

## **I. SMALL GROUP NOTES AND SUMMARIES**

### **Group 1 - Notes**

#### **Option 1**

- Pros
  - Terraced seating
  - Central community gathering space
- Cons
  - Does not address expanded green space for people
  - Not enough space for dogs or people
  - Lack of delineation creates more division
  - Fencing contains dogs/not kids
- General comments
  - Lack of clean grass/seating spaces

#### **Option 2**

- Pros
  - No more tennis court
  - Spaces delineated by similar user groups – adjacent too
  - Segmented spaces (i.e., basketball, dogs)
  - Delineation of spaces = self-policing
- Cons
  - ADA pathway – curve = to #1
  - Adjacent to dog area
  - Neighbor hates noise (dog barking)
  - Central gathering spot – too cold! (move to same area as #1)
  - Yucky trees
- General comments
  - Plant borders instead of fencing
  - Alternative dog area material, other than grass

#### **Option 3**

- Pros
  - Great use of space
  - Both dogs and people get sun
  - Fencing exists on playground to separate areas
  - Location of basketball court/repurposing of tennis court
  - Location of picnic area
- Cons
  - Location of basketball court
  - Dogs between user groups conflict with families
- General comments
  - Wind mitigation

## Small Group Notes and Summaries

- Tree removal and pruning

### Group 1 – Summary

- Strongly in favor of #2 or #3, with more votes for 2
- Big trees on north side need to be looked at

#### Option 1

- Conflict between people/dogs still there

#### Option 2

- Good flow
  - Make ADA path the other way
  - Hedges and greenery to define areas
- Like dog area separate and tennis court moved in #2 – 5 to 3 votes
- Public gathering space not ideal
  - Coldest place in park

#### Option 3

- Still some people/dog conflict
- Liked public gathering area

## **Small Group Notes and Summaries**

### **Group 2 - Notes**

#### **Option 1**

- Retains tennis court
- Garden-style terraces to deter skateboards
- Barriers – no physical barriers at dog area – may be problematic
- Likes tennis, but seems logical to allow more uses in space. Allows more space for kids to play.
- Prefer redistribution of green space to sunny area like basketball
- Not enough open green space
- Shifting basketball remove play area/practice wall
- People zone on hill, not usable. Also, people zone smaller.
- Use walls to level lawn area
- Off-leash dog park not appropriate

#### **Option 2**

- Dog-friendly not compatible with multi-use
- Barriers to designate areas
- Sloped area problematic for play

#### **Option 3**

- Sloped area more appropriate for dogs
- Backboard needs more space
- Older kids prefer open space play, not apparatus
- Add lights – motion sensors
- Face lights towards park
- Like flat walk/promenade around people zone
- ADA path from 2 makes more sense

### **Group 2 – Summary**

- In favor of #3 – half wanted all people, half wanted mixed
  - One tennis player in group
  - Is there a way to use backboard?
- Path in #2 makes sense – integrate into #3
- Big issue was – if making dog/people zone, need barriers
- Lighting also a big issue

## Small Group Notes and Summaries

### Group 3 - Notes

#### **Option 1**

- Tennis court
  - Make multi-purpose
  - Or set time for tennis
  - Not the best use – can go to Douglass
- Like multi-use adjustment to lawn – good for people with dogs and kids
- All of group likes seating on slope, community space in middle
  - Proximity to playground
- Remove fence
- Slope is sunny
- Close to current budget
- Concern re dogs on lawn
- Fence needed to keep dogs out of playground – gate good – free movement between
- People zone where tennis is – make green? Shady
- Remove large tree!
- Positive incremental plan but doesn't do much
- Need open, flat green space separate from dogs
  - Small soccer/lacrosse etc. field
  - Need some fencing for safety
- Entire group liked idea of fencing off sports side
  - Dogs could be there when no one is playing
  - Fence would delineative where ball can go – could be ornamental – signage
- Public gathering space seems randomly located
  - Put near water fountain

