Moscone Playground Meeting Notes from the February 10, 2016 Public Meeting

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions
Part 1: Project Overview
Part 2: Proposed Concept Plan
Part 3: Feedback
   Next Steps

Park 3: Feedback

Staff presented the proposed project closely following the slides in the Power Point presentation.

Public Comment:

General

- A few attendees mentioned that they did not receive notice of the meeting. Staff mentioned that they mailed the meeting notice to approximately 4,000 residence and local groups. They also posted the site with the meeting notice and added the meeting information to the Department’s website.
- Many expressed the desire to start a Friends of Moscone to support the park and its future improvements. Staff mentioned that they should get in contact with Linda Barnard if interested.
- The community showed great support to create a designated dog play area (DPA). The Project Manager has proposed to utilize the open space west of library for a possible DPA. He will follow-up with separate public meetings to address the possibility of creating a DPA.
  - Even if that area were to be transformed into a DPA, some pointed out the importance of retaining the few existing trees.
- Funding from the 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond are allocated for the East Playground Site. This location was voted on in the 2012 ballot measure which approved the bond measure.

East Site (Priority 1)

- Please include more benches around the tot play areas in the design for parents, nannies, nursery teachers, etc. Staff mentioned that they would look into this option but also stated that space was limited due to fall safety zones that are required around the play equipment.
- Please lock up at night to prevent the homeless population from taking over.
• Love how Joe Di Maggio Playground allows for a mix of teens and children. The proposed design of the East Site seems capable of accommodating both age groups.
• Some community members expressed concern for bicyclists zooming through the park to reach the proposed track. Project Manager and Landscape Architect pointed out that the Trike Track is designed for toddlers and should not attract other age groups.
• How many entrances does the proposed East Site design have?
  o There is only one entrance to the proposed East Site design and it is the same opening as the existing. Opening the playground to the street is not a good idea due to safety concerns.
• Many expressed their support for the climbing structure.
  o A PTA member of Marina Middle School pointed out that the students and parents have been pushing for a climbing structure for the school’s playground. She said that the children will be excited to have access to one in such close proximity.
  o Recreation Coordinator of Moscone Recreation Center, really enjoyed seeing the children and teenagers go ecstatic for the tall climbing structure at Joe Di Maggio Playground. She is excited to have one for Moscone because it seems to be a favorite regardless of age. She mentioned how teenagers currently lack a hang-out spot and that the climbing structure will be perfect for them.
• In general, community members were excited about the proposed East Site design.

Landscape Link (Priority 2)
• Staff reiterated that this landscape link is a second priority improvement and that if funds allowed, we could try and make these improvements. Staff also mentioned that they would priorities these improvements with the picnic tables first followed by the fencing and landscape.
• Please keep the vegetation low for visibility & safety reasons.
• Love the chess tables if we can afford them.