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1 Weekly	use lawn (frisbee), kids use the play equipment			Not the plastic stuff.	Concrete benches in the quiet area that can double as a skate area.	Both Art & entry element would be great - Ross Park needs an identity feature!	yes	Park needs a vegetation management plan.
2 1-2 x daily	Everything	Ball field	More shrubs and natural elements like rocks!	Rock-climbing and more activities for the 5+ year olds.		Something that has lasting visual appeal like Peak Park. Not just funky.	Rotate the basket.	Full paved loop around the play area.
3 2-3 x/ week w/ grandkids		Every item gets used		Elements to be included; Monkey Bars, Monkey Rings, Corkscrew climb (up/down), Bouncy Bridge, Slide, Baby Swings, Pavements for skates, Basketball Court, Climbing Feature, "Cave" or Tube, Novelty or 'Junk' feature (car, airplane, sculpture)				
4 Often	Let the kids play	Openness		Get an actual surplused small plane, bus, or old fire engine. Remove all gear and sharp parts and install it for kids to play on (donor could get a tax write-off).	unnecessary	unnecessary	no need to be bigger	
5 3-6 x/ Week	Play at structure, exercise, attend kids sports games.	versatility - appeals to multi-age.	updated equipment, increase natural elements, increased seating, tables, nature path with changing terrains.	More swings, climbing and strength features, use of structures by multi-age kids that provides for imaginative use. Same area (as existing) preferred. Like mix of soft and hard-scapes. Please do not decrease active zone. Quiet zone nice but using some green space preferred.	Yes! Tables at green area, benches or pockets of natural seating elements (boulders, logs, etc.)	should include natural elements or reference to Historical site of a school.	Rotate the court. Love the court -please keep.	Nature path around park for toddler to adult use. All-terrain, mounds, boulders, tunnel, cross-train stations. Both community, Pacific Crest school, and local corporations could be involved for elements that might exceed budget. So don't rule it out.
6 3-6 x/ Week	Kid play, grown-ups chat, community gathering, bike riding, razor scooting, ball-games, picnicking, and imaginary play.	Big trees, lots of space (grass & hard-scape), monkey bars, swing, metal slide, sand to dig in, b-ball hoop, and base-ball field.	More natural elements to interact with (rocks, logs, sticks, and leaves). More places to sit.	Wide metal slide (not plastic), more swings, monkey bars at Low & high height, tire swing and/or merry-go-round, rope spider web (like at the zoo), a squishy mountain under the play structure (like at Wallingford Park).	Yes! Several zones for socializing & picnicking would be great.	Natural focus (rocks, logs, plantings, different surfaces to explore and interact with).	Two heights of hoops (for younger kids)? A little more pavement (for multi-use like scootering, roller skating).	Would be amazing to have an all-terrain path or obstacle coarse around the play area (strength, balance, speed, agility etc.).
7 2-3 x/week	Shoot hoops, walk through, bike around	The basketball court, playground, the sound of the baseball bats.	A dragon from the sea bending along the North/East edge.	A big serpenty dragon, bursting out of the park.		Dragon	Yes, short full court with E W axis	
8 Once every couple of weeks year round	Kids playing in the playground. Informal kick-ball in the field	It is close to home. Field area is great, mature trees, neighborhood feel.	Area for toddlers that would not interest older kids. Area for older kids that toddlers cannot access.	Benches with good view of play area and in the sun.				Low fence or plantings to designate edge of park and restrict kids access to sidewalk and street.
9 Very often	Bringing grand-kids to play.	sand-play - small space + fine. Running and play equipment.	Fence entire area. Safer equipment.	safe, age divided play areas. Small kids get trampled when Montessori school comes for recess.				Fenced - kids run out into street.
10 3 x/week	Meet other families, provide safe place for my 3 and 1 year old to play.	4 blocks from home, swinging, climbing places.	More options for kids of all ages. A gathering place for families (tables/benches)	Sand play area, new swings, more slides of varying ability level, "rock" climbing options.	Yes - more of a central gathering place.			Safety improvements e.g. crosswalks and boarders around park, lighting.
