MEETING MINUTES

GLEN CANYON: Community Workshop #2

Time/Date: Location:
Thursday, Jan 13, 2011 Glen Canyon Recreation Center
6:30-8:30 PM San Francisco, CA

Minutes prepared Jan 21, 2011. If you have comments or corrections, please contact Alejandra Chiesa or Trudy Garber

1. Welcome and Introductions
   - Jennifer Isacoff (TPL) gave an introduction explaining TPL’s mission and role on the project. TPL is partnering with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks (RPD) to vision and design a Park Improvement Plan that will inform how to spend the $5.8 million allocated to Glen Canyon Park in the 2008 Clean and Safe Bond. Through this community design workshop process, TPL and expert consultants will solicit community input to create a vision for the entire park with the associated costs and phasing.
   - Jen reviewed the timeline and funding for the project.

2. Objective and Recap (see attached PowerPoint presentation):
   - Steve Hammond recapped findings from the first workshop and organized the feedback in the following emerging themes:
     - Natural Areas
     - Islais Creek
     - Recreation Center
     - Silver Tree
     - Outdoor Recreation facilities
     - Trails
     - Park Access
   - Steve Hammond asked if there was anything missing in the aforementioned summary, to which the community responded:
     - Tennis courts are in poor condition and designers should consider relocation/reorientation
     - Investigation into daylighting the creek
     - Social trails
     - Issues surrounding off-leash dogs

3. Existing Conditions Presentation by Expert Consultants
   - Chris Rogers (ESA) gave an overview of the existing conditions regarding
     - Vegetation
     - Sensitive species and important bird habitat
     - Management Areas –natural areas program priorities
   - The site is composed of diverse patches of vegetation, much of which is non-native and thus provides opportunities for restoration.
     - A community member asked what happened to the 20-year Eucalyptus removal plan. Lisa Wayne (Natural Areas Manager, RPD) responded that the EIR for the removal of 120 trees is due in the spring. The total number of trees is 6000.
     - Another community member expressed concerns about Eucalyptus Trees around the Rec Area and asked if those are part of the tree removal. Karen Mauney-Brodek
(Deputy Director of Planning, RPD) mentioned that there is forestry bond that will survey the trees and address funding.
  o One resident pointed out that most diverse vegetation was on the SE side of the park and not on the West. ESA said that that is not was the data shows.

- Shauna Dunton (Sherwood Design Engineers) provided an overview of the hydrological conditions of Glen Canyon Park, and the affiliated challenges and opportunities for low impact development.
  - Shauna pointed out that Islais Creek is historically the largest watershed in San Francisco. Today, the watershed area is greatly diminished due to development, which yields a smaller flow capacity through the creek bed in the Canyon.
  - SFPUC has done extensive brainstorming on the Islais Creek watershed, and this planning process will tap into their existing work. Opportunities the PUC identified to better manage stormwater include infiltration, detention basins, and possibly daylighting a portion of the creek.
  - A resident commented that it is important to design a stormwater management plan that improves the drainage issues occurring in the active recreation areas of the Park.

- Ruth Todd (P&T) gave a historic overview of Glen Canyon Park.
  - The park was established in 1922 like many parks in the US for two reasons: a) real estate b) to cure ills of crowdedness and provide opportunities to commune with nature. Glen Canyon Park was the beneficiary of lots of WPA money in the depression, and thus reflects the recreational ideals of that time, including space for active recreation and gatherings.
  - RT mentioned that the Rec Center was one of the early buildings by architect William Merchant Gladstone, and was done in the French eclectic style. The building has unique amenities, such as an auditorium with a fly stage and a movie theater, a gymnasium with wood floors and showers. The building used to be a class A recreation facility, but has received no upgrades since 1938.
  - The Silver Tree building was constructed in 1960 and suffers from many maintenance issues.
  - Page & Turnbull will study if these two buildings are appropriate spaces for the Glen Park and San Francisco community.