#### **Option 2**

- Favorite – simple solution to dog vs. people space
  - Still encourage terracing
- Continue path between lawn and playground for trikes/scooters
- Good that dog and play space are separate but can see other way
  - Turn basketball court (and practice wall – may not be room), make dog area bigger – maximize length of park – move restroom if necessary
- Make whole east end paved – maximum length for sports (can't use lawn)
- Current non-tennis uses on tennis court – where do they go?
- What is best use of slope?
  - Could be changed (more money)

#### **Option 3**

- One person likes the best – adds flat space for people but big chunks of dog space – feels open – dogs fine on slope (but don't terrace)
- Would require the most fencing
- Extend path round edges
- People zone nice for bikes and scooters

## Small Group Notes and Summaries

### Group 3 – Summary

#### **Option 1**

- Like terraced seating
- Tennis court more multi-purpose – embrace how it is used
- Questions re public gathering space
  - Will there be a place for info to be posted?
  - Stage, etc.?
  - In sun or shade?
  - Came up in all options
- Option #2 and #3 fairly even
- Continue path but terrace needs seats

#### **Option 2**

Like option on #2 of turning basketball court – pave whole east strip, expand dog area

#### **Option 3**

- Liked open, flat people zone – more multi-use space
  - Dogs are fine with slope – harder for people
- Concern re balls going into playground – fencing
- Is basketball court same size or shrinking?
  - Smaller paved area – does get so much use

## Small Group Notes and Summaries

### Group 4 - Notes

#### **Option 1**

- Tennis court
  - Open space (shady and damp)
  - Important for adults to exercise
  - Two courts in Douglass and elsewhere
  - Tennis court is not well-used
  - Tennis user: likes option 2 better
- Basketball area = crowded
- Dog-friendly is not multi-use
- Make sure dog needs are met
- Good access for playground to grass area
- Lose grass between playground and path to hug fence line?
  - But grass may help unite the park

#### **Option 2**

- No connection between playground and grass are because of retaining wall!
- Public gathering spot is shady
- Larger kid area that's flat
- Separates dogs better
- Uses sunny area better
- No connection between playground and grass

#### **Option 3**

- Good running space for dogs
- Dogs don't care about slope
- Courts
  - Practice wall = used
  - Use of basketball court/wall for bikes, scooters
  - Are tennis people going elsewhere? Other city courts used all day
  - Parents can teach kids tennis, or kids ride bikes
  - Love idea of tennis court, but don't use
- Go to Dolores because places to sit – need place in sun for blanket
- Lose grass between playground and path to hug fence line?
  - But grass may help unite the park
- Less paved area – better for environment
- Very comfortable with 2 and 3 but love 3
- Concern: dogs barking, proximity to kids (buffer)
- Graded/sloped area for dogs v. kids
- Buffer? Is this lost space?
- Connect playground

#### **General Comments (all or not clear which option)**

- Do you need steps at all? People come with strollers, etc. – maybe ramps are enough
- Does basketball court size change?

## **Small Group Notes and Summaries**

- Smaller better?
- Are there full court games? Is half court an option?
- Lots of multiple games, roller hockey, etc.
- Adjustable hoops for younger kids
- Question: would there be self-enforcement for dog area?
  - Might need to be fenced or dense buffer to stop dogs
  - Don't want to kick dogs out and don't want to break rules!
  - Community enforcers not there all the time – but more than park patrol!
- Less paved area – better for environment
- Grass – preference for dogs
  - Will it stay grass?
  - Maintenance and irrigation cost
- Diamond by Holy Redeemer – nice dog area!
- Playground – lowest point – air quality with buses
- Question: would (or is) runoff from dog area get into playground?
- Safety, lighting – facing down!
- Enclose dog area with entry gates
- Playground gets hot! Needs shade tree
- Water fountains – hard to get to bathroom/water from playground

### **Group 4 - Summary**

- Liked all 3 but strong consensus for #3
- Many liked both 2 and 3
- Not much support for Option #1
- Make sure surfaces are permeable and sustainable – grass for dog area

