Noe Courts Park Improvement Plan

Community Meeting #4
November 13, 2013

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Supervisor Scott Wiener
Board of Supervisors, District 8

Friends of Noe Courts

Marvin Yee, Project Manager
Recreation and Park Department

Lizzy Hirsch, Landscape Architect
Gabriel Meil, Landscape Architect
Department of Public Works
6:00 pm  Welcome/Introductions
6:10 pm  Background Summary
6:15 pm  Relevant Data Collection
6:30 pm  Park Improvement Plan Options
7:00 pm  Group Discussion
7:45 pm  Voting with Sticker Dots
7:55 pm  Summary/Next Steps
8:00 pm  Close
Ground Rules

- Keep to the agenda
- Turn off cell phones
- Raise your hand to speak
- Observe time limits when speaking
- Direct comments to the facilitator
- Be respectful when others speak

Working together will make this a productive meeting!
**Maintenance Questions:**
- Steven Cismowski, Interim PSA Manager, [Steven.Cismowski@sfgov.org](mailto:Steven.Cismowski@sfgov.org)

**Off-Leash Dog Activity:**
- RecPark Commission moratorium on new off-leash, dog-play area
- For enforcement, contact Park Patrol at (415) 242-6390
- For aggressive dogs, contact Animal Care & Control at (415) 554-6364
Planning Process & Schedule

- Community Meetings
  - Meeting #1 (5/15/13) – Introduction and Public Input
  - Meeting #2 (6/10/13) – Concept Plan Alternatives
  - Meeting #3 (9/7/13) – Refined Park Improvement Plan
  - Meeting #4 (11/13/13) – Selection of Final Plan
- RecPark Commission Approval (Dec ‘13)
- Construction Documents (Winter ‘14)
- Bid and Award (Summer ‘14)
- Construction (Summer and Fall ‘14)
- Completion (Fall ‘14)
Meeting Objective:
To select a park improvement plan option for Noe Courts Park.
Friendly Reminders

• Noe Courts Park is a neighborhood resource.
• Goal is to optimize park use for the community.
• Dogs on leash are permitted at Noe Courts Park.
• Contact City for enforcement of leash law.
Restroom Program

- Modernize systems
- Wheelchair access
- Sustainable design
- Renovation or replacement
- Stay within building footprint

Standard restroom replacement design
Community Opportunity Fund

- $211K grant award
- Fix poor drainage in lawn area
- Add park seating
- Add community gathering space
- Upgrade overall park appearance
Supportive Public Comments

- Fixes drainage
- Improves restrooms
- Beautifies landscape
- Keeps basketball court
- Creates gathering space
- Opens up park entrances
- More space for kids & lawn for people
- Balance people-only space with dog-friendly space
- “Good compromise”
Suggestions for Improvement

• Need for physical barrier between the dog-friendly and people-only spaces
• Grass vs. Paving
• Design basketball court for multi-use
• Reconsider removal of tennis court:
  • Insufficient # tennis courts in neighborhood
  • Level of tennis court use
Inventory of Tennis Courts

- National USTA Standard: 1 tennis court/10,000 people (within 6 miles)
- 94114 Zip = 31,124 people (2011 Census)
- Need **3 courts** to meet national standard
- Inventory of Tennis Courts:
  - Eureka Valley Rec 1 court
  - Corona Heights (Flint St.) 2 courts
  - Peixotto Playground 2 courts
  - Mission Dolores Park 6 courts
- Outside of 94114
  - Douglass Playground 1 court
  - Christopher PG 1 court
  - Upper Noe Rec 1 court
Survey #1 of Court Use

Survey Summary
• Dec 2012 for 2 weeks
• 16 site visits (weekdays/weekends, AM/PM)

Tennis Court
• During 1 visit, 2 people played tennis
• Excludes 1 person at practice court
• 4 people for other use (riding bikes)
• Highest tennis use: weekday, early-AM

Basketball Court
• During 5 visits, 18 people played basketball
• 27 people for other uses (owner with dog, parent with toddler, soccer, football, general play, tennis wall)
• Highest basketball use: weekday/weekend, mid/late-PM
## Survey #1 of Court Use

### Use of Courts (# people)

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Survey #2 of Court Use

Survey Summary
• Oct/Nov 2013 for 2 weeks
• 21 site visits (weekdays/weekends, AM/PM)

Tennis Court
• During 5 visits, 13 people played tennis
• Excludes 1 person at practice court
• 2 people for other use (owner with dog)
• Highest tennis use: weekday, mid-AM/mid-PM

Basketball Court
• During 5 visits, 17 people played basketball
• 42 people for other uses (owner with dog, parent with toddler, exercise group, general play, tennis wall)
• Highest basketball use: weekday/weekend, late-PM
Survey #2 of Court Use

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Adjacent Park Programs
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Site Analysis
Mtg. #2 Preferred Direction Includes:
1. Desire for more gathering opportunities for neighborhood.
2. Create a lawn dedicated to people use.
3. Optimize natural site conditions: place gathering zone in flat and sunniest spot of site.
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Option A
Maximize Open Space

Concept A: Plan
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Concept A: Aerial
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Concept B: Plan
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Concept C: Plan

- Tennis Practice Wall
- Drinking Fountain
- New Restroom
- Chalkboard Wall
- Picnic Tables
- Terraces
- Gate
- Dog Fountain
- Multi-use: Basketball, Futsal
- People Only Zone
- Seat Wall
- Lawn Terraces with Seat Walls
- ADA Path/Ramp <5%, No Handrails
- Dog Friendly Zone
- Playground
- Circulation
- Picnic Tables
- Remove Entry Fences
- Zones
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Concept C: Aerial Detail
Site element options that delineate zones, provide seating and create boundaries.