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2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond

Lafayette Park Renovation

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Join us at the next Lafayette Park meeting!

Join the project team for the final community meeting of the planning phase. The team will present the final conceptual plan, which is a culmination of months of public input, and receive final comments.

Date November 30, 2010

Location Stuart Hall High School, Columbus Room

Time 7:00 p.m.

1715 Octavia Street, San Francisco

About the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond

In 2008, San Francisco voters passed Proposition A, a \$185 million General Obligation Bond known as the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond (Bond).

The Bond's vision is to improve and revitalize our City's most in-need parklands, contributing to a cleaner, safer San Francisco.

The majority of Bond funding has been allocated to fund improvements at neighborhood parks and waterfront parks. The remaining funds have been allocated to programs focused on improvements to the following:

- » Park Restrooms \$11.4 million
- » Park Playfields \$8.5 million

- » Park Forestry \$4 million
- » Park Trails \$5 million
- » Community Opportunity Grants \$5 million

As part of the city and county of San Francisco's 10-year capital plan, Bond projects aim to improve public safety and well-being, employing a transparent process that incorporates public oversight and accountability measures while exercising fiscal restraint and responsibility.

For more information on the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond, please visit our website at: <http://parkbonds.sfgov.org/2008>.

To learn more, please visit our new project Website:

<http://sfrecpark.org/LafayetteParkProject.aspx>

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A Message from Phil Ginsberg

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Residents and visitors to San Francisco's Pacific Heights neighborhood know that Lafayette Park is one of the city's most popular park treasures.

The park, set on 11.5 acres in one of the most picturesque areas of the city, serves a multitude of recreational interests through its tennis courts, picnic areas, playgrounds, and an off-leash dog area.

Thanks to San Francisco voters, the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond ensures that Lafayette Park will continue to provide the same recreational opportunities for generations to come.

Much of the renovation project at Lafayette Park will involve improvements to the park's infrastructure, including irrigation, drainage, lighting, roadways, pathways and the clubhouse.

I invite all of you to learn more about the project and to get actively involved with your local park by volunteering, attending public meetings and joining one of the affiliated Lafayette Park groups.

Get out and play!

Phil Ginsburg

Progress Continues on Lafayette Park Renovation

Project Enters Design Phase

The Lafayette Park Renovation Project team has made great progress in the planning and design of the new park since the planning phase commenced in April 2010. During the planning phase, the team held two public meetings in April 2010 and September 2010. These meetings included thoughtful dialogue between local park users and San Francisco Recreation and Park Department staff regarding the renovation components you would like to see most. Park users have also made their voices heard through phone calls, letters and e-mails to the SF Rec and Parks staff.

SF Rec and Parks will hold its third and final public meeting for the planning phase on November 30, 2010. The project team will present a preferred plan based on comments received thus far in the planning phase, and hear final input from the community on these plans.

In December 2010, the SF Rec and Parks project team will present the final Conceptual Plan to the San Francisco Parks Commission. Following adoption of the plan by the Parks Commission, the design phase will commence in January 2011.

During the design phase, the project team will develop the plan in detail and prepare construction plans and specifications to be used to build the project. The public can expect another community meeting to occur at the beginning of the construction phase – which is anticipated for mid-2012.

SF Rec and Parks thanks the local community members who have taken ownership in this renovation for their input. It's your park and your participation helps ensure this renovation provides the amenities and facility upgrades you need most.





Park Area Concept Design



Playground Area Concept Design

Lafayette Park Proposed Renovations

Infrastructure Repairs!

The project will address all needed repairs to existing pathways, stairs, retaining walls, restrooms and park landscaping. A new irrigation system and drainage system will be installed, and tree maintenance will be performed as needed to address tree health and safety issues.

New Accessible Path: A new accessible loading zone will be provided on Washington Street and a code compliant pathway will be created to serve all the programmed park spaces including the play area, picnic area, restrooms, courts, off-leash dog play area and meadow.

Courts: Both courts will undergo a full renovation, including but not limited to, new posts and nets, fencing with wind screens, gates, signage and benches.

Both courts will also be resurfaced.

Dog Play Area: The project will address long-standing drainage problems in the designated off-leash dog play area. A new low barrier fence with planting will be installed along the southern edge of the dog run. Upgrades will include, but are not limited to, new seating, signage and a drinking fountain.

Children's Play Area: The play area will be upgraded to meet current code requirements related to safety and accessibility. The resulting play area footprint will be expanded to approximately 12,890 square feet, encompassing the existing adjacent children's lawn and asphalt play area. The proposed new play area is of average size when compared to play areas at other park sites, and is modest when compared to those in parks of

similar size to Lafayette Park, such as Alta Plaza. A fundraising campaign led by playground supporters will aim to raise additional funding to enhance the playground design by incorporating custom-built play features created utilizing natural materials like stone, water and wood.

Summit and Meadow: Upgrades to the summit and meadow areas seek to attract users and make the park areas active and vibrant. Plans include the proposed relocation of site maintenance functions to a less central location, creation of a second picnic area at the summit, additional seating areas to take advantage of vistas, and the incorporation of terracing in the meadow lawn to create a natural and intimate theater-like atmosphere.

A Planning Effort is Underway for a Community Garden at Lafayette Park



personal use.

Following the evaluation of the park landscape, SF Rec and Parks staff is recommending a small, undeveloped area west of the tennis courts for the location of a garden at Lafayette Park.

Over the next several months, community garden advocates will work to gather community support, develop a conceptual plan, and pursue funding through grants and community gifts.

To find out more about the Community Garden Program and the process for establishing a new garden, please visit the SF Rec and Parks Website at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/CommunityGardens.aspx>.

Through collaboration between the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department's Community Garden Program and a dedicated group of park supporters, a planning effort is underway for a community garden at Lafayette Park.

SF Rec and Parks currently supports and manages a program of 40 community gardens on City-owned property. Gardens are operated by dedicated volunteers who grow produce and plants for

Lafayette Park Project Timeline



The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce that the Lafayette Park Renovation Project is **meeting its budget requirements!**