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I live within a few blocks of George Park and I have a 2 year old daughter and a miniature husky who frequents the park. It is the closest park to our house. I have concerns about the safety of the park being on the extremely busy street of Fessenden and not being fully fenced in for both my daughter and our dog. The park's proximity to our house is great, but the play structure consists of a slide and nothing else for my 2 year old. The garbage cans are always overflowing and I would never let my daughter drink out of the water fountain. The lack of attention to the cleanliness of the park is apparent. The lack of play structures is depressing. This park could be a great addition to the neighborhood and the community. Across the street is a lovely little coffee stand and it would be an amazing experience to be able to get a cup of coffee and enjoy a day at a beautiful park. This is just not that park. Yet. It has wonderful potential and I'm fully in support of spending money to improve our community and improve the lives of our neighborhood's children. We should absolutely be investing into our children and creating safe places for them to explore. Playgrounds can be such a magical gathering space and St Johns is seriously lacking in this area. Thanks for taking the time to read my testimonial.