3. Groups Workshop
TPL divided the participants in smaller groups of 8-10 community members to discuss the following topics about Glen Canyon:
- What overall vision or big ideas should guide the Glen Canyon Improvement Plan?
- What improvements or enhancements do you want to see in Glen Canyon Park?
  - Natural Areas
  - Islais Creek
  - Outdoor Recreation
  - Indoor Recreation
  - Park Access and Circulation
  - Education and Interpretation
  - Other

Participants were asked to indicate areas on a map and to mark the priorities with a circle or star. The results of this exercise are summarized at the end of the minutes.

4. Next Steps and Adjourn
- TPL announced that the next workshop is February 24. At this meeting, the consultants will present design alternatives and the community will have an opportunity to comment.
- The meeting was adjourned. Many community members stayed for about 10 minutes to chat.
Summary of Groups Workshop Exercise
Glen Canyon Park Community Meeting #2
Meeting Date: 01.13.2011

What Overall Vision or Big Ideas should guide the Glen Canyon Park improvement Plan?

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**Park Access and Circulation**

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| Improve entrance to rec center on Elk | | x |
| Accessibility for strollers and wheelchairs | x |
| Keymaps and signage at Entrances | x | x |
| Improve lighting for access to Rec Center from the street | x | x |
| Add Drop off at Elk St. | x |
| Add cross walk at Sussex and Elk | x |
| No paved roads | x |
| Looped auto access at Rec Area | x | x |
| Traffic Calming on Elk St. | x | x |
| Safety Improvements for access (at Sussex and Elk and Chenery and Elk and behind Safeway) | x | x |
| Future access / connect to win Peaks | x |
| Improve access at Jade Pl It should be more defined and less steep | x |
| Address dangerous cliff on trail to Silvertree | x |

**Education and Interpretation**

| No interpretive signs / signs spoil wilderness | x | x |
| Programs linked to Nature | x |
| Add Signage / Interpretive signs add appreciation and set tone / Braille and other languages | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Add Programs linked to Nature | x |
| Add office or website at entry to rec center for environmental ed. | x |
| Limited signage for informal areas | |

**Other**

| No Dogs (scare people, pollute creeks) | x |
| Establish a method on how to deal with coyotes (pros and cons) | x |
| Replace fence along Boosworth and Congo | x |
| Improve/ expand Silver Tree building | x |
| Start programs for kids to help with cleaning and maintenance | x |
| Build public restroom that can be open when rec center is closed | x | x |
| Tree inspection / removal | x |
| Outdoor table tennis | x |
| Contain water runoff at Bosworth | x |
| Integrate restorative power of nature | x |
| Prioritize improvements for safety | x |
| Use community volunteers to help with maintenance |   |   | X |   |
| Maintenance and Enforcement |   |   |   | X |
WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?

- NATIVE VEGETATION - RESTORATION
- NATIVE TREES!

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas
  - Rustic fences to keep dogs out of creek. Keep it looking natural.
  - Restore hydrology.
  - Rain garden for retention. Can it be safe?

- Islais Creek
  - Natural Playgrounds (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)
    - Integrated by Traditional Billiards, keep it safe.

- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
  - Accessible restrooms.

- Trails
  - Make surfaces suitable for accessibility.
  - Playstream: few bikes!
  - Sides in a through route.

- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
  - Inviting entrances.
  - Key map at entrance.
  - Lighting for access to rec center from streets (not on hillside).
  - Clearly field boundary:

- Education and Interpretation
  - Spread soil wildness.
  - Signs add appreciation and set tone.

- Other
  - Dogs: scare people, absolute creek, help keep at peace.
  - Coyote: how to deal with them-paw prints.

PLEASE LIST ALL IDEAS ON THIS SHEET. DRAW DIRECTLY ON THE AERIAL PHOTO TO SHOW WHERE YOU ARE SUGGESTING IMPROVEMENTS OR CHANGES.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR TABLE’S PRIORITIES WITH A CIRCLE OR STAR. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS.
What overall vision or big ideas should guide the Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan?

- Natural Areas
  - Replace existing trees with native park trees
  - Significant landscaping - by resident fields

- Islais Creek
  - Match opinion of Daly/Phoenix
  - Use up-restore area of Creek-Swimming deform

- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)

- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
  - Use Rec Center building site to where tennis courts are
  - (Consider converting Rec Center building totally)
  - Use tennis courts/Rec Center

- Trails
  - Improved walks?
  - Safe?:

- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
  - Broad entries in all areas
  - With signage/safety issues/lighting
  - Ideals and access at entry?