11 2-3 x/week	Play sports in the field, play on the play-structure.		Wood chips, monkey bars, climbing wall "designated" sand box, colorful landscaping, swings, Key is a sense of exploration.	More modern, less plastic play structure, introduce some color.	I would rather see some concrete wall to sit on than benches that take a beating from the sun.	Perimeter (entrance) fence other than "Chain-link"	Actual full size court and maybe a hoop for children as well.	the perimeters, better lighted/indicated cross-walks, loop for riding bicycles/scooters.
12 1-2x/daily		tunnel, tire swing, swings, wide slide, lots of bars to hang from, basketball hoop, sand, good place for bikes.	Tot area, more swings, sand area.	Running track for adults				Ross Park gets a lot of use - parents need benches to hang out on, kids need play structure, basket ball hoop, and place to ride bikes.
13 Daily		In the neighborhood	Improve the equipment	Flexible on other improvements, diagonal walkway should go.		Integrate neighborhood artists into playground.		

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14 2x /week year round	We play a lot in the green/open space between the current t-ball bleachers and basket ball area - non programmed spontaneous family play (soccer, croquet, frisbee). It is often difficult to find such space in the park (t-bal, basketball, little league players use most of the space most of the days and evenings. Please do not reduce this space. If you can enhance it/protect it, it would be better.	Digging in the sand	Castle with moat and secret passages, monkey bars and rings.	Castle with secret passages. Zip line. Innovative new play equipment. Climbing wall type equipment in structure. Merry-go-round. No plastic slides.	Seating for parents watching kids, for adults sitting and chatting.	Only use high-quality kids art if using kids art. People have long been interested in having a community bulletin board/kiosk for neighborhood events and goings on.	not need to me. Do think of how often it is it's used as an extension of the covered area in front of the shelter house when people use.	Go look at the play structure in the park behind the Ravenna Community Center at NW 67th St. & Ravenna Ave. The community worked really hard to design a challenging and creative play structure. And it is a big hit with neighborhood kids.
15 Daily, sometimes twice daily	Soccer, baseball, swing, play, climb, dig, visit, socialize, cool down in summer heat (shadiest area in the hood).	Shelter house, restrooms, green space, playground equip (swings, old merry-go-round, tire swing)	Path around area, more swings, different age level play areas.	More swings, (2 buckets, 2 regular). Toddler area (fenced in - instead of 'quiet zone'), monkey bars (small and tall ones), bring back the merry-go-round, and expand the play area into the 'dead zone' created by kidney shape play area.	natural boulders for seats, benches around play-area, log benches - natural elements.	new play ground equipment could be "arty"	This area is used heavily, please keep the ball area.	Bring back the tress which died from Dutch Elm disease. This is the coolest area of a West facing neighborhood. Please (SDOT) improve parking, limit parking near the cross-walk (or provide a full time cop to ticket 3rd Ave speeders and folks who don't stop for cross walk pedestrians. Also limit parking of intersection of 3rd and 43rd - hazardous area.
16 2-3 x/week	Play basketball mainly	It's there			overlooking lower baseball field	integrate lower and upper portions		
17 4x/week	1-1/2 year old uses playground	big space, playground equipment.	upgrading playground equipment with the types found in magnolia.	The newer type of equipment with the different areas for younger and older kids.	by corner of 44th and 3rd	The rock features at other parks recently upgraded are a nice addition.		
