MEMORANDUM

To: Recreation and Park Commission
From: Karen Mauney-Brodek, Planning Unit
Date: June 5, 2008
Re: Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Pre-Implementation Planning Update

AGENDA ITEM WORDING
Presentation and discussion of the pre-implementation of the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond planning.

DISCUSSION
On February 5, 2008, San Francisco’s voters approved the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond. This bond measure provides major funding for improvements to RPD’s neighborhood parks, restrooms, athletic fields, trails, trees and more. The Clean and Safe Neighborhood Park Bond work is scheduled to be underway in Fall of 2008. The bond report proposes a presentation on the bond programs’ progress every month at the RPD Commission over the course of the bond program. This presentation will provide an overview of the Department's timelines for each of the bond programs, planning proposed around each program and future opportunities for Commission input and review for each Bond Program.

• PRE-IMPLEMENTATION GOALS
  o Discussion and review of pre-implementation planning goals including following every step as detailed in the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Report and providing a clear process for the additional planning and prioritization needed for the Trails, Tree, Community Opportunity, Restroom, and Athletic Fields Programs.

• NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROGRAM PROJECTS
  o Discussion and review of the goals and next steps of the Neighborhood Park Projects including project planning and outreach.

• TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM
  o Discussion and review of the next steps as outlined in the Bond Report including questions to be answered and possible methods for developing objective criteria for project selection and prioritization.

• PARK TREE PROGRAM
  o Discussion and review of the next steps as outlined in the Bond Report including timelines for the issuance of an RFP to provide criteria for project prioritization.

• COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM
  o Discussion and review of the next steps for this program as outlined in the Bond Report including the next several points within the program development for Commission review and action.
  o Review of the work with PROSAC since February as required in the Bond Report. The first step as required by the Bond Report is for PROSAC to propose a composition of seats for the Taskforce which will develop proposed guidelines for the program.
  o Discussion and review of the important questions the Community Opportunity Fund Taskforce must answer.
• **RESTROOM PROGRAM**
  o Discussion and review of the next steps for the Restroom Program including physical condition analysis and verification and the Commission’s formalization of the Restroom Taskforce.

• **ATHLETIC FIELDS PROGRAM**
  o Discussion and review of the anticipated milestones in the athletic fields program and opportunities for Commission review and direction.

• **COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH**
  o Discussion and review of a set of proposed methods for communication and outreach to the public on the Bond’s Programs.

• **FIRST BOND SALE UPDATE**
  o Discussion of the plan to issue the first of three bond sales over the course of the Bond program. The bond report anticipates the first bond sale in August. This first sale will provide funds to do work following the guidelines detailed in the Bond Report. The majority of the first sale will provide funds for planning and design for the Neighborhood Park Projects and a portion of the funds for the citywide special programs.

• **NEXT MEETINGS**
  o Review of upcoming meetings and topics for the Commission on the Bond’s Programs.

**RECOMMENDATION**
No Commission action is required at this time; Department staff will report monthly on the progress and status of the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Projects and Programs for Commission review, comment and action over the course of the Bond implementation.

**ATTACHMENTS**
Copy of the Powerpoint Presentation for June 5th Commission Meeting.
2008 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond

passed by the Voters of San Francisco
February 5, 2008
Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond—$185 Million on February 5th Ballot

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to place the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond on the February 5, 2008 ballot. This summary reflects the content of the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond. See the other side for a map of some of the project locations included in the bond.

Neighborhood Parks

$117.4 million
Playground safety, repair and replacement, seismic work to prepare our recreation centers for a major earthquake, landscaping, better disability access, and modernize and improve aging parks.
- Chinese Recreation Center
- Mission Playground
- Palega Playground
- Cayuga Playground
- McCoppin Square
- Sunset Playground
- Fulton Playground
- Mission Dolores Park
- Cabrillo Playground
- Glen Canyon Park
- Lafayette Park
- Kimbell Playground

Restrooms Repair & Replacement

$11.4 million
Repair or replace every free standing park restroom in San Francisco and add new restrooms where needed.

