Failing Playgrounds Task Force
Meeting 6

Tuesday, September 16, 2014
City Hall Room 416
5:30-7:30 pm
Failing Playgrounds Task Force
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TASK FORCE MEETING
PROGRESSION
Meeting 1 – April 29, 2014

• Discussion of work to date on playgrounds, condition assessments (Prop C & SFPA Report Cards) why they are important and how can we make a difference

• Overview of the Task Force’s goals, purpose, and schedule

• What criteria should we use to prioritize playgrounds for rehabilitation?
  - Physical condition
  - Utilization
  - Demographics
  - Community engagement
  - Proximity to other play space
  - Etc.
Meeting 2 – May 17, 2014

- Walking tour of playgrounds showing various conditions
  - Hayes Valley Playground
  - Alamo Square Playground
  - Kimball Playground
  - Buchanan Street Mall
- Task Force given “Anatomy of a Playground” infographic
Meeting 3 – May 27, 2014

• Introduction to the “potential universe” of playgrounds eligible for renovation

• Further discussion on what criteria is most important to narrow down list
  - CCA-treated wood
  - Report card scores
  - Play value
  - “Kid-shed”

• Selection of a tiered approach consisting of 6 “Tier 1” and 8 “Tier 2” playgrounds
  - Number of renovations limited by funding and average cost of a playground renovation
Meeting 4 – July 9, 2014

• Discussed data collected by RPD staff based on the priority items voted on in Meeting 3:
  - Demographics (youth density, HMI)
  - Parks Alliance Report Card Grades
  - CCA-Treated Wood
  - ROSE High Needs
  - Last Renovation
  - Proximity to Other CPAs

• In groups, Task Force members & the public used rankings and data to create their own initial lists of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Playgrounds
Meeting 5 – July 29, 2014

- RPD staff introduced 3 potential lists based on Meeting 4 exercise results and criteria considered most important by the task force.

- Task Force used narrowed down 28-playground “potential universe” to create their own lists based on CCA, demographics, report card criteria, other planning efforts and commonalities with all lists.
Culmination of Task Force Recommendations

• Combines analytical work with Task Force recommendations

• Staff visits to West Portal, Merced Heights, Brooks Park, Juri Commons, Alice Chalmers, Cayuga-Lamartine, Sgt John Macaulay, Lessing-Sears Mini Park

• Methodology:

  - CCA-treated wood → Demographics (HMI → Youth Density) → Report Card
  - Removed four “playgrounds”: Cayuga-Lamartine Mini Park, Hyde-Vallejo Mini Park, India Basin Shoreline Park & Portsmouth Square
Proposed List – Tier 1

Alice Chalmers
John McLaren Park – Group Picnic
Merced Heights
Panhandle Playground
Sgt. John Macaulay
Washington Square
Proposed List – Tier 2

- Buchanan St Mall
- Golden Gate Heights
- Juri Commons
- Herz Playground
- Richmond Playground
- Sigmund Stern Grove
- West Portal
Tiered List

DRAFT Playgrounds for Renovation
9/16/14

RATIONALE: Prioritize CCA-treated wood (*), then sort by demographics (low household median income and high youth density), followed by report card score

REMOVED FROM TIERS
- Portsmouth
- Corona
- West Portal
- Richmond

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