For Tonight

- Review of Let’sPlaySF! Initiative
- Panhandle Playground Renovation Process and Community Input
- Presentation of 3 Preliminary Design Alternatives
- Facilitated Review + Feedback on 3 Preliminary Design Alternatives in Small Groups
- Recap of Small Group Discussions
- Next Steps / How You Can Be Involved / Closing
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 of the presentation
Let’sPlaySF! is a partnership between San Francisco’s Recreation and Parks Department and the San Francisco Parks Alliance to renovate the City’s worst playgrounds. These playgrounds serve 20,000 children and were selected for renovation by a Playgrounds Task Force because they contain unhealthy wood or are in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods dense with children.
The Transformative Power of Play

• **Wellness:** Playgrounds encourage kids to get outside, away from screens. Outdoor play burns calories and helps develop muscle strength, and coordination and can foster a lifelong love of outdoor activities.

• **Creativity:** Playgrounds nurture growing brains by promoting imaginative and cooperative play that can foster advanced cognitive skills in young brains.

• **Community:** Playgrounds bring people together. They allow people to connect across social, economic and age groups divides.

• *In San Francisco, playgrounds are everybody’s backyard.*
Panhandle Playground

- The existing playground is 7,000 square feet and is one of the largest of the Let's Play SF projects.

- In 2014 the Panhandle Playground got a “D” grade on the Parks Alliance “Playground Report Card” and the playground contains arsenic-treated wood in the play structure and round swing sets.

- Project Budget: $3,200,000
- Construction Budget: $2,000,000
Site Parameters and Opportunities

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Panhandle Playground – Project Schedule

2017
- Community Facilitation, Programming and Conceptual Design

2018
- Schematic Design
- Design Development
- Construction Documents

2019
- Bid/Award Phase
- Construction Administration
Community Outreach to Date

Workshop 1
May 31, 2017
± 50 participants

Focus Groups (adults)
August 9, 2017
± 20 participants

Focus Groups (kids)
September 7, 2017
± 50 participants

Online Survey
2 wks through Sept 10, 2017
301 participants
Overview of Feedback from Community

Most liked elements in current playground
• Slides
• Swings, including tire swing
• Trees
• Play Structure

Mixed feedback
• Sand

Most disliked elements in current playground
• Maintenance building
• Entry gate on the East
• Chain link fence
Other feedback
• Important to accommodate wide range of ages
• Seating and tables desired
• Climbing structure desired
• No clear “winner” in terms of type of play (Nature Play, Sensory Play, Performative / Imaginative Play)

Specific comments received
• Larger tables
• Wider range of structures- Toddlers need more options
• Toddler play structures like Alamo Square + Cabrillo
• Climbing / hanging monkey bars for older children
• Support an adult-friendly workout area
• Options for older kids- mid to late grade school
  (20 years ago the playground changed to the current “young child” focus)
### Overview of Feedback from Community: Workshop 1

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Overview of Feedback from Community: Focus Groups

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Desires:
• A themed playground
• A collaborative playground
• Clear visibility lines for supervision
• Colorful shapes and textures
• Imaginative play.
• Play structures: Rope, climbing, spinners, collaborative, swings, slides, steering wheel/s
• Wide age appeal
• Family activities
• Integrated landscaping

Concerns:
• Unwelcoming chain link fence
• Maintenance shed
• Dangerous items (needles, bottles, trash, etc)
• Lack of maintenance
• Graffiti and vandalism
Overview of Feedback from Community: Online Survey

Survey Respondent Demographics:

- 58% of survey respondents live within ¼ mile of the playground
- 85% live within ½ mile of the playground
- 56% visit the playground at least once per week
- 73% visit at least once per month
- 10% of survey respondents do not have / care for any children
- 36% have / care for 1 child
- 44% have / care for 2 children
- 10% have / care for 3 or more children
- 86% of survey respondents did not attend Community Workshop 1 or either of the focus groups
Overview of Feedback from Community: Online Survey

**Most desired playground elements:**

- **Slides** 91%
- **Swings (older children)** 79%
- **Swings (toddlers)** 70%
- **Swings (modern tire swing)** 62%
- **Sculptural Play Elements (huts, tunnels, etcetera)** 72%
- **Nature Play Elements (boulders, logs, stumps)** 69%
- **Gathering Area with Tables and Chairs** 69%
- **Climbing Net Structure** 62%
Overview of Feedback from Community: Online Survey

Most Popular Playground Themes

*We would like to create a playground that reflects and celebrates the neighborhood. In the case of Panhandle Playground, what would that look like to you?*

- Incorporates Nature: 61 people
- Colorful / Murals: 45 people
- Summer of Love / Haight St: 21 people
- Diversity of People in the Neighborhood: 19 people
SITE ANALYSIS FOR CONCEPTS
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CONCEPT 1: NATURAL HISTORY
Theme: Natural History
Concept 1 Plan

Play Elements
- Structure w/ Slide
- Willow Arch
- Spinner/Merry-go-round
- Tire Swing
- Balance Board
- Rope Balance and Climbers
- Hammock

3 Small Group Table Areas
Concept 1 Plan - Surfacing
Concept 1 Plan – Alternative Surfacing
Concept 1 Plan - Elements
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Concept 1
CONCEPT 2: TRANSECT OF THE CITY
Theme: Transect of the City
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Concept 2 Plan
Concept 2 Plan

Play Elements
- 6.5’ Embankment slide
- Music Path
- Net Structure
- Tire Swing
- See saw
- Play Mounds

1 Small Group Table Area
Concept 2 – Spatial Organization

High Point: 48” Max Above Existing Grade

Low Point: 30” Max Below Existing Grade
Concept 2 Plan - Elements
Concept 2 Plan - Elements
Concept 2 Plan - Elements
Concept 2
Concept 2
Concept 2 Plan – Sand Option
CONCEPT 3: SUMMER OF LOVE
Theme: Summer of Love

BOLD, COLORFUL, GRAPHIC
Theme: Summer of Love
Concept 3 Plan
Play Elements
• Large Net Structure
• Large Slide
• Large Net Spinner
• Tire Swing
• Small Spinner
• Tot Swings
• Tot Playhouse
• Animal Sculptures

2 Small Group Table Area
Concept 3 – Spatial Organization Plan
Concept 3 Plan - Surfacing
Concept 3 Elements
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Concept 3 Plan – Sand Option
Concept 1
Natural History

Concept 2
Transect of the City

Concept 3
Summer of Love
Next Steps

• Comment cards available tonight: please return to the sign-in table

• Online survey: will be available via project page link below: up through Oct 29

• Community Workshop #3 to present near final design: date TBD

• Send questions and comments to:
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• For more information about the Panhandle Playground Project, please visit tinyurl.com/PanhandlePlayground