- Education and Interpretation
  - Signage

- Other
  - Fix fence, repair buildings, outer enclosures to be repaired/better design/condition (true issues/needs)
  - Improvement/Design Silver Tree building
  - Site program for kids to help with cleaning/maintaining area in park time use, etc.
  - (Silver Tree)

Please list all ideas on this sheet. Draw directly on the aerial photo to show where you are suggesting improvements or changes.

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WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?

- Preserve Wilderness / Education

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas
  - Preserve Wilderness

- Islais Creek
  - More water "not want ballfields do" water sharing concerns about losing field / but like idea of

- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis) / Daylight Creek
  - Better drainage
  - Better tennis courts / courts

- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
  - Move bldg to free up flat usable space

- Preserve Education at Silver Tree / Glenridge / Long Trails
  - Signature landmarks / and interesting for older term

- Concern above about trails near house / safety, concerns fire / drug dealing / don't want bikes on trails

- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity) / Better entrance

- Education and Interpretation
  - More interpret signs / braille
  - Website or office here (Spanish)

- Other
  - Bring in Produce inspection / removing bad for environment

- Impossible dog area
  - Possible synthetic turf to make work better

- Need bathrooms that can be open when Rec center

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WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?
- Secluded Valley
- Mountain Mythic
- Wild
- Small Trails

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas
  - Balance
  - Animal or plant habitats

- Islais Creek
  - Don't Daylight the Creek!!

- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)
  - Improve training for active sports

- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
  - Improve locker, don't tear down
  - Improve entrance to community

- Trails
  - Improve stairs
  - No blue trails

- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
  - No paved roads

- Education and Interpretation
  - Flyers—no signs or flags

- Other
  - Control water runoff at entrance

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WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas

- Islais Creek

- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)
  - Is there enough space?

- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
  - Split up components? Pods?
  - More interpreters
  - More information

- Trails
  - More prominent entries from old
  - Open up a new trail along West side through Sugar Tree forest
  - Obvious trails
  - Highlight entry point

- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
  - Daylight creek in another area not on field?

- Education and Interpretation

- Other
  - Integrate restorative power of nature
  - Is there a way to respect the history of the building?

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WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas: Reseeds
- Islais Creek: Daylighting, smaller field
- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis): Shade strip to access courts - for light plaza
- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp): Background: capital improvements - for light plaza
- Trails: Three social trails and pick some larger trails and make them with upgrades
- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity): Traffic calming
- Education and Interpretation:  #248 good location
  - Trails to open gates when others don't close - assault on trail
- Other: For necessary safety improvements - prioritization

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- Retain natural heritage (unique open, natural area in developed setting)
- Managed, maintained, yet natural trail experience (Pl. Reyes not Miyade
  - Utilize each side of creek by creating natural trail features + eliminate multiple social trails)
- Highlight Islais Creek as major feature of Glen Canyon Park
- Balance recreation and natural needs (special, restoration
  - Biotic entry & Islais Grove) Focus entry along Boxwood + Elk

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas
  - Natural areas will be better cared for if enhanced improved, less random
    - sampling.

- Islais Creek
  - Improve water quality
  - Improve prominence of creek (e.g. signage, & flow)
  - Daylight Creek

- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)
  - More outdoor rec
  - Improve indoor/outdoor connection

- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
  - More indoor rec. area is underutilized and under-staffed
  - Improve indoor/outdoor connection
  - Improve not demolish

- Trails
  - Consolidate social trails to more structured, yet natural trails

- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
  - Improve entry wth Coffee
  - Safety improvements @ Sussex Ave & Elk St.
  - @ Chenery and Elk

- Education and Interpretation

- Other

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PARTICIPANTS = *
**Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan**

**Agenda**
- Welcome
- Emerging Themes—What We’ve Heard So Far
- Existing Conditions—Opportunities & Constraints
- Visioning Exercise—Desired Changes & Improvements
  - Brainstorming Ideas
  - Report back and discussion
- Next Steps