### **Option 3**

- Big, sunny flat space for balls, picnics
- Path – could use to teach training wheels
- Issue for dogs – lack of run

### **Option 2**

- Gradient too much – better for dogs
- Strong delineation – hedges, greenery
- Idea for connecting playground with people zone – path or Asian-style bridge over dog park
- Basketball too shady? Not a problem
- Main concern – water fountains in both people and dog zones
- Safety and shade issues
- 3 people were fine with this option as well as #3 – liked big people zone, basketball court in shade

## **Small Group Notes and Summaries**

### **Group 5 - Notes**

#### **Option 1**

- It's doable!
- Opening playground to rest of park
- Keeps people zone next to playground
- Community gathering spot
- Removing gate
- Basketball in sunny spot
- Keeps tennis court
  - Keeps tennis court for pre-school
- Switch dog and people zones
- Switch ADA path to perimeter

#### **Option 2**

- Like large people zone!
- Benches...picnic tables
- Like separate area for dogs
- Like terraces
- Get right material for dog area...recycled bark?
  - Dog area will become a litter box if it's gravel
- Gathering space too shady

#### **Option 3**

- Like big, flat sunny people area
- Like seating areas
- Most expensive
- Not enough separation between multi-use and people zone

### **Group 5 – Summary**

#### **Option 1**

- People who like tennis court – place to exercise
- Like that playground is open
- Recommend switching people zone and dog zone (flat space for people)

#### **Option 2**

- Liked as a group
- Make grass bigger for people – more flat space
- Space seems more delineated
- Like picnic tables
- Could we have path go all the way around?
  - For running, biking – but don't want to knock people down

#### **Option 3**

- Like sunny lawn space
- Worried about delineation

# Small Group Maps



Group 1 - Map

Small Group Maps



Group 2 - Map

## Small Group Maps



Group 3 - Map

## Small Group Maps



Group 4 - Map

## Small Group Maps



Group 5 - Map

## **Comment Cards**

### **Option 1 - Likes**

- People seating on the slopes
- Tiered seating (x2)
- Terraced seating area near playground/in sunny area
- Terraced grade
- Terraced area for people is a good use of the sloped space
- Terracing good
- Terracing
- Lovely use of sloped area
- Removal of big overgrown tree in middle of park.
- Removes the fences
- Removal of fences
- Dog run is very separate from playground
- Basketball court connected to dog area
- Keeps the basketball court where it is.
- Keeps the tennis court
- Keeps tennis courts
- It keeps tennis court
- The tennis court – I see people using it all the time
- Nice to have tennis but I would never use it so fine with that going.
- Maintains tennis court as multi-use hardtop space
- Lots of blacktop space for older kids to bike, play
- ADA path
- Windy ADA path
- Keeps all elements
- Affordable with current funds
- Most affordable
- Closer to meeting budget
- It wouldn't shut the park down for too long
- Seems doable in aggressive timeline
- Least effort
- This is better than the current park, albeit slightly.

### **Option 1 - Dislikes**

- Leaves in place design that already causes use problems.
- No, just like it is now!
- No significant change from the present
- Not much of a change...for a lot of money.
- Not much change
- No real change from current design
- Least imaginative
- Less green
- Not enough open space
- People zone too small

## Comment Cards

### Option 1 - Dislikes

- No clear “people zone”
- Not enough separation between people space and mixed use.
- Too much conflict with people and dogs adjacent
- Doesn’t resolve dog/kid conflicts
- It creates a DPA. Calling it multi-use dog-friendly is a joke
- Multi-use/dog friendly is really dog only
- Multi-use area risks pet feces
- Not feasible – cannot share flat - multiuse
- Flat area as dog area not so good
- Dog area is too large and should be flip-flopped with the people area.
- Flip people and dog zone, dogs don’t need sun and flat area.
- Not so great for people to be on the graded area
- People zone = hill zone. Poor for family use
- Terraced area
- Concrete benches won’t be used
- Grass areas are very short (can’t play Frisbee or bigger games)
- Seems the tennis court is underutilized.
- Tennis court is underused, should be repurposed
- Tennis court remaining
- Tennis court takes up needed space
- Tennis courts wasted space
- This doesn’t make better use of the tennis court and doesn’t add any flat grassy area for people.
- Nothing else (other than terraced grade)
- Like nothing, dislike whole thing
- Not much to like
- (Drew cross through option) (x2)

### Option 1 - Suggestions for improving this option

- Flatten out the people zone
- Needs separation for dog area
- Make people area the larger flat area currently designated as multi-use dog area.
- Switch dog/multi-use and people space
- Flip people and dog zone
- The park should be a people only park. It is too small to include dogs.
- Tennis court would need to be more multi-purpose.
- If we keep this basic format, could still do something different with tennis court area
- Would basketball/tennis court be multi-purpose? Kids could bike there for example?
- Really rethink tennis court as multi-use hardtop and make a more intentional low chain fence to define dog area/convert tennis court to artificial turf small soccer field
- Fence around basketball court
- Must have barriers
- Needs lighting
- Make the path go all the way around the people area, a loop

## Comment Cards

### Option 1 - Suggestions for improving this option

- Scrap this option
- I don't think we should use this option at all.
- Take #2 or #3

## Comment Cards

### **Option 2 - Likes**

- My favorite
- Think this makes the most sense
- Seems like a good idea
- Not very disruptive changes
- Increase green space, adds to dog-free area. Pretty nice.
- Large green area for people
- More grassy area for people
- Large people zone
- Distinct dog zone
- Well defined dog area
- Great, clear solution to dog/people usage
- Most separation between dog/multi-use and people space
- Good separation of people-dog zone.
- Good separation of people and dog space
- Dog run is very separate from playground
- Discrete spaces for specific uses
- Yes, well defined areas, need central gathering space
- Like keeping open flow between all “people” zones
- Relationship between people zones
- Like the flat area for multi-use
- Has some flat area for people
- People space next to the playground
- Better – still not using the best sunny location for people
- Removal of tennis court
- Getting rid of tennis court
- Eliminates tennis court? Seems like a better use of such a small space
- Better use of tennis court area
- Basketball court stays, could be turned 90 degrees to get more dog space
- Removes the fences
- ADA pathway

### **Option 2 - Dislikes**

- People zone should not include sloped grass area as dogs more tolerant of slope than humans.
- People zone is in sloped area – hard to play on the slope or have picnic
- People can get hurt playing on sloped ground
- The grassy area for people won’t be usable if it’s not flat
- Dogs get nice flat space
- People zone too long and narrow, would like north end to be made more square (suitable for field games)
- Would like bigger area for people
- Odd shaped “people zone”
- Not the best use of space
- Gathering space too shady

## Comment Cards

### Option 2 - Dislikes

- Public gathering space is in the least sunny and attractive area of the park
- Location of public space is random
- Less dog-free area available to children and adults than #3
- Multi-use/dog friendly is really dog only
- No multi-use/dog-friendly area.
- Short dog space, not enough room for them to run.
- Don't like dog area – shady and possibility of the area filled with gravel and clay which is not nice for dogs or owners.
- Removes tennis court and dogs will still run everywhere
- Would like to see tennis courts remain
- Eliminate tennis court
- Need more space for the backboard
- Don't like path
- Prefer ADA path from #1 or #3
- Again, make the path a loop
- Nothing to like
- (Drew cross through option) (x2)

### Option 2 - Suggestions for improving this option

- Increase the people zone west, to look like the multi-use dog-friendly area from Option #1
- Make people zone more square
- Expand grassy people zone to be more like #3.
- Add seating or benches on the sloped area above the toddlers' lot.
- Maybe increase the slope and add seating and tables
- Terraces and grade to make usable
- Terraces in people zone
- Move gathering space.
- “Gathering space” should be at center vs. at edge.
- Move gathering area from dark corner
- Rotate the basketball court and extend the pavement to the end. There would need to be a fence around basketball/activity area.
- Rotate basketball court. Extend paved area to allow for other activities. Extend dog area into current court footprint.
- Rotate basketball court
- Rotate basketball court and extend dog area north
- No tennis court – dog-friendly
- Keep the tennis courts!
- Must have barriers
- Fence around basketball court
- Needs lighting
- Have path go all around so it's a loop.
- Link pathway to make a loop
- Could extend path to make a full loop

