1. Introduction: Jennifer Isacoff (TPL) welcomed everyone to the meeting
   a. Review of agenda
   b. Brief overview of the process (what has happened at past workshops and focus groups and upcoming timeline)
   c. Defined goal of this workshop: to get community feedback on the draft preferred plan and prioritize different elements in the park plan
   d. Introduced the planning team: RPD, TPL, WRT
   e. Set ground rules for participation

2. Presentation of Preferred Option: John Gibbs (WRT)
   a. John summarized the three options that were presented to the community at the 3rd park improvement plan meeting (Feb, 2011), and described the feedback we got from the community focusing on the most popular ideas from each option.
   b. John described the preferred plan that emerged based on community feedback from the three options. He showed an illustrative plan that starts to show the quality of spaces, as well as a birds eye perspective that shows how the building and active recreation landscape sit at the mouth of the creek. Design influence comes from having a sense of enclosure and discovery in the canyon, and the goal of the master plan is to capture these ideas so they are carried into design development. Elements of the preferred plan include:
      i. Drop off area along Elk that allows for a few cars to pull in. Alms road gets constrained. Bosworth Street has ADA parking
      ii. Pedestrian entrance: meandering pathway and entry sequence enhanced by garden elements.
      iii. Tennis courts: pushed into the hillside in a line
      iv. Play area: large playground area, adventure hillside, nature play area
      v. Building: expanded addition to existing building (scheme 2)
         1. Ruth Todd (Page & Turnbull) explained the scheme for the building. People enter through a courtyard. Important building elements include a real multi purpose room with a lowered stage that opens up to the lawn and links with the naturalistic elements of the site. Gymnasium has tiered seating on the opposite side to create an open feeling. Generous circulation corridor with control points. Teaching kitchen. The new wing engages the canyon.
      vi. Stormwater management elements.
1. The planning team is exploring available funding from outside sources

vii. Fields: after many discussions, the fields will, for the most part, stay in the current configuration. The toe of the Bosworth hill will be removed to enlarge the smaller baseball diamond.

viii. Silver Tree is still an unresolved issue: The two options are to renovate the existing building or build a new structure in the same location.

ix. Access improvements: Elk Street possible improvements included bulb outs and curb extensions, planting next to the road and sidewalk on the parkside. O’Shaughnessy improvements are more related to the MTA review.

3. Presentation of Preliminary Cost Estimate (Steve Hammond)

a. Steve introduced Sam Staley, cost estimator from Mack5 who is working on the project. He explained that the design and planning team has approached the cost estimation as a ballpark figure.

b. Gillian Gillett (legislative aide to Scott Weiner) reiterated that even though the price of all the elements of the masterplan exceeds the allocated bond dollars, the goal of this process is to come up with a big vision since it is easier to get money if there is already a plan.

c. Costs include construction costs plus 30% for soft costs (see powerpoint for exact costs)

4. Community Prioritization of Improvements Exercise Report back: One representative from each small group reported back to the larger group about priorities and concerns

a. Group 1: Michael Rice reported
   i. Sussex crosswalk is important
   ii. Big concerns about the budget issues – what is the practicality of looking at a bigger plan?
   iii. 1st priorities = the entrance, playgrounds, tennis courts and the ball fields
   iv. 2nd priority = Recreation Center

b. Group 2: Guy Estes reported
   i. 1st priority = improvements along Elk Street
   ii. 2nd priority = picnic areas
   iii. No switchbacks for trail along the Elk Street hill

c. Group 3
   i. Like Recreation Center improvements. Is it possible to add a café?
   ii. Controversy around seasonal wetland area. Some people think the plan should maximize the active recreational area and not let “natural” elements and habitat encroach here.
   iii. Tennis courts should have the correct orientation

d. Group 4
   i. Overall, this group likes the plan
   ii. 1st priority = split between Recreation Center and entry pathway
   iii. Should Bosworth be the main entrance?
   iv. Is it possible to have more inline parking along Elk Street?
   v. Deferred maintenance is really what is needed now.
e. Group 5
   i. Elk: Why put bulb outs on Elk if it is already very narrow? Having the sidewalk set in and buffered by planting is a very good idea. Switchback of trail coming down from the Elk hillside is extreme and ugly – defer to the trails plan
   ii. Path around the fields isn’t necessary
   iii. Reconsider a new building instead of renovating
f. Group 6
   i. 1st priority = creek and plaza
   ii. 2nd priority = building
   iii. Why split up the playground?
   iv. Need more picnic areas and more seating
   v. Path around the fields isn’t necessary, and just takes away habitat
   vi. Thin trees around ball fields
   vii. Address the Elk Street drop off more

g. General Comments:
   i. Great job!
   ii. Make sure to consider the fire department’s needs
   iii. Silver Tree is used year round by children!
   iv. Would RPD consider turning auditorium into a big theater? KMB responds that RPD prefers flexible spaces.
   v. Stage the construction in phases so that the entire park isn’t under construction for several years
   vi. Need heat in the Recreation Center!
   vii. Invest in Silver Tree, as it is an investment in the future of our children!

5. Next Steps: Alejandra Chiesa (TPL)
   a. Alejandra gave a brief update on the trails process, which has its last community meeting. The plan with more information will be posted online.
   b. The next park improvement plan meeting (May 5th, 6:30-8:30, Glen Canyon Recreation Center) will focus on phasing.
Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan Prioritization Exercise

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Write your general comments about the plan:

Plaza your ideas in the squares that best indicate your priorities for the park improvement plan:

- High priority
- Medium priority
- Low priority

Note: Cross improvements to the existing buildings, including ADA accessible rest rooms, are a major part of the improvement plan. The Park will decide on timing for these upgrades and are therefore not part of the prioritization exercise.

Islais Creek Stormwater Elements
(creek daylighting and rain garden)

Recreation Center Major Addition

Plazas & Entry Improvements
(entry includes cafe and garden)

Playgrounds
(court play, kids)

Athletic Field Renovations
(excluding drainage, backstops, seating, net, grass, and turf)

Bosworth Frontage Improvements
(Glen, land forming, landscaping)

New Silver Tree Building
(same location)

Elk Street Hillside
(nature challenges and ropes course, looks, films, navigation)

New Tennis Courts
(pack it in the future)

Elk Street Improvements
(prop off and traffic coming)