

Parks Ambassador Safety Audit

Parks Ambassador: TROY FORD Other:

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| Park/Facility: GREENWOOD PARK | District: South | Region: South | Ward: 30 |
| Address: 150 Greenwood Avenue | | Telephone: | |
| Park Supervisor: MARK HAWKINS | | | |
| Horticulture Supervisor: BRAIN GREEN | | | |

Audit Details

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| Date of Occurrence (mm/dd/yyyy): 10/20/2007 | Time of Occurrence: 7:00 | <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM | |
| Location/Room: Met at field house. | Weather Conditions: CLEAR | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | |

General Information: Residents are concerned about the natural horticulture which makes visibility, into the park, an unsafe issue of the park. Especially, when walking down the north/east entrance stairs – residents don't know what they can expect as they walk down and knowing that people are using the naturalized horticulture as hiding spots, for their illegal activity, further increases their unsafe feelings.

Also added to the bad visibility of the naturalized horticulture, is the fact that the park is well utilized by families and dog walkers, at night and the park has very poor lighting – extremely dark in several areas of the park.

Physical Features:

- ✓ Lighting: Poor lighting, throughout the park, has made residents feel unsafe.
Action: (Mark Hawkins) Baseball diamond lights need to be turned on and/or have some of them turned on and spread throughout the park on a 'timer' system.
- ✓ Trees: Once the naturalized horticulture is removed, trees, that were already pruned, may need to be pruned again.
Action: (Mark Hawkins).
- ✓ Horticulture: Naturalized horticulture, at the north/east entrance of the park and alongside the north/west area of the park, has created hiding spots for illegal activity and created bad sight lines for viewing inside the park – when entering.
Action: (Mark Hawkins) Naturalized horticulture needs to be removed from the north/east entrance of the park alongside to the children's playground area and alongside north/east entrance stairway.
- ✓ Children's Playground: Lighting needs to be accommodated for the families using the park at night.
Action: (Mark Hawkins) Spot lights, facing the children's playground needs to be turned on.
- Fountain:
- Park Benches:
- ✓ Signs & Maps: Something educating adults, without children, from loitering at the children's playground area.
Action: (Mark Hawkins) Signs need to be installed around the children's playground stating "No adults without children allowed in the playground area".
- ✓ Sightlines: Naturalized horticulture and poor lighting has made residents feel unsafe.
Action: (Mark Hawkins) Naturalized horticulture needs to be removed from the north/east entrance of the park alongside to the children's playground area and alongside north/east entrance stairway; and baseball diamond lights need to be turned on and/or have some of them turned on and spread throughout the park on a 'timer' system.
- ✓ Isolation: Naturalized horticulture and poor lighting has made residents feel unsafe.
Action: (Mark Hawkins) Naturalized horticulture needs to be removed from the north/east entrance of the park alongside to the children's playground area and alongside north/east entrance stairway; and baseball diamond lights need to be turned on and/or have some of them turned on and spread throughout the park on a 'timer' system.
- ✓ Entrapment Sites: Naturalized horticulture and poor lighting has made residents feel unsafe.
Action: (Mark Hawkins) Naturalized horticulture needs to be removed from the north/east entrance of the park alongside to the children's playground area and alongside north/east entrance stairway; and baseball diamond lights need to be turned on and/or have some of them turned on and spread throughout the park on a 'timer' system.
- Maintenance:
- Security:
- ✓ Other: Permanent fencing and repositioned and/or installed spot lights on street lights surrounding the dog off leash area.
Action: (Mark Hawkins).
Permanent fencing needs to be installed between the outdoor pool facility and outdoor rink. The space in-between the facility and rink allows people to do illegal activity.
Action: (Mark Hawkins).

Attitudes and Behaviours: The lighting issues and natural horticulture have made the park a perfect hiding space for teens and inappropriate behaviour/illegal activity. Surprisingly, although the park was dark, families were still utilizing the children's playground and dog walkers were using the park too.

Witness Information

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| Were any community groups/associations and/or inter-departmental contacts present: <input type="checkbox"/> no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes → If yes, name of person(s) and/or organizations: | | | |
| Witness #1 | Name: Lefteris Karagiannis | Phone: (h) 416.821.2622 | (w) |
| Witness #2 | Name: Jacques Paradis | Phone: (h) 416.465.1747 | (w) |
| Witness #3 | Name: Wendy Kirschner (Councillor Paula Fletcher's Constituency Assistant) | Phone: (h) 416.338.7185 | (w) |

Follow-up

Other key staff informed concerning this situation:

Name: Mark Hawkins (present at safety audit)

Position: Parks Supervisor

Name: Susan Lewis

Position: Program Standards & Development Officer

Report completed by (print name): TROY FORD

Signature:

Once naturalized horticulture is removed, residents would like to meet with City design team.



1. Naturalized horticulture needs to be removed from the north/east entrance of the park alongside to the children's playground area and alongside north/east entrance stairway (have the area return back like the photo seen here).
2. Spot lights, facing the children's playground needs to be turned on.
3. Baseball diamond lights need to be turned on and/or have some of them turned on and spread throughout the park on a 'timer' system.
4. North baseball diamond light needs to be repositioned to face the north/east entrance pathway.
5. Picnic table, at pool entrance, needs to be relocated.
6. Field house needs to have light bulb(s) replaced and left on at night.
7. Signs need to be installed around the children's playground stating "No adults without children allowed in the playground area".
8. One light post out within the naturalized area – north of the children's playground.
9. Permanent fencing and repositioned and/or installed spot lights on street lights surrounding the dog off leash area.
10. Fencing needs to be installed between the outdoor pool and outdoor rink.