

**NOE COURTS PARK
PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Community Workshop #3 -- September 7, 2013

Comment Card Results

Topic	Comment	Street
Amenities	Put the dog fountain in NE corner.	24th
Amenities	Minimize the number of additions like tables -- the park is too small for them.	24th
Amenities	Adding a small soft play area (non-grass) could be a nice addition along with chess.	23rd/Vicksburg
Amenities	Add benches along the north and/or east walls of the "dog-friendly area"?	Castro/Elizabeth
Amenities	Reduce the People Zone grassy area, more hard-top surface; give kids a chance. Grass area does not do well in this part of the City!!!	Elizabeth
Amenities	The people zone could be smaller and the walkways could be wider adding bike/scooter space.	Castro/Elizabeth
Amenities	Please add higher barriers to keep the dogs contained. That is the main concern.	23rd/Castro
Basketball	Please keep the basketball court.	Castro/Elizabeth
Basketball	Get rid of basketball court	24th
Basketball	No question that more people (quantity) use basketball court than tennis (usage by tennis exaggerated).	
Basketball	The basketball court is used by my family several times per week. We have a dog and kids.	Castro/Elizabeth
Basketball	Make sure basketball court is big enough. Also, basketball allows for more open space, as no fences are needed.	Castro/Elizabeth
Basketball	Make it clearer that the basketball courts are multi-use (not just for basketball).	23rd/Castro
Basketball	Basketball court more useful than tennis as it's multi-use.	24th/Grand View
Dogs	I have had to clean up poop on the Christopher Courts; that is unacceptable. There are enough dog areas. There has to be space for everyone.	Ora Way
Dogs	Dog walkers sometimes have brought 8 dogs to tennis courts. I gave up saying anything years ago because the hostility was too much.	24th/Douglass
Dogs	Dog fence is needed (low fence).	23rd/Vicksburg
Dogs	I like dogs but am one of those who feel/fear that I am intruding in the park if I just want to sit by the side of the lawn and read the paper. This morning when I sat down a dog came up and kept barking at me, despite its owner telling it to stop (they didn't actually come and restrain it).	Castro/Elizabeth
Dogs	People zone will be overtaken by dogs unless fenced in.	24th/Homestead
Dogs	The dog park should be (mostly) completely fenced.	Castro/Elizabeth
Dogs	Keep the dogs out entirely.	24th/Homestead
Dogs	Unfortunately this plan is unrealistic. Dogs won't stay out of the "people" zone. Dogs won't be kept on leash -- owners don't now, why would they in the future? It feels as if we've made accommodations mostly to the dog owners and this isn't a dog park.	24th/Douglass
Dogs	Dog area fence needs to be 3-ft. high chain around entire area to ensure dogs stay in.	24th/Grand View
Dogs	Need fence around dog area to keep them in.. Safer for the dogs.	Diamond/Jersey

Drainage	Also, adequate drainage is necessary. Love the green space! Thank you for all your hard work!	23rd/Castro
Drainage	The most important aspect for this park is to redo the drainage so that everyone who uses the park can do so year-round.	Elizabeth
Drainage	FYI -- the courts can be very wet during rainy periods. Please ensure that there is appropriate grading/drainage for the "people zone" so that we can use it as such.	23rd/Douglass
Entries	Make sure entry ways are large and open.	Castro/Elizabeth
Entries	I especially like removing entry fences.	Homestead
Funding	Also many neighbors are willing to donate \$ now -- why not set up the fund sooner rather than later.	Elizabeth/Douglass
Grading	Grading important.	Castro/Elizabeth
Lighting	No lighting. Would encourage kids at night. If dogs are on leash people know where to pick up.	24th
Lighting	Do not add lighting!	24th
Off-leash dogs	Human exercise is more important than exercise for dogs. The dogs can go to the legal off-leash at Douglas.	
Off-leash dogs	Consider dividing the dog area to be both on- and off-leash area. The park area behind Safeway was a marvelous dog area; now it is dead. I brought a visitor there, and it was a dead park -- devoid of people.	21st
Off-leash dogs	And that dog control is a big problem, especially for such a small space.	Jersey St.
Off-leash dogs	You should, however, put a real fence along the dog area. The fence along the playground fixed the issues there.	23rd/Douglass
Off-leash dogs	The dog area (off-leash) can have fencing like what is used at Garfield Park.	21st/Eureka
Off-leash dogs	Please ensure that the dog barrier goes all the way around the dog area -- we do not want dogs in the people's area.	23rd/Castro
Off-leash dogs	Dog zone should not be next to tot lot (filthy dst? Blows)	24th
Off-leash dogs	Enforce the dog-leash law!	24th
Off-leash dogs	No faith in keeping dogs out of People Zone. I know the dog owners; it really is wishful thinking.	Elizabeth
Off-leash dogs	As a result, we'll have a giant off-leash park that serves dog owners.	Elizabeth
Off-leash dogs	Dog owners need to police themselves or get ticketed.	
Off-leash dogs	On-leash area unrealistic. It will be off-leash.	24th/Homestead
Off-leash dogs	As a dog owner, I'm extremely unhappy to see that there is no safe off-leash area for dogs. That is a big community feature of the park. I had hoped there would be that option. I should say that I would love to see these designs for non-dog "people" zones move forward so that we can use the park in that capacity -- which we don't currently do. I'm just very disappointed to see the "dog community" not be a meaningful part of the new plans. Otherwise, looks lovely.	23rd/Douglass
People Area	Would like a place to sit and read or even lie in the grass, knowing I will not smell or be in poop or pee.	24th/Douglass
People Area	Very much in favor of having comfortable seating in both sun and shade for relaxing and enjoying the outdoors. Would be excellent to have some bit of the "people zone" in shade. It is nice to have protected nooks to sit in.	Castro/Elizabeth
People Area	I use the park as outdoor space since I live in an apartment.	Castro/Elizabeth
People Area	I think the plans look lovely but can't say how practical or not they are. Will just reiterate my interest is in having a peaceful outdoor place to hang out sometimes, and will leave it to others to express and get their interests met. I have used the basketball court to shoot baskets in the past.	Castro/Elizabeth