Athletic Fields

$8.5 million
Match private funds to renovate city athletic fields with synthetic turf and lights to increase capacity and get more use out of existing fields.

Trail Restoration

$5 million
Restore walking trails and improve access in open space parks.

Community Opportunity Grants

$5 million
Provide grant funding program to do improvements to parks nominated by community groups with financial or sweat-equity match.

Trees

$4 million
Plant trees and restore the aging park tree canopy.

Cost & Accountability

Won’t Increase City’s Debt:
The City plans to issues these bonds as old bonds are paid back, keeping tax rates approximately the same over time.

Strict New Accountability Standards:
Major projects are identified and budgets are listed in the bond ordinance – a contract with San Francisco residents.

Recreation and Parks will publish monthly reports on bond spending and construction progress.

The Recreation and Parks Commission will hold an annual hearing to review the bond program and order an audit if necessary.

The Citizens’ General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee will publish an annual independent report on bond spending and can stop the sale of bonds if necessary.

Bond Audits

$185,000
Funds audits by the Citizens’ General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee to account for all bond spending.

For more information go to www.parks.sfgov.org
Click on the link to the “Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond” or contact Recreation and Parks Planning Division at 415-831-2789.
Bond Pre-Implementation Goals

1) Follow all steps of the Clean and Safe Bond Report

2) Ensure timeline included in Bond Report – Planning for projects to start in Fall of 2008

3) Clear and Open Process for Project Planning and Prioritization for Trails, Trees, Community Opportunity, Restroom and Athletic Fields Programs.
Overview of Presentation

• Bond Timeline Overview

• Neighborhood Parks Program Next Steps

• Special Programs Next Steps
  ▪ Trail Reconstruction Program
  ▪ Park Tree Program
  ▪ Community Opportunity Fund
  ▪ Restroom Program
  ▪ Athletic Fields Program

• Communication and Outreach

• First Bond Sale Update
Bond Timeline Overview

- 1\textsuperscript{st} Bond Sale Planned for Fall 2008 – Bond Report Aims for August 2008
  - Pre-Implementation Planning from now- Fall 2008

- Program to be Active from Fall 2008 – 2012, some projects finishing in Spring 2013

- Projects Wrapping up in time for November 2013 Bond Measure for $150 M
Neighborhood Park Projects

• Outreach starting Fall 2008
  ▪ Goals
    • Clear budgets and priorities
      – Project discussions with budgets to consider tradeoffs
    • Clear timelines
    • Broad Outreach
      – Include those involved during development
      – Reach out to others such as friends groups, neighborhood organizations, the Board of Supervisor’s Offices and contacts, athletic organizations, etc.
Neighborhood Park Projects

- **Phase One** – Planning to Start in Fall 2008
  - Chinese Rec Center (underway now due to existing funding)
  - Mission Playground
  - Palega Playground
  - Cayuga Playground
  - McCoppin Square
  - Sunset Playground
  - Fulton Playground

- **Phase Two** – Planning to Start in Fall 2009
  - Mission Dolores Park
  - Cabrillo Playground
  - Glen Canyon Park
  - Lafayette Park
  - Raymond Kimbell Playground
Park Trail Restoration

• Following the rules of Bond Report:
  • PROSAC has advisory role and Commission has review and official approval for all work to be performed under this program

• We have considerable planning work to do before that point:
  • Questions to be answered:
    • Which elements of work can be paid for with Bond dollars?
    • How can we leverage other grant funds with these dollars to make our dollars go further?
    • How will we objectively prioritize?

