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Hello,

I write in regards to item 82681, specifically the recommendation for Haen park. I live in the Oakbridge neighborhood and I am a board member of the Oakbridge neighborhood association. I have frequented the park many times with my daughter over the years, who is currently eight years old. I would like to request that the existing playground be considered for expansion. The playground is heavily utilized during the summer months, especially by residents of the apartments across Tree Lane. The playground is packed! But the structure is better suited for older children and is limited in scope. I would love to see more features for younger kids. Additionally, I propose the removal of recreational bike features. As someone who commutes via bike and occasionally rides for fun, I don't want to see this area torn up for bike riders. Finally, there is an area specified for Managed Meadow at the southeast corner that I'm surprised to learn is considered meadow! I would love to see MORE native plant life in the area (I don't think anything in that area is actually meadow at the moment) and perhaps more areas within the park, as it does feel a bit stale. Finally, the park could use a bike rack near the playground.

Thank you for your consideration,

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