

GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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A NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION THAT SERVES THE
GOVERNMENT HILL NEIGHBORHOOD

Dear Parks Committee:

The Government Hill Community Association would like to bring to your attention the needs for the improvement of Pershing Park in our neighborhood. The park serves not only the community, but because of limited outdoor space, the Pershing Elementary students use it for their physical education/ recess activities.

GHCA held its National Night Out Event at the park and were given many suggestions from the community on park improvements. The participants noted the limited amount of seating and the lack of adequate lighting, especially at the playground area. By the time our State Representative, Ruth Jones McClendon, arrived we were in semidarkness.

The principal for Pershing Elementary suggested a walking path around the edge of the park. This would not only give the students another way to get exercise, but it would also be of benefit for the community as a safe walking location.

The park has a watering system for the soccer field, but it is not activated. We discovered this in October when our association planted fifteen trees in park with a pledge to water them for two years. A supervisor came out while we were planting and verified the lack of water. Because we were told there would be water available for the trees, the supervisor said the department would put tree bags around the trees and fill them with water once a week like they do when they plant trees. This was very gracious and appreciated. The supervisor also commented on the need to level the soccer field. This is exactly what an eight year old boy told us. He said every time they play soccer on the field the ball rolls off the field.

The playground equipment is very limited, a metal slide and two swings, which are of a very old style. The supervisor also commented on the antiquated playground equipment. Besides being limited and of an old style, it is also a safety concern. The slide is high off the ground. A small child sliding down could fall off the end if not caught.

The improvement of this park is also part of our neighborhood plan which was adopted in 2000.

Therefore the following are out specific requests:

1. Improve playground area and replace playground equipment with newer style and safer equipment.
2. Level soccer field and reseed or resod area.
3. Activate irrigation system for soccer field.
4. Add a walking path around the edge of the park.
5. Increase lighting especially at playground area.
6. Install a drinking fountain.
7. Provide more seating near playground and sports areas.
8. Repair or replace fence as needed.

We had an original estimate of \$95,000.00. Several new requests have been included so the amount of the requested improvements/repairs will be a little greater.

Sincerely and on behalf of the Government Hill Community Association,

Marlene Hawkins, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlene Hawkins".