Radish Hill Trail Glen Canyon
Park Trail Restoration

• STEPS and Possible Timeline:

SUMMER/ FALL 2008

• 1st – Develop Method to Prioritize Trails
  • Criteria to be developed, presented and reviewed at RPD Commission, PROSAC and at public meetings

FALL/WINTER 2008

• 2nd – Sort Trail Needs by Criteria
  • Review this prioritization with stakeholders in public meetings and at RPD Commission and PROSAC

• 3rd – Trailwork program begins

Bayview Park
Park Forestry

• Following rules of Bond

Report

• 1st Step - Fall 2008
  • RPF for a Forestry risk assessment to provide focus to the capital work needed in our parks

• 2nd Step - Winter
  • Commission Review of this assessment and plan for steps forward to implement the site by site assessment and tree work.
Community Opportunity Fund

- Guidelines to be developed following rules of Bond Report
  - 1st Step - PROSAC to propose composition of seats
  - 2nd Step – Commission to review and approve composition of seats, call for nominations for seats
  - 3rd Step – Commission to appoint the individuals to the taskforce
  - 4th Step – Taskforce develops proposed program guidelines
  - 5th Step – Proposed program guidelines presented to Commission for review
  - 6th Step – Commission approval of final guidelines.

- PROGRAM UNDERWAY!
Community Opportunity Fund

• Where are we?
  ▪ 1st Step - PROSAC to propose composition of seats
  • Recent formal and informal discussions with PROSAC have discussed some possible seat types, PROSAC is still working on their proposal:
    – RPD Capital Division staff
    – RPD Operations staff
    – Individual with City grant management experience
    – Individual with non-profit grant management experience
    – PROSAC representative
    – Member of a community or neighborhood organization not exclusively focused on park issues
    – End user who has partnered with RPD on past capital projects
    – Individual with experience as Fiscal Agent
Community Opportunity Fund

Where are we? Continued

Some of the Major Questions to be resolved from now until end of Taskforce process:

- What should a policy objective for the grant program be? What is philosophy of spending? What is the mission statement?
- What has worked/not worked in similar programs? Best practice review
- How should outreach for grant funds be conducted?
- Who should be allowed to nominate projects? (community groups, other groups, of what size, etc)
- What can be considered a match? funds, sweat equity, other grant funds
- How is sweat equity defined, measured or monitored?
- What are the objective scoring or rating criteria for objective evaluation of all applications? What is the mechanism/process for screening/scoring/selection?
- How will the taskforce conduct the public process for feedback?
- What is the appropriate grant size? Big or small?
- Who will oversee the grant program?
- Who will and how will people monitor the program?
- Who will select awardees/grantees?
Restrooms

**Summer 2008**
- Data Gathering and Checking
  - Review COMET (Physical Condition) Data
  - Structural Maintenance Site History

**Fall 2008**
- Review the Composition of the Current Restroom Taskforce and the Commission Formalizes the Taskforce

**Winter - Spring 2008**
- Restroom Taskforce develops Restroom Program Recommendations for Commission Review and Adoption
Athletic Fields

Summer 2008

- Findings of the Synthetic Playfields Taskforce will be submitted to the Commission for review.

Late Summer 2008

- Plan and timeline for playfield reconstruction program will be presented to the Commission.
Communication and Public Outreach

- Monthly RPD Commission Presentation
- Bond Website with monthly updates on all Bond Projects and Programs
- Monthly E-Blast, emailed newsletter with the Clean and Safe Bond progress and highlights
- Monthly PROSAC Updates
- Every other month report to each supervisor with district-specific updates
## 1st Bond Sale Update

### 2008 CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK BOND

#### 1ST BOND SALE PLAN [DRAFT]

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**TOTAL BOND SALE**  

| Total Bond Sale             | $185,000,000  | $43,000,000    |

*Final Bond Sale Cost Amount To-be-Determined*
RPD Portion of the Bond Sale

2008 CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK BOND
1ST BOND SALE PLAN [DRAFT]

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Next Meeting and July:

June 19\textsuperscript{th} Commission Meeting:

– First Bond Sale Information for Commission Review

July Commission Meetings:

– Community Opportunity Fund Taskforce Seats for Commission Review
– Discussion about Outreach Plans and more detailed timelines on special programs