**Emerging Themes—What We’ve Heard So Far**

**Natural Areas**
- Unique natural resource in City
- Maintain park as natural refuge from
- Have “nature”/“wilderness” be a guiding theme for park improvements
- Protect wildlife and enhance habitat
- Remove exotics and re-establish native vegetation
- Expand opportunities for learning about the natural environment

**Islais Creek**
- Primary natural feature in park
- Improve physical and visual access
- Increase water flow to improve ecological function
- Remove exotic plants (e.g., Cape ivy)
- Consider “daylighting” portion of creek (implications for park and larger watershed context)
Emerging Themes—What We’ve Heard So Far

Recreation Center
- Gym (and wood floor) much loved
- Indoor space in high demand for diverse uses
- Accessible restrooms are needed
- Existing spaces do not meet current programmatic needs or codes
- Clarify entrance/access to building
- Integrate building with surroundings
- Significantly upgrade or replace building

Silver Tree
- Much loved as pre-school and summer camp
- Barely meets space needs for pre-school or summer camp
- In need of significant maintenance
- Not designed to take advantage of natural setting

Emerging Themes—What We’ve Heard So Far

Outdoor Recreation Facilities
- Resolve drainage issues on ball fields
- Upgrade playground with safer facilities
- Create playground in character with natural setting
- Expand playground area
- Expand picnic facilities

Emerging Themes—What We’ve Heard So Far

Trails
- Maintain a variety of trail experiences
- Preserve “wild”/“rustic” character for trails
- Make a portion of the trail network universally accessible
- Close social trails that damage environment
- Reduce/avoid trail impacts on adjoining residences

Existing Conditions
Opportunities & Constraints

Park Access
- Improve pedestrian safety at entry points
- Create a more attractive and positive sense of entry
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety on adjoining streets
- Address desires/concerns re. trail access from Portola Drive
Natural Resources

Vegetation
- Forest, scrub, and grassland are dominant vegetation communities
- Islais Creek willow scrub riparian habitat
- Excellent forage and nesting habitat for birds
- Grasslands provide habitat for butterflies and insects
- Invasive plants cover 74% of the vegetated area

Sensitive Species and Important Bird Habitat
- 67 species of birds, including 19 locally sensitive species observed in the Park.
- 16 species of mammals reported in Park
- 6 species of reptiles and 3 species of amphibians reported in Park
- 19 sensitive plants reported in Park

Management Areas—Natural Areas Program Priorities
- Control of invasive plants along Islais Creek
- Protection and enhancement of native grassland and scrub communities
- Preservation of "wilder" areas of the park (i.e. the western side)
- Improvement of trail system to protect/stabilize habitat

Hydrology – San Francisco Watersheds

Hydrology – Historic Islais Creek Basin

Hydrology – Surface Creek Watershed
**Hydrology – Combined Sewershed Area**

**Hydrology – Challenges**

- Diminishing Natural Surface Creek Watershed due to Urbanization
- Downstream Combined Sewer Capacities
- Creek Water Quality
- Steep Topography
- Poor Field Drainage

**SFPUC Stormwater Management Objectives**

- Reduce Peak Flows and Volumes
- Decrease Combined Sewer Overflows to Bay
- Improve Stormwater Quality

**Opportunities**

- Decreases peak flow rates and volumes
- Help alleviate flooding downstream
- Provide natural stormwater treatment

**Constraints**

- Infiltration requires suitable soils
- Surface detention would decrease usability of fields during rainy weather

**Hydrology – Larger Scale Stormwater Objectives**

**Hydrology – Opportunities: Creek Daylighting**

- Alleviate flooding and combined sewer overflows downstream
- Extend free-flowing creek through park
- Create habitat and public amenity

**Hydrology – Opportunities: Infiltration and/or Detention**

- Decrease peak flow rates and volumes
- Help alleviate flooding downstream

**Hydrology – Opportunities: Low Impact Development Strategies**

- Rainwater harvesting
- Vegetated swales
- Creek check dams
Parks in Context

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco – historic and 2008
Prospect Park, Brooklyn – 1901 and 2005
Glen Canyon Park, 2010

Park Ownership and Use

1850s
Adolph Sutro
1898
Crocker Estate
1922
San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks

Recreation Center

Constructed in 1938
17,600 square feet
Potentially Historic

Spaces:
Gymnasium
2 basketball courts
auditorium
Auditorium
assembly area
stage w/ fly loft
projection room
under stage storage
Offices
Service / Storage

Hours:
Sunday – Monday closed
Tuesday – Friday 9a to 9p
Saturday 9a to 5p

Recreation Center – Historic Uses

Recreation Center – Current Uses

Recreation Center – Activities

Gymnasium
- Basketball
- Adult Boot Camp

Auditorium
- Tot Time
- Tot Gym
- Tot Space
- Tot Music and Movement
- Tot Picasso
- Adult Tai Chi
- Senior Shapeup

Drop-in
- Community Meetings
- Ping pong
- Adult guitar jam
Recreation Center – Condition

Recreation Center – Opportunities

- Establish identity and improve entry experience and access
- Reinvestment can resolve grading, drainage, flooding, and settlement issues
- Systems/code upgrades for safety, energy-efficiency and comfort
- Repairs for deferred maintenance can extend the life of the historic building
- Space and Use functions can be improved and tailored
- Indoor/outdoor relationships can be improved
- Historic rehabilitation will reinforce architectural character
- Rehabilitation costs can be compared to other and new recreational centers and programs

Silver Tree

- Constructed in 1960
- 3,960 square feet
- Spaces:
  - Activity / Class Rooms
  - Kitchen
  - Offices
  - Service / Storage
  - Picnic Area
  - Movable Play Areas
- Two Uses:
  - Summer:
    - Silver Tree Day Camp
    - City Camp 9a to 3p
    - Extended Care 8 to 9a, 3 to 6p
  - 9 Months:
    - Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School
    - 9:30a to 3p

Silver Tree – Historic Uses

Silver Tree – Current Uses

Silver Tree – Activities

Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School
- AM children lapsticks
- PM children lower level
- Outdoor recreation
- Nature education
- Experiential access/approach
- Moving days 2/year
- Parent-maintained

Summer Day Camp
- 9:30a to 3p
- Bullet2
- Access can be problematic
Silver Tree – Condition

Silver Tree – Opportunities

Recreation Center

- Classes (primarily in auditorium)
  - Tot classes: such as tot time, art, music and movement. Requires registration and fee
  - Adult classes: guitar, ping pong
  - Senior classes: tai chi, art, walking group
- Pick up basketball in gymnasium: evenings and Saturdays

Silver Tree

- Summer programming:
  - RPD runs a 10-week camp from 9am-3pm
  - For children 6-13 years old
  - Operates at capacity (175 campers)
  - Activities:
    - arts & crafts
    - sports
    - field trips
    - outdoor education
    - nature study
    - ski
    - etc.

Programming

Opportunities

- Critical facility improvements
- Activities to complement the park mission (trail maintenance, advocacy, leadership)
- Site development
  - Accommodate intense level of use at Silver Tree
  - Interpretive and educational features i.e. labs
  - Indoor/ outdoor connections

Programming
Recreation Facilities
• Playground
• Picnic Area
• 2 tennis courts
• 2 baseball diamonds
• 1 multi-use field
• Ropes course

Programming

Recreation Facilities
• Strong demand for fields, playground, and picnic facilities
• Poor drainage results in poor field conditions and limits use
• Playground size, character and standard for safety.
• Ropes course is in disrepair

Opportunities
• Improve function and character
• Introduce new uses

Opportunities

Park Access Points

Circulation and Access

Trails
• Desired park amenity for natural area access (urban escape), exercise, strolling, etc.
• Connects neighborhood areas not otherwise well linked.
• Accessible access needs.
• Social trails contribute to habitat degradation, erosion, creek siltation.

Opportunities
• Enhance park entries.
• Improve these conditions!

Opportunities

Brainstorming

Answer the following questions:
1. "What overall vision or big ideas should guide the Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan?"
2. "What improvements or enhancements do you want to see in Glen Canyon Park?"

Think about the long-term and the near-term
List all ideas—it’s not necessary to achieve consensus
Identify your priorities
Be as specific as possible about what you are proposing, and where

Visioning Exercise
Desired Changes & Improvements