



# MEETING MINUTES

## GLEN CANYON: *Community Workshop #4*

**Time/Date:**  
Thursday, April 7, 2011  
6:30-8:30 PM

**Location:**  
Glen Canyon Recreation Center  
San Francisco, CA

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> priorities = the entrance, playgrounds, tennis courts and the ball fields
      - iv. 2<sup>nd</sup> priority = Recreation Center
    - b. Group 2: Guy Estes reported
      - i. 1<sup>st</sup> priority = improvements along Elk Street
      - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> priority = creek and plaza
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30, Glen Canyon Recreation Center) will focus on phasing.

# Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan Prioritization Exercise

Color your response according to the following plan:

High priority (Red dot)

Medium priority (Yellow dot)

Low priority (Green dot)

General Comments about the Plan

Note: Code improvements to the existing building, including ADA accessible restrooms, areas required part of the improvement plan. RedPark will focus on living for these upgrades, and are therefore not part of the prioritization exercise.

## Islais Creek Stormwater Elements

(Creek daylighting and rain garden)

like, but want construct plan. want to make sure safe from like constants constraints.



## New Silver Tree Building

(same location)

low priority

Some would like removed.

## Recreation Center Major Addition

like renovation like event terrace like courtyard and cost. very assessable Vietnam

## Elk Street Hillside

(nature challenge and ropes course, stairs, trails, revegetation)

like that.

## Plazas & Entry Improvements

(entry includes native garden)

like courtyard make sure entry path not congested by large kid picnic areas. like more picnic tables in non-path areas.

## New Tennis Courts

(set into the hillside)

like

## Playgrounds

(2 new play areas)

virtual commons. but like options with the 2 areas.

LARGER BLOCK MORE PEOPLE AND MOVE OVER PATHWAY

## Elk Street Improvements

(drop off and traffic)

like drop off but concerned about a line of waiting cars. some like it.

CURB CUT THIS CORNER BLOCKS VISIBILITY FOR TURNING UP ELK. BUT WOULD MAKE IT WORSE.

## Athletic Field Renovations

(including drainage, backstop, seating, new grass, and surfacing)

like BRILLIANT drainage like setting walls great. want seating to not be over the water path. like edge of playground

## Bosworth Frontage Improvements

(stairs, tree thinning, revegetation)

like this idea. like natives. want seating so need 121 or so new railing. move stairs. some like trails/some don't. BEING TAKEN OFF THE MAP.



# Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan Prioritization Exercise

04.07.11 - Workshop 4

Write your general comments about the preferred plan

Place your dots in the square that best indicates your priorities for the park improvement plan.

Feel free to write specific comments on post-it notes to further explain your priorities.

- highest priority
- medium priority
- low priority

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## General Comments about the Plan

### Islais Creek Stormwater Elements

(creek daylighting and rain garden)

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### Recreation Center Major Addition

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### Plazas & Entry Improvements

(entry includes native garden)

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### Playgrounds

(2 new play areas)

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### Athletic Field Renovations

(including drainage, backstops, seating, new grass, and surfacing)

### Bosworth Frontage Improvements

(stairs, tree thinning, revegetation)



### New Silver Tree Building

(same location)

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### Elk Street Hillside

(nature challenges and ropes course, stairs, trails, revegetation)

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### New Tennis Courts

(set into the hillside)

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### Elk Street Improvements

(drop off and traffic calming)

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04.07.11 - Workshop 4

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- highest priority 1st
- medium priority 2nd
- low priority 3rd

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## General Comments about the Plan

*Use of path for general maintenance and tree removal and underbrush clearing.*

*Overall: err on the side of keeping trees + coverage at the front of the park. Keep it wooded. Not barren on Elk St. Side + O'Shaunessy Side.*

### Islais Creek Stormwater Elements

(creek daylighting and rain garden)

*IMPROVE CREEK APPEARANCE + ACCESS + CLEAN-UP*

### Recreation Center Major Addition

*(No handwritten notes for this category)*

### Plazas & Entry Improvements

(entry includes native garden)

*IMPROVE ENTRY TO PARK FROM ELK (RECONSTRUCT) ELK TRAFFIC*

### Playgrounds

(2 new play areas)

*(No handwritten notes for this category)*

### Athletic Field Renovations

(including drainage, backstops, seating, new grass, and surfacing)

*(No handwritten notes for this category)*

### Bosworth Frontage Improvements

(stairs, tree thinning, revegetation)

*\* PREFER THINNING OF TREES VS CUTTING THEM DOWN. AS TREES WOULD BE TOO OPEN.*

*\* After native stairway linking the red X walk to Congo St / Elk St*

### New Silver Tree Building



(same location)

### Elk Street Hillside

(nature challenge and ropes course, stairs, trails, revegetation)

*• WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE INTEGRITY OF HILLSIDE*

*• Clean up existing mess of wires wood + bolts that remains from old course*

*IMPROVE STREET SIDE APPEARANCE/ACCESS*

*TREE Walk - \**

### New Tennis Courts

(set into the hillside)