## Comment Cards

### Option 2 - Suggestions for improving this option

- Full loop for ADA path
- Need better loop around people space
- Connect paths so that kids could bike all around
- Move path near basketball court slightly west
- Use path of #1 or #3

## Comment Cards

### Option 3 - Likes

- My favorite option
- Favorite
- Love it!
- My favorite option – best use of people/dog space
- Love this option – nice green section, clear separation
- Love the space for both groups – seem to best most representative of the community
- Best overall utilization of space
- Connects all elements, path does not divide
- Allows for community functions
- Multi-use, dog-friendly
- Almost everything!
- Looks like a good idea – generally okay
- Great plan. However, in #2, moving dog area to current tennis court area is good, will effectively keep dogs from children's playspace
- Dog use area is sloped portion which is not good for anything else
- Dogs have the sloped area which is most effective
- I like that dogs have the graded area
- Great large area for dogs to run
- Both people and dogs get sun
- Gives people the priority and gives the best flat space for kids.
- Big, flat, grassy people area
- Lots of grass
- Nice flat green area for people (sports, picnics, etc.)
- People zone is on flat space
- Like that people space is in the sunshine
- People zone = flat and sunny
- Flat people area is large
- Large people area and level ground
- Large people zone
- The big people zone
- Great people zone
- Big people zone
- Big people zone
- Good usage for people
- Great shape for people zone
- Most people open space
- People zone is nice. Bikes and scooters could ride around.
- Good flat loop for biking
- Great path for kids' bikes/scooters
- Nice path for kid's bikes, scooters, etc.
- Bike path
- Nice biking for kids

## **Comment Cards**

### **Option 3 - Likes**

- Path map great. ADA
- ADA path
- Removal of gate at park entry
- Like placement of basketball zone
- The chalkboard

### **Option 3 - Dislikes**

- Conflict with dogs and people
- Dog area requires fence
- Blurry lines separating dogs and people
- Not clear how to keep dogs in dog area
- Need fencing to separate dogs from people area
- Make dog area smaller
- Dog area is still very large. Too large in my opinion.
- Not enough separation between people area and multi dog use. Multi-use dog area is too large.
- Need fence for dog area
- Dog space is odd-shaped and not likely to contain them
- The dog run is right next to the playground, and the kids get scared when the dogs bark and fight/play
- Proximity of dog area to playground – overthrown balls
- Ball rolling into playground
- Inherent conflict in this design by having dog user group bisecting “people” user groups
- Larger dog area
- Path between playground and dog zone is dead zone – make entry between playground and people zone on SE edge of playground.
- Build bridge over the dog park
- Question regarding grass buffer between path and playground – necessary?
- People areas (seating) are in fairly cold parts of the park. People don't tend to naturally gravitate...
- Divides little playground from people zone
- Gathering space
- Reduced multi-use hardtop (tennis court)
- Not clear how backboard wall is used with basketball court (no area on the side like there is now)
- Make it easier to get little kids to the rest room.
- Drain issues on the south end of proposed basketball courts.
- Eliminate tennis court
- Nothing to like

### **Option 3 - Suggestions for improving this option**

- Make dog area smaller
- Make dog area slightly smaller
- Could terrace/hardscape the dog area to make it flatter

