Herz Playground
Community Meeting

New Recreation Center
Pedestrian Improvements
Playground Renovation

June 22, 2019
Herz Playground Clubhouse
Agenda

Part I: Overview of the Projects
• Recreation Center + the Hub, a partnership with Mercy Housing and Related CA
• Pedestrian Improvements in collaboration with SF MTA
• Playground Renovation, a Let’sPlaySF! Initiative Project

Part II: Feedback & Sharing

Part III: Re-cap & Next Steps
Project Teams

Gymnasium Team:
• Recreation and Park Department
• Mercy Housing and Related CA
• Boys & Girls Club
• LMS Architects
• ACLA

Playground Renovation Team:
• Recreation and Park Department
• San Francisco Parks Alliance
• MIG Landscape Architects

Pedestrian Improvements:
• Recreation and Park Department
• SF MTA
• ACLA
Map of Herz

Playground Renovation

Pedestrian Improvements- Visitacion Ave

Gymnasium at Hahn Street
VISION STATEMENT

THE COMMUNITY CENTER/HERZ PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CAMPUS AND THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AT THE HUB WILL BE:

- **AN INCLUSIVE, SAFE, FRIENDLY, FAMILY- AND YOUTH- FOCUSED PLACE** FOR NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

- **ACTIVE WITH NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES** THAT WILL FACILITATE NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR CONNECTIONS, EMPATHY AND TRUST, AND ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO FEEL VALUED AND EMPOWERED TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE.

- **THE HEART** OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND REFLECT THE RICHNESS OF A RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE MIXED-INCOME COMMUNITY.
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ESTABLISH AN **ACTIVE STREET IDENTITY AND SITE PRESENCE**
- CREATE A **WELCOMING INVITATION AND GATEWAY TO THE HUB CAMPUS**
- OFFER **SAFE EXTERIOR SPACES WITH INDOOR / OUTDOOR CONNECTIONS**
- CONNECT TO **NATURE WITH DAYLIGHT, VIEWS AND ACCESS TO THE PARK**
- CREATE **SIMPLE AND FLEXIBLE SOLUTIONS**
- PROMOTE A **HEALTHY, RESOURCE EFFICIENT AND REGENERATIVE COMMUNITY CENTER & GYM**
COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO DATE...

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM
AUGUST 2018
OPEN HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 2018
WORKSHOP #1
DECEMBER 2018
WORKSHOP #2
FEBRUARY 2019
VIS VALLEY FOCUS GROUP
FEBRUARY 2019
FAMILY DAY
MAY 2019

... AND TODAY!
OPTION: SPORTY TERRACES

- Central bike and pedestrian pathway
- Expanded recreation lawn terrace
- Multi-use court
- Activity terraces
- Picnic grove
- Walking paths
OPTION: EXTENDED PARK

- west perimeter bike and pedestrian pathway
- extended picnic and recreation lawn
- picnic grove with seat walls and tables
- outdoor fitness area
- tennis court
- walking paths and loop
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE GYM TO FEEL?

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE THE MULTIPURPOSE AND WEIGHT ROOMS?
THE IMAGES ON THE LEFT REFLECT HOW YOU WANTED THE GYM TO FEEL...

USE A STICKER TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THESE IMAGES ...

LIKE  NEUTRAL  DON'T LIKE
HERZ RECREATION CENTER LAYOUT

1. GYMNASIUM
2. RAISED BLEACHERS
3. WEIGHT ROOM
4. MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5. LOBBY
6. INDOOR / OUTDOOR CONNECTION
7. ENTRY
8. OFFICE
9. RESTROOMS
10. KITCHEN
WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!!

WRITE IN COMMENTS ON THE PLAN OPTIONS

WHAT PARK ACTIVITIES ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

OPTION: SPORTY TERRACES

OPTION: EXTENDED PARK

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!
Pedestrian Improvements

- New sidewalks on Visitacion Ave
  - Connecting to community garden, and middle school
  - Connecting to Herz sites: basketball court, clubhouse, children’s play area, and pool on the east

- New bikeways connecting Visitacion Ave to Herz Playground and neighborhood

- Other roadway elements
  - Traffic calming measures
  - Crosswalks
  - Parking

- Coordinated with Herz Playground and Sunnydale Hub improvements
Let’sPlaySF! Initiative

Let’sPlaySF! is a public-private partnership between the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department and the San Francisco Parks Alliance created to ensure San Franciscans continue to have great places to play by supporting the renovation of the city’s 13 most deserving playgrounds.
Playground Renovation
Playground Project Snapshot

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET:  $1.7 million

IMPROVEMENTS:
• New play equipment
• New play surfacing
• New site furnishings
• New landscaping
• Pathway updates
• Restroom improvements
• Disability access (ADA) improvements
Playground Project Timeline

From concept through design and construction, the makeover will take less than 3 years to complete.

Approximate milestones:

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Playground Project – Get Involved!

Pop-up Event – May 18th at Family Day
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Workshop 1: Vision
- Today!

Focus Groups (2)
- July & August

Stakeholder Meetings (3)
- August 17th

Youth Task Force

Workshop 2: Draft Alternative Concepts

Workshop 3: Preferred Concept
- September TBD
Playground Project – Get Involved!

Survey:  http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HERZsurvey

or fill one out today ....

Website:  
https://sfrecpark.org/project/herz-playground-letsplaysf-initiative/ 

On-line: 
#herzplay
#letsplaysf
Playground Project: Creating the Vision

Think Back....
Playground Project: Creating the Vision

Opportunities and Constraints
• What are the key issues to consider?

Time Machine
• Look back at what makes the playground great.
• Look forward to what you want to do in the new playground.
• Share your preferences for what you want the playground to be.

Design Table
• Be a designer! Use the materials provided to draw your ideas for Herz Playground. (for kids or kids at heart)
Feedback and Sharing!

Station 1: Herz outdoor improvements

Station 2: Gymnasium/Recreation Center

Station 3: Pedestrian Improvements

Station 4: Playground Renovation
Thank you!

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https://sfrecpark.org/project/herz-recreation-center-project/

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