OAK WOODLANDS TRAIL RESTORATION PROJECT

Community Meeting
GGP Senior Center Ballroom
May 25, 2011 from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Summary of Community Comments:

1. Would prefer the project be called the Oak Woodlands “experience” rather than ‘Walk” so that multi-use is a consideration in planning and design
2. The trees (Leptospermum) along Fulton near 6th block views from the street into the woodlands
3. The trail needs signage so people know what’s there
4. Trails should connect to neighborhoods and to other trails
5. Need signage at the Ghiradelli picnic area
6. Entrances along Fulton and Stanyan need improvements such as signage and accent plantings to attract people to trail
7. Need well-defined trail system to encourage proper use
8. Provide a loop trail and spur trails with destinations to other points of interest
9. Need to promote use and legitimate activities and improve safety (throughout GGP)
10. Provide maps showing trail routes
11. “Scary” (used to describe the existing conditions) don’t’ attract funders
12. Avoid improvements that are too manicured – retain the rustic qualities and the wildness of the woodlands
13. Consider removing other tree species over time to improve the oak woodland
14. Look at better trial alignments and design to get water off of trial surfaces especially in Coon Hollow
15. Like the idea of a continuous trail route/loop in GGP
16. Screen view of the organic dump from the trail. There are great views from this hill
17. Street crossing need signage directly people to trail connections. Improve the safety of pedestrian crossing at Arguello
18. Look at trail surface material for Oak Woodlands. Examples: Permazine at GGNRA, boardwalk at Lobos Creek
19. The trail surface in Oak Woodlands contains chert and soil in addition to sand. (It was suggested those materials may be remnants of old trail improvements)
20. There is an alternate trail alignment that gets people further away from Fulton in “Fuchsia Dell Heights”
21. Integrate trails with overall GGP entry/signage/identity
22. Look at alternate sites or operations of the organic dump
23. Think ahead about multi-use, runners and bicyclists are frequent users
24. Consider how to provide for multi-use and maintain it so single users don’t get overwhelmed or pushed out
25. Make rules clear
26. Multi-use requires education and respect to encourage appropriate behavior
27. Look at the signage for “The Ramble” in NYC’s Central Park - it seems to work for multi-use
28. Another alternate design could provide a trail on the north side for bicyclists and a separate trail on the south side (further away from Fulton) for pedestrians
29. Multi-use definition includes joint use by pedestrians and bicyclists
30. Next meeting will include discussion about budget constraints, trail alignment alternatives, and surfacing materials