LET’S PLAY SF! ALICE CHALMERS PLAYGROUND RENOVATION
COMMUNITY MEETING #2

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HOUSEKEEPING / GROUND RULES

• Please sign in

• Turn off cell phones

• Direct comments to the facilitator

• Raise your hand to speak

• Keep to the agenda

• PLEASE HOLD ALL QUESTIONS FOR THE END
COMMUNITY MEETING #2 AGENDA

Welcome, Introductions, and Objectives

PART 1: Let’sPlaySF! Playground Transformations (5 min)

PART 2: Playground Scope / Project Overview (3-5 min)

PART 3: Report Back from Community Meeting #1 (10 min)

PART 4: Presentation of Concept Alternatives (15-20 min)
        and Breakout Activities & Feedback (30 min)

PART 5: Recap Meeting #2 (25 mins)

PART 6: Next Steps & Operations and Maintenance (10 mins)
MEETING OBJECTIVES

• Provide an opportunity for public input on the future improvements at the playground

• Confirm if we captured your feedback from Community Meeting #1 accurately.

• Identify the project’s program preferences for the play area.
TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

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PART 1

LET’SPLAYSF! INITIATIVE and the POWER OF PLAYGROUND TRANSFORMATIONS
LET’S PLAY SF INITIATIVE

Let’sPlaySF! is a partnership between the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and the San Francisco Parks Alliance that seeks to inspire creativity, community, wellness, and play throughout the City through great playgrounds.
LET’S PLAY SF INITIATIVE

- A citizen task force met for six months, held six public meetings including a field trip and **prioritized 13 playgrounds** as the most in need of renovation based on three primary criteria:
  - Presence of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) wood
  - Neighborhood Demographics: high youth density
  - Neighborhood Demographics: low median income

- In the coming years, 13 playgrounds serving nearly **20,000 children**, prioritized for improvement by a citizen task force will be re-imagined and redesigned to nurture growing bodies and brains for this and future generations of San Francisco’s children.

- $15.5 million is not enough to fund all the playgrounds, so the Department is partnering with the Parks Alliance to raise at least $10.75 million in private funding to ensure there are **safe imaginative places** to play across San Francisco.
Priority Playgrounds per the Failing Playgrounds Task Force
Adopted December 2014
SITE OPPORTUNITY

- Opportunity to transform and revitalize an important community asset
- Unique opportunity to inspire creativity, wellness, and play
POWER OF TRANSFORMATION

MOUNTAIN LAKE PLAYGROUND
POWER OF TRANSFORMATION
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Cabrillo Playground: BEFORE

Cabrillo Playground: AFTER (completed in 2013)
PART 2

PROJECT OVERVIEW
COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROCESS

MEETING #1
• Get to know the community
• What kind of park should we design?
• Understand the site
• Imagine

MEETING #2
• Look at playground options
• Visualize the park
• Test assumptions
• Refine concepts

MEETING #3
• Make small changes
• Be detail oriented
• Consensus on elements and activities
PLAYGROUND SCOPE & CONSTRAINTS

- Playground footprint to follow current
- Current playground standards require more space than existing equipment
- Funds strictly for playground renovation and ADA improvements (including entry and restrooms)
## PROJECT BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

### BUDGET

- **Budget Total:** $3 Million
- **Estimated Construction Cost:** $2.02 Million
- **Estimated Soft Cost:** $990K

### SCHEDULE

- **Community Outreach**
  - June – December 2017
- **Design**
  - January - September 2018
- **Bidding & Contracting**
  - October – December 2018
- **Construction Phase**
  - 2019
- **Opening**
  - Late 2019
PART 3

COMMUNITY MEETING #1 FEEDBACK
MEETING #1 REVIEW: WHAT WE HEARD
What is missing in the playground?
- Shade structures
- Trees, greenscape
- Comfortable benches
- Places for adults
- Place for tables
- Restrooms

What makes this place special?
- Close to home
- Between two schools - kids already here
- Provides green space
- Multi-generation neighborhood and still affordable

How can we improve the playground?
- Fun-educational equipment
- Complexity in the play equipment
- Promote team-building and group activities
- Murals and color
- Climbing and ropes
- Weave cultural elements into playground
- Improve sightlines
- Exercise equipment
- Tables for families
- Seating in areas that have visibility of park/playground
- Greenery
**MEETING #1 REVIEW: WHAT WE HEARD**

What activities do you want at the new playground?

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PART 4

PRESENT DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

BREAKOUT ACTIVITIES
3 Design Schemes

- **the hills**: Active, Tumbling & Running
- **the coast**: Climbing, Jumping & Scrambling
- **the fort**: Explore, Natural & Imaginative
THE COAST
THE FORT

- Fort with Climbing Wall and Slide
- Entry Stairs
- Entry Ramp
- Dodging Posts
- Fat Swings
- Seating
- Mounds and Balance Beam
- Table
- Ornamental Planting
- Clubhouse
- Concrete
- Playground Surfacing
- Swings
- Sanding Spinner
- Balance Beam
- Ornamental Planting
- Hammock Net
THE FORT
PART 5

PROVIDE YOUR INPUT
WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW

Place a GOLD STAR on your FAVORITE DESIGN and COLORED DOTS on PREFERRED ACTIVITIES.

1. The Hills

2. The Coast

3. The Fort

PREFERRED ACTIVITIES
WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW

Which LAYOUT (arrangement of physical elements) do you prefer?

1. The Hills
   PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS
   - Climbing
   - Swings
   - Slide
   - Tunnel
   - Monkey Bars
   - Seating
   - Shade
   - Planting
   - Trees

2. The Coast
   PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS
   - Climbing
   - Slides
   - Swings
   - Balance
   - Seating
   - Shade
   - Merry Go Round
   - Exercise Equipment

3. The Fort
   PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS
   - Climbing
   - Swings
   - Slide
   - Fort
   - Balance
   - Nets
   - Seating
   - Planting
WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW

Which CHARACTER(sense of place) do you prefer?

1. The Hills

2. The Coast

3. The Fort
PART 6

NEXT STEPS
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- Meeting #3, anticipated in November 2017

- Present Updated Plan of Preferred Option from Meeting #2

- Collect More Community Input

- Seek Approvals

- Discuss O&M with Rec & Park staff
THANK YOU!

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