LOWELL PARK CONCEPT PLANS
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LOWELL PARK DESIGN CONCEPT
The proposed design creates a small, intimate neighborhood park that strikes an appropriate balance between passive and active uses.
- Boundaries between the park, surrounding properties, and Mt. Auburn Street have been better defined where appropriate with new fencing and plantings.
- Some hard surfaced play space has been retained in this plan for basketball, ice skating during the winter, wheeled toys, bikes, skateboards, and even ice skating in the winter.
- In one corner of the park is a climbing structure for kids ages 5-12 years and a nearby swing bench for a parent or caregiver to supervise a child.
- The other end of the park includes a grotto, more contemplative space with flowering trees, perennial plantings, garden furniture, an arbor with benches and a small sculpture water feature, overlooking a central lawn area.
- Better pedestrian and ADA access to this open space from Lowell Street, through the parking lot has been achieved by constructing a brick sidewalk to all areas of the park.
- Public safety has been improved through the addition of new soft illumination pedestrian scale park lighting, an emergency call box and cleaner park regulatory signs.
- Natural materials such as split granite slabs, sitting boulders and block stone pavers are combined with ornamental grasses, shrub roses, hostas, ferns, flowering vines, azaleas, and other low maintenance around benches to create a rich visual landscape experience.

Trash Storage - Access for small trash containers
Landscape Materials - kaolin table, mulch, decorative concrete, decorative concrete, decorative concrete

Lilypads
Water Feature - A pool containing water is placed at the east end of the park at the entrance to the park.

Arbor Bench with Swings - A place to be quiet, read, and dream

Garden Furniture - Garden style, moveable furniture includes chairs, side tables, and benches placed throughout the park.

4' Wood Picket Mount Auburn Exterior Fence - A fence with 4' high spaced wooden fence posts will provide security and separation from the new parking lot.

Park Light - An exterior light provides additional safety lighting, but not encroaching light on little park users.

Signs - New parking lot identification sign with historic graphics and information, entrance signs, and other regulatory City.

Excavation Area - Clean entry point into park.

Garden Bench - A durable wooden coffee table bench used throughout the park.

Children's Climber - A unique play structure is provided for children ages 2-12 years, while an eating area includes built-in benches with safety railings.

Backstop - Basketball backstop and additional seating area with chairs, benches, picnic tables, and other seating in another area. Using a second backstop was discussed in a last meeting, and backstops can be safely accommodated. Extension of the snack area would allow for additional seating area.