*• WOULD LIKE TO SEE EMPHASIS ON TREES KEEP OR PLANTED AROUND COURTS, DUE TO REMOVAL OF EXISTING ONES*

*• Add good tree coverage and screening*

*• Be sure tennis courts are deeply inset into hill.*

### Elk Street Improvements

(drop off and traffic calming)

*• Need more drop off parking (add 3 more spaces in line down to Chantry)*

*SEE PLAZA + ENTRY*



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- medium priority
- low priority

General Comments about the Plan

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**Islais Creek Stormwater Elements**  
(creek daylighting and rain garden)

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**Recreation Center Major Addition**

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**Plazas & Entry Improvements**  
(entry includes native garden)

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*Handwritten: Plaza area for native garden*

**Playgrounds**  
(2 new play areas)

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**Athletic Field Renovations**  
(including drainage, backstops, seating, new grass, and surfacing)

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**Bosworth Frontage Improvements**  
(stairs, tree thinning, revegetation)

**Renovated New Silver Tree Building**  
(same location)

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**Elk Street Hillside**  
(nature challenge and ropes course, stairs, trails, revegetation)

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**New Tennis Courts**  
(set into the hillside)

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**Elk Street Improvements**  
(drop off and traffic calming)

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04.07.11 Workshop 4

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## General Comments about the Plan

BOSWORTH ST. ACCESS: LOCKED GATE?  
 WORRIED ABOUT CAR ACCESS IN PARK AT NIGHT.  
 HAMES ON BOSWORTH ST @ GATE ACCESS PARKING CONCERN

GO DAN!

ADDITIONS LOOKED NOT THOUGH THROUGH LOOK LIKE SHOE BOX

TREE DROPPING @ COURTS + ROOTS @ COURTS

BIRDENBERRY bushes here please!

IS THERE ENOUGH ROOM TO ELIMINATE MOSQUITOES?

WILL THE BACK PART OF CREEK BE MORE DAYLIGHTED?

### Islais Creek Stormwater Elements

(creek daylighting and rain garden)  
 It this will raise water table? My guess is yes. This is 15' above a drain. Love the creek daylighting. Would like to see more creek daylighted. All spans in front of park need to be dedicated to active recreation. We have only 6 acres. The canyon is 60' wide.

### Recreation Center Major Addition

Really like the opening of the auditorium wall

### Plazas & Entry Improvements

(entry includes native garden)  
 PARKING ON "DEAD END" BOSWORTH FOR HOMEOWNERS IS IMPROVEMENT. IS HOME HAVING NO CARPAGES. DRIVERS ARE SPENT BLOCKED STREET IS JUST PAVED BUT HAVE SIGN TO GO IN PAST THE STREET IS "OWNED" BY ADJACENT OWNERS - AS A PROPERTY OWNER NOT IN MY TITLE.

### Playgrounds

(2 new play areas)  
 Reimagined - separating them from parents with life size children. Love the native play area!

### Athletic Field Renovations

(including drainage, backstops, seating, new grass, and surfacing)

### Bosworth Frontage Improvements

(stairs, tree thinning, revegetation)

### New Silver Tree Building

(same location)  
 New!

### Elk Street Hillside

(nature challenge and ropes course, stairs, trails, revegetation)

### New Tennis Courts

(set into the hillside)  
 Tennis court location - these courts will crack the courts. Drifting water from these courts will cause erosion problem. Tennis court layout needs to be North/South.

### Elk Street Improvements

(drop off and traffic calming)  
 This is really important!



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04.07.11 - Workshop 4

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## General Comments about the Plan

*Priority projects that other agencies (Rec) can request to extend out our funds - but - also to avoid it being called funding for other agencies & contractors.*

*use initial 8 hrs primarily for physical + field. This budget goes for the rest of the year.*

*social access in a priority*

*priority projects that can be leveraged.*

*priority!*  
*establish rules so that fund-revenue can occur.*

### Islais Creek Stormwater Elements

(creek daylighting and rain garden)

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*Islais Creek - children should not go in it*

### Recreation Center Major Addition

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*additions in phase 1.*

### Plazas & Entry Improvements

(entry includes native garden)

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*yes*

### Playgrounds

(2 new play areas)

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*Playground - I would like to have it be bigger*

### Athletic Field Renovations

(including drainage, backstops, seating, new grass, and surfacing)

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*get rid of mud-puddle.*

### Bosworth Frontage Improvements

(stairs, tree thinning, revegetation)

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*Thin carefully the trees*



### New Silver Tree Building

(same location)

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*Establish rules so that fund-revenue can occur.*

### Elk Street Hillside

(nature challenge and ropes course, stairs, trails, revegetation)

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*tree walk - X don't understand revegetation ✓*

*Elk Street Hillside - think to the last thing done.*

*is path wheelchair accessible?*

### New Tennis Courts

(set into the hillside)

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*yes*

### Elk Street Improvements

(drop off and traffic calming)

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*Elk Street Improvements - better road, better road, parking, street improvements are essential.*