Phasing	In Phase One of the current "voted on" plan would there be any money put into refurbishing the existing tennis court? I have played on this court for years, but its condition now is not good -- or playable.	27th/Guerrero
Process	Process unfair. Tennis players not represented.	24th
Process	Thanks for the process. But I think the tennis players did not get involved earlier because no one had an idea that they would eliminate the court until the second community meeting.	23rd/Noe
Process	Outrageous that after multiple meetings that tennis players show up en masse to protest what was a well-designed process to solicit input.	
Process	I'm mostly concerned that the redesign/construction won't happen due to all the contention and debate surrounding the tennis vs. dogs vs. kid use. Please do not worry too much about this and keep the project moving forward. Do not fall into a "Real Food" situation where nothing moves forward.	Elizabeth/Douglass
Process	For next meeting, tell people they have one minute to speak and hold them to it.	Elizabeth/Douglass
Proposed Plan	I've lived one block from the park for 18 years. My children, friends and family have been using the park regularly -- every day actually! We strongly support the plan. The Parks Dept. has done a fair and open process. Thank you.	23rd/Douglass
Proposed Plan	For 18 years we have been regular users of Noe Courts. Our family members are there every day -- kids, parents, both. We strongly support the plan as outlined by the Parks Dept. Even if the tennis courts were kept, they would serve few people per sq. ft.	23rd/Douglass
Proposed Plan	It would be great to keep the tennis courts, but there isn't the room. I think the hard space should be expanded for children and basketball.	21st/Eureka
Proposed Plan	There was voices concerning the use of the park for kids and family. I'm a senior and just retired. I need the exercise so as a dog owner I use the park twice a day. I think the design is good, but need a more substantial barrier separating dogs from people area.	25th/Homestead
Proposed Plan	Love it! Well done. I have a kid, a dog and play tennis several times a week. Considering the neighborhood, demographics, etc., I support this design.. There are several other tennis courts nearby, and this one is very rarely used.	23rd/Castro
Proposed Plan	Many proponents of the tennis courts are waxing romantic about an ideal society. This park should be designed to accommodate those who actually use it: basketballers, kids on trikes and dogs. I support option #3.	Clipper/Douglass
Proposed Plan	Option #3 is a reasonable compromise.	Jersey St.
Proposed Plan	Plan represents great compromise. However, activity needs of elementary school children still aren't fully addressed. Please consider: -- widen path around "people space" lawn to address kids' need for a loop (e.g., practice roller skates, scooters); -- improve on ParCourse idea -- hanging bars, etc.; -- Futsal on court? Will there be goals?	24th
Proposed Plan	I support the plan 100%.	23rd/Hoffman
Proposed Plan	I love the plan. I think it will serve more people in Noe Valley.	Castro/Elizabeth
Proposed Plan	Kudos to the design team, Parks & Rec, Marvin Yee, et al. I support the current design -- and concur with others that the tennis court is not used.	Elizabeth/Douglass
Proposed Plan	This is great just like it is! I have a kid but no dog..	Homestead
Proposed Plan	Beautiful scheme! Excellent use of the space. Thoughtful design.	24th
Proposed Plan	I support the proposal #3.	23rd/Castro

Proposed Plan	Excellent scheme.	24th/Grand View
Safety	Very noisy intersection -- concerned park not be designed in way that would attract gatherings of teens at night (seat wall?).	24th/Douglass
Seating Walls	Seating walls problem -- will be destroyed by skateboarders.	24th
Slope	Could you flatten the dog area to the playground where the ADA path is (get rid of the slope)?	23rd/Castro
Tennis	There is a children's tennis program through St. Phillip's here. Another program is being organized through Alvarado School.	
Tennis	Keep the tennis courts.	
Tennis	I strongly disagree that the tennis court should be deleted.	Noe/23rd
Tennis	The basketball court is poorly utilized for basketball, and the park would be better served with a tennis court and multi-use blacktop, with a corresponding reduction of the "people zone."	Noe/23rd
Tennis	To eliminate one of the most beautiful tennis court settings in SF is a travesty. The courts that have been improved (Balboa, Cayuga, Mission Playground) have thