SF REC & PARK  |  Golden Gate Park Dog Play Area Improvement Project
COMMUNITY MEETING #2
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GROUND RULES

• Please sign in and provide your email address

• Turn off cell phones

• Direct comments to the facilitator

• Raise your hand to speak

• 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: Funding

• PART 2: Project Overview

• PART 3: Potential Scope Improvements

• PART 4: Group Discussion and Feedback
MEETING OBJECTIVES

1. Present overview of previous public feedback

2. Present project scope, budget, and process

3. Obtain additional community feedback to further the conceptual design process, including:

   • Surface materials

   • Internal fence partition for large and small play areas
PART 1

FUNDING
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California State Natural Resources Agency Grant Program

• A statewide general fund grant for the improvement of parks and open spaces.

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

• Grant program funding cannot cover all project soft costs. Additional funds are being identified.

• Final project scope (including design, materials, and elements) to be reconciled with available funding and professional cost estimation.
PART 2

PROJECT OVERVIEW
PROCESS
Estimated Timeline

Community Design Process

- Concept Design
  - Regulatory Review

- Final Design
  - Bid & Award
    - RPD Commission Approval
  - Construction
    - RPD Commission Approval

2018

2019

2020
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.

We may not be able address all of the items identified in this presentation with the grant and add-back funds, but this is a starting point for the design process.

We are here to listen!
PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES

- Developing a “Friends of the GGP Dog Play Area” group
- Assist Park staff with daily upkeep of the facility
- Provide dog waste bags
- Explore programming opportunities
WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE LOVE DOGS!
COMMUNITY MEETING #1 TOPICS & FEEDBACK

1. PERIMETER FENCE IMPROVEMENTS
   • New perimeter fencing – Standard 4-foot black chain link
   • Provide entrances with double gates

2. INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS
   • New benches inside and outside of DPA
   • Signage updates
   • New dog waste receptacles
   • Fencing partition for small dog play area with separate, double-gate entrances

3. SURFACING
   • Synthetic turf (with natural infill), sand, decomposed granite, mulch

4. PARKING LOT
   • Replace degraded paving
   • Provide code-compliant accessible parking spaces
   • Lighting

5. PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
   • Friends of the Dog Play Area group
   • Daily upkeep
PART 3

EXISTING CONDITIONS
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- Parking Lot: 20,000 sf
- Dog Play Area: 64,000 sf
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PART 4

IMPROVEMENTS
FENCING

Replace entire perimeter fence
  - Double-gate entrances
  - 4-foot high fencing
  - Standard black vinyl-clad chain link fencing

Use fencing to partition internal smaller play area
  - Same fence material as used on the perimeter
  - Separate double-gate entrance(s)

Maintenance gates for both large and small play areas
INFRASTRUCTURE

Paving
• New asphalt paving in parking lot
• New sidewalk
• ADA-compliant access

Striping
• Provide code-compliant striping for ADA parking spaces
• Provide general parking space striping to improve efficiency

Stormwater
• Capture runoff in planting areas, bioswales, and new catch basins as required by code
EXISTING SURFACING: SAND / WOOD MULCH

Pros
• Lower upfront costs
• Softer surface
• Porous

Cons
• Annual maintenance closures for addition of new material and raking
• Digging can be an issue (creates puddles and an uneven surface)
• Can become muddy
• Difficult to clean
## SURFACING: DECOMPOSED GRANITE

**Pros**
- Lower upfront costs
- Porous

**Cons**
- Closures for addition of new material and raking
- Digging can be an issue (can create puddles and an uneven surface)
- Can be dusty
SURFACING: SYNTHETIC TURF (NO RUBBER INFILL)

Pros
• Softer surface
• Slow to wear (up to 15 year lifespan)
• Drainage system prevents puddles & mud
• No digging, surface remains even
• Wash down for routine cleaning

Cons
• High up front costs
• Closures for raking and replacement of infill material (if infill present)
SURFACING: CONCRETE

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![Concrete surface in a park](image-url)
AMENITIES – MUST HAVE

Site Furnishings

- Benches & tables for seating inside and outside of the DPA
- Wildlife-safe trash and pet waste disposal bins
- Updated signage for DPA rules and information
- Add new and reuse existing drinking fountains
AMENITIES – NICE TO HAVE

Potential Dog Play Elements (As the Project Budget Allows)

- Tunnels
- Ramps
- Hoops
- Stepping Stones
- Hills
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Palm Springs, CA

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95% Large Play Area = 57,600sf
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85% Large Play Area = 54,400sf
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Golden Gate Park

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80% Large Play Area = 51,200sf
PART 5

MEETING #2 FEEDBACK
**Question 1**

What do you like about the existing dog play area? What do you not like about it?

Consider: Parking Lot, Benches & Tables, Drinking Fountains, Sand Surface, Fence & Gates, Access

Notes:
Question 2

Do you have a preferred surface material?

Please rank the following in order of preference (1=most preferred and 5= least preferred)

*Final design could include a combination of materials.

___ A) Decomposed Granite
___ B) Synthetic Turf
___ C) Concrete
___ D) Wood Mulch
___ E) Sand

Comments:
Question 3
What feels like the right amount of space to be allocated for a small play area?

Please rank the following in order of preference (1 = most preferred and 4 = least preferred)

___ A) 10%
___ B) 15%
___ C) 20%
___ D) Other

A) 10% Small Play Area = 6400sf
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D) ___% Small Play Area = _____sf
    ___% Large Play Area = _____sf
NEXT STEPS

After tonight:

• Online Survey (paper surveys also available)

• Partnering Opportunity for Friends Group – Ongoing Effort

• Community Meeting #3 – Prioritizing Elements, General Layout Options, Feedback

• Community Meeting #4 – Final Plan Review & Feedback
THANK YOU!

Please submit additional comments to:

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