Glen Canyon Park
Improvement Plan
Agenda

- Introduction
- Summary of the Full Park Plan
- Open House – Project Board Viewing
- Town Hall Discussion
- Recap & Next Steps
Process Summary

- 6 Park Community Meetings
- 3 Trail Planning Meetings
- 1 Trail Walk
- 4 Focus Group Meetings
- Over 8 Agency Coordination
- Over 100 Email and Written Comments
Park Improvement Plan

- Recreational Elements
- Natural Resource Areas
- Trails
- Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming
- Creek / Stormwater


Goals for the Recreation Area

1. Design park facilities and improvements to engage and complement the park’s natural setting, without losing recreational capacity.

2. Improve park security and user safety by enhancing visual and physical access to the park.

3. Improve the quality and function of the park’s recreational facilities.
Goals for the Recreation Area

4. Optimize the recreational potential of the relatively flat portion of the park.

5. Provide facilities that address the community’s diverse recreational, educational, and social needs.

6. Improve drainage in a manner that supports the City’s recreational, natural resource, and stormwater management objectives.
Options Studied

Existing  Option 1  Option 2  Option 3
Park Improvement Plan

- Entry/Access
- Tennis Courts
- Rec Center
- Athletic Fields
- Creek / Stormwater
- Silver Tree
- Elk Street
- O’Shaughnessy Blvd.
Entry Path Illustration (Before)
Entry Path Illustration (After)
Recreation Center Entrance Illustration (Before)
Recreation Center Entrance Illustration (After)
Hillside to Field Illustration
Phase 1 Improvements

- Welcoming Entry Plaza, Path, & Native Garden ($1.3M)
- Elk Street Sidewalk Enhancement & Sussex Pedestrian Crossing ($.03M)
- Direct Canyon Access Trail ($.03M)
- New Tennis Courts ($1.8M)
- New Larger Play Area ($1.4M)
- Park Accessible Bathroom & Minor Building Repair- Heating, Gym Floor Repair ($.04M)

$5.8 Million (2012)
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## Phase 2
- Comprehensive Recreation Center Renovation and Expansion ($12.8M)
- Improved Athletic Fields and Baseball Diamonds ($4.1M)
- Elk Street Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossings-Chenery to Bosworth ($1.1M)
- Glade Recreation Area Enhancements & Creek Daylighting ($1.6M)
- Nature Play Area ($1.0M)

## Future Improvements
- Hillside Restoration & Access ($2M)
- Nature Challenge Area ($2M)
- Exercise Stations ($.2M)
- Wayfinding & Interpretation ($.1M)
- Hillside Picnic Area and Overlook ($.4M)
- Silver Tree Building Renovation ($3M)
- Silver Tree Site Improvements ($1M)

$20.6 Million (2015-2017) $8.7 Million (2020)
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Trails Improvement Plan

A Complete Canyon Network
Creekside Accessible Trail
Lower Rock / Saddle Trail
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Lower Rock / Saddle Trail

*This trail will remain at moderate/low level of challenge and as an alternative to the steeper Radish Hill Trail*

- Make repairs to stairs as needed

Repair steps using existing style

Keep gentle, nature-oriented trails

Stringer steps only as steep segments
Christopher Connector
Christopher Connector Trail

*Maintain this trail as a well-used neighborhood connector*

- Repair failing retaining wall
- Improve crossing over asphalt v-ditch
- Eliminate non-functioning asphalt drainage infrastructure

*Maintain well used neighborhood connector*
Grasslands Trail

Maintain cross-canyon trail through the grasslands with connector trails linking important Canyon destinations

- Level trail cross-slopes where necessary
- Remove metal piping and other tripping hazards
- Address erosion in some places by repairing steps
- Eliminate trail redundancy by improving main path

Limited use of box steps

Maintain cross canyon trail through the grasslands and other grassland connectors

Repair steps using existing style
Connector Trail

- RPD Property
- Preserve contiguous habitat
- Eucalyptus tree near creek crossing
- School of the Arts Property
- to Portola

O'Shaughnessy Boulevard
Connector Trail

Finish and improve pedestrian-only connector trail between Glen Canyon Park and the northern regional trail network

- Keep it narrow and use natural materials
- Secondary entrance
- Minimize wildlife disruptions

Keep “rustic” feeling
Signage

Minimal signage in character with the canyon
Next Steps

Planning
• RPD Commission Presentation of Improvement Plan - Late Summer 2011

Active Recreation Phase 1
• Workshop focused on Phase 1 improvements - tentative Fall 2011 (exact date (TBD))
• Phase 1 Finalize Design, Construction Drawings, Bid and Award Contract Winter 2011- Spring 2012
• Phase 1 Construction Start Anticipated Summer 201
Next Steps

Natural Areas / Trail Improvements

• Recreation & Park Commission for Trail Concept Plan - Late Summer 2011
• Trail Improvements Detailed Design - Fall/Winter 2011
• Trails Bid & Award Period - Spring 2012
• Construction - Spring 2012- Fall 2012

Future Improvements / Future Phases

• Dependant on Future Funding
• Possible November 2012 Bond
• Future Grant Applications and Fund-raising Efforts to Continue
• Continue Coordination with PUC, MTA and other partners