18 once every 7-10 days	Play with my grand children	slide, climbing structure.	more interesting and imaginative playground structures (climbing, sliding, crawling, spinning)	Some type of spinning structure (merry-go-round or the like) Imaginative climbing structure. Slide is the most popular structure. Swings of different sizes for different ages. Suspension bridge.	Yes. Close enough to the playground equipment to supervise children while eating a lunch.	Rock or play mountain for climbing. Keep older kids out of toddler play area by making it too dull for them. Keep toddlers off of older kids structures by making it too high for them to reach the rungs.		Rubber materials would be cleaner than sand or wood chips especially in wet weather. Avoid attracting skateboarders. Benches for sitting while supervising children. (do we really need an all-night light shining across 44th into our bedroom? Maybe it should shine in the park and not the street.)
19 1-2x/day	Walk-thru	Kid come to play, not a lot of garbage, love the big trees.	Open space for unofficial (i.e. not little league) play. Dog friendly /off leash	Rock wall, things that spin		Paved paths offer opportunities for art-work		maintain or improve drainage so it doesn't get so muddy (good for all of Ross park)
20 Daily	Play, relax	openness, the trees, the heavy use of the park by kids, young adults, and people with their dogs.	Keep it flexible, open, un-programmed, green, new trees.	All things for the kids, rock wall/boulder, be more dog friendly	Yes by upper field.	yes at intersection of 44th & 4th	no	Access in the NW corner connecting 44th to 4th, eliminating the dark/dead corner.
21 Daily	enjoy the open space, croquet, hanging out	sand	Climbing wall/rock	Climbing wall/rock	more picnic areas/tables			don't lose too much open space, ballfields already dominate.
22 Daily/ 3 kids, 1 is at Pacific Crest	Swings, play structure	the open space	Need more sitting for parents/older kids	Paved path around perimeter, with off-shouts of multi-terrain paths. Tunnels (short) can be included. Good open space ideas for all age groups. Need more swings (can be separate). Sandbox area.	maybe some of the play structures can double as seating	Nature theme	something substantial to separate this area from the little kids.	For safety; ground of rubberized material, and fencing (or short wall) between park & 3rd.
23 Daily	Dog play	Baby swing	off-leash dog area		Yes picnic tables		yes full court and lights	BBQ's
24 1-2 x/daily	Playground and ball park	open space, trees	Play equipment needs updating! Love the Kompan stuff. Love the Ella Bailey Park as a model in general.	More slides and swings (toddler & big kid), more age appropriate areas (all kids playing together is dangerous). Is a wading pool out of the question? Instead of sand over wood chips "fake concrete rubber surface". Still need a sand area though.	yes around the play area	yes ! Natural elements; rocks, stones, wooden areas to climb and play	yes a functional hoop would be nice.	Ella bailey has a dog fountain and areas to play w/ dogs - would love the same thing.

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25 often, more in summer	Frisbee, walk the dog, our 6 year old plays on the equipment. We love this playground.	Play toys. Large flat area for various activities. The fact that it is used a lot - kids playing is a good thing.	create an area for parents to sit and view kids playing.	The existing equipment is pretty good already.	yes, locate where sun exposure is better.	please no ugly public art - just let it be a play ground	two sided court would be nice, but not a priority.	Better lighting, sometimes shady characters are hanging out in the darker areas at night.
26 I go by it daily as an observer	seeing families in the play structure	the adult seating so the parents can talk while the kids play.	Integrate art in the furnishings and play structures.	A tall enclosed climbing structure that lets kids get up to tree level, say 20 feet up, but not able to fall more than a few feet.	in areas where parents can monitor kids and where visitors can observe. Also some in the shade as well as the sun.	Yes some bid playful entry pieces would be nice. I like the dragon idea.	none - simple is perfect	Think Gaudi/ Cob/ Tufa for sculptural art.
27 1-2x/daily	Play, explore, exercise, PE class	basketball, nature, swings	Nature Path/trail - boulders, logs. More swings better monkey bars	More natural elements - climbing wall, boulders, logs. More swings (isolated area), theme of nature, better monkey bars.	secluded spots more opportunity within natural spots.	The salmon slide at carkeek is cool. Multi-level exploration	2 hoops	loop/trail with varying terrain.