## Comment Cards

### Option 3 - Suggestions for improving this option

- Hardscape sloped area to make it more usable
- Give larger paved area for children play area while basketball is happening
- Dog friendly area above playground/people zone where basketball courts are
- Use backboard on other side as a chalkboard
- Move basketball court to south – opposite playground
- Basketball courts get a lot of use, it is in a sunny location next to Elizabeth.
- Don't move basketball court
- Rotate the basketball court and extend the pavement to the end. There would need to be a fence around basketball/activity area.
- This should be a park for people only – keep the tennis court
- Need grass for dog zone and hedges delineating it from others
- Barrier along dog friendly zone to ensure no animal waste in family zone. True for all 3 options.
- Would like to see dense hedges (with gates) to serve as barrier/border for multi-use/dog zone
- You have to put barriers and lighting – dogs need to be separate from the people area
- Must have barriers
- Lighting and fencing
- Must have lighting
- Need motion lights
- Need lights (low-level path lights)
- Lighting
- Please connect playground with rest of park. Maybe reconsider ADA pathway, use #2 design for that
- Better with path from #2
- Make ADA path similar to #2 so that grass area isn't broken
- Again, connect paths
- Have the path go the perimeter of the dog part – like in #2
- Eliminate path between playground and dog zone

## Comment Cards

### Overall

Overall, which of the options comes closest to your preferred direction for the Park? What is the most important factor for you in determining this preference?

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	None of the options
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**Note:** Two respondents voted for two options; three respondents did not check any of the options.

#### **Option 1 factors or additional comments:**

- Switch people zone and dog-friendly zone
- Move public gathering space to...#2 public gathering space?
- Keep tennis court
- Move path to NE
- With modifications (really rethink tennis court as multi-use hardtop and make a more intentional low chain fence to define dog area/convert tennis court to artificial turf small soccer field).  
Option 3 is a close second if consensus is to reduce hardtop space.

#### **Option 2 factors or additional comments:**

- Less drastic but more well defined areas
- Separate people/dogs
- Proximity of playground to people space
- Voted for 3; would also consider 2 if the basketball was flipped sideways
- Option #2 and keep the tennis courts.
- Green space for children big enough for *picnicking(?)* and playing
- More room for kids to run

#### **Option 3 factors or additional comments:**

- Voted for 3; “reluctantly”
- Green family space!
- People play area, designated dog area
- Largest people zone!
- Option 3 preferred, option 2 a close second

#### **None of the options: factors or additional comments**

- No comments

#### **Other comments/ideas...**

- We need fences/hedges between sports areas and dogs!!!
- Barrier along dog friendly zone to ensure no animal waste in family zone. True for all 3 options.
- Any of the options need some sort of fencing/divider to separate dog from people area, otherwise designation will be meaningless
- Why are people looking at multi-use dog areas as a place to play fetch etc. My understanding is

## Comment Cards

### Overall

#### Other comments/ideas...

that all the designs still uphold the leash law currently ordinances at Noe Courts?

- Dog poo bags available
- One of the most important questions: what is the best use of the sloped area, which isn't a functional area. In our group, a number of dog owners said dogs don't care about running in the sloped area and no dog owners objected to using the sloped area for dogs.
- Try to keep like user groups together.
- Be sure to separate dog area so it doesn't continue as dog only or make it a people park
- Really prefer people only park in this small space
- People only park
- All three options make a DPA which is contrary to city policy. Also it is city policy to NOT displace established recreational activities. How do you justify ignoring city policy?
- Please allow mixed use with dogs
- When possible, in the playground, more shade is needed, or seating in the shade for hot days. Please plant new trees. Also, sandbox is too small.
- Have seating areas in the sun
- Option #3 – (*illegible*) and tennis court
- All options move basketball court into practice wall area which means it can't be used while the basketball court is used
- One of the most important questions: is the tennis court a good use of space? In our group, a number of tennis players voted to remove the courts and nobody had interest in keeping.
- Take the ADA path from #2 and put it in #3
- Take ADA path from #2 and apply it to option #3
- Need motion detector lighting in all options
- Path lights
- Like idea of opening gates, to improve flow-through, cutting across park, etc.
- Bottle-filling water fountain in community space
- We have seen rats in the park – what can be done?
- We tried to do something like this 15 years ago but it went nowhere.
- Great work so far. Look forward to progress.
- Thank you!