Golden Gate Park Dog Play Area Improvement Project
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2
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GROUND RULES

• Please sign in and provide your email address

• Turn off cell phones

• Direct comments to the facilitator

• Keep to the agenda (City-wide Dog Play Area policy issues are not a part of tonight’s discussion)

• Please hold questions and comments until the feedback & discussion portion of the meeting
AGENDA

• WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND OBJECTIVES

• PART 1: Recap of Project Information

• PART 2: Survey Results

• PART 3: Design Concepts

• PART 4: Voting & Feedback

MEETING OBJECTIVES

1. Recap project scope, budget, and process

2. Present overview of previous public feedback

3. Community feedback and voting for design concepts
PART 1

RECAP OF PROJECT INFORMATION
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Identify opportunities to improve usability, facilities, and infrastructure in the GGP Dog Play Area.

Develop a project plan using:
• Community input
• Rec & Park Strategic Plan programming goals
• A strong partnership with a Friends group

Some scope items are required for code compliance and the budget is limited.

FUNDING

California State Natural Resources Agency Grant Program

• A statewide general fund grant for the improvement of parks and open spaces secured by Assemblymember Ting and Supervisor Fewer

• $2M in grant funding has been allocated to improvements at the Golden Gate Park Dog Play Area.

• $1.5M construction budget. The final project scope (including design, materials, and elements) will be reconciled with the budget and professional cost estimations.
PROCESS
Completed Since December 2017 Community Meeting

Environmental Review Applications (CEQA and Maher)
• Applications filed early 2018
• Project is exempt

Surveys
• Topographic site survey completed in spring 2018
• Tree survey completed in summer 2018
PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES

Steffen Franz
• Parks and Recreation Open Space Committee
• Resource on creating a “friends of” group
• Background includes Lafayette Park and DPA

Friends of the GGP Dog Play Area
• Assist Park staff with daily upkeep of the facility
• Provide dog waste bags
• Explore programming opportunities
PART 2

SURVEY RESULTS

• Online survey open mid-December 2017 through mid February 2018

• Total Number of Responses: 148
ONLINE SURVEY FEEDBACK

Responses by Zip code:

- 94121: 57.40%
- 94122: 8.10%
- 94118: 28.40%
- Other: 6.10%
1. What are your preferred play surface materials for the dog park? Review the images and then answer the questions below. (Please note: The final design could contain a combination of these materials)
2. What feels like the right amount of space to be allocated for a small play area?
   Choices: 10%, 15%, 20%, or Other

- 10%: 20%
- 15%: 30%
- 20%: 43%
- Other: 7%
3. What do you like about the existing dog play area? What do you not like about it?

Selected comments:

**Good: Gated fence, parking availability, size. Bad: Sand in the whole area**

What I don’t like is that there isn’t a separate area for smaller dogs and it’s not very “clean” compared to other dog parks.

I like how big and close it is. The thing I dislike is the how gross the sand is.

I like the fence and the size of the area. I don’t like that there's no grass (it gets dusty or muddy). I don’t like that small dogs are with the big dogs.

It would be nice to have more benches and shady areas. The sand gets smelly, so a fresh layer of sand on top more often would be nice. I don’t like the open dumpster near the south gate.

I like full fenced in feature. I would love to have it split, with a separate smaller area. My dog is not crazy about the dirt surface. [Artificial] grass would be great.
4. Additional comments:

The double gates are good at preventing dogs from running out. Can we have these at the other gates?

An agility course would be awesome!

Mixed surfacing, some agility play area for small dogs.

Centennial Dog Park is a great example!

No mulch! It gets stuck in my dog’s paws and cuts his toes.

I would love if the re-designed park could include terrain features, like small hills, large rocks or logs. This park used to have more of that and it was really fun for the dogs.

It would be nice to have a space for the small dogs to run, but 10% is way too small, especially for the size of the area. At least 20% would be wonderful. Also the mix of turf would be fantastic too.
PART 3

DESIGN CONCEPTS
CONCEPT 1 PLAY AREA BREAK DOWN

CONCEPT 2 PLAY AREA BREAK DOWN
NEXT STEPS

After tonight:

• Online Selection of Preferred Design & Feedback
  https://goo.gl/forms/m1Wjqqlqi0FTJZ7l1

• Partnering Opportunity for Friends Group – Ongoing Effort
• Community Meeting #4 – Final Plan Review & Feedback
  (Anticipated in August or September 2018)

THANK YOU!

Please submit additional comments to:

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