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Hello,

My name is Sandra Rimkeit and I live down the street from South Davis. Thank you for taking our suggestions into consideration.

I don't have a specific plan but I have a few important points. All of these points apply to any parks Santa Rosa might update in the future.

Many of the parks in Santa Rosa aren't truly accessible for disabled people. Here are some ideas that would be great to integrate:

Many parents with their children, adult or other aged, need the floor material that is like the rubber stuff at Bayer Farm Park. I wish that could become the ground standard for parks. Often, there might be accessible equipment but then the ground will be bark another material a wheelchair or someone who walks differently could not get over.

Also, please look into having accessible equipment, especially swings. Some families had adult children who cannot sit in a swing that has no protection or harness.

Another thing is, some families have children with developmental or intellectual disabilities where their family members don't understand danger. Their family member often runs away at random times, or elopes, and a lot of parks are not an option. It would be great for this park or other new parks to be fully enclosed. There are few options in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County that are fully enclosed. Parents with these issues rejoice at having more options and knowing they can go to a park without such a high level of stress.

Also, some people can't speak or hear. Some parks are installing communication boards to help encourage communication between people of different abilities.

<https://www.playgroundcommunicationboards.com/>

Whatever the city chooses, I encourage you to take disabled people into account.

Also, it would be wonderful to have signs in Spanish and English at the park. I'm not sure what other languages might be important.

Thank you for listening,
Sandra Rimkeit