Our Community

*Chimborazo Playground & Recreational area should be:*

- as **vibrant, diverse** and **beautiful**  
as our community
- a place where neighbors of **all ages**  
can gather

# Who Uses the Park?

- Children – all ages
  - Toddlers
  - Preschoolers
  - Elementary-age
  - Teens
- Pétanque players
- Basketball players
- Skateboarders
- Tennis players

# Community Input

## Playground

- New age-appropriate equipment for toddlers/preschoolers
- Include a sand play area
- Increase turf under play equipment to improve safety from falls, using environmentally-friendly materials
- Keep existing trees in new playground plan
- Design that reflects diverse community
- Picnic tables

# Community Input

## Pétanque

- Scoreboard
- Benches
- Provide shading

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## More ideas:

- Inviting entrances without steps
- Water features: water and drinking fountains; water play area
- Community garden
- Recycling bins
- Less blacktop
- Public Art: sculpture, murals (famous Church Hill people, Elizabeth Van Lew, Maggie Walker, Oliver Hill, etc.)
- Tennis wall for solo players
- New nets & benches for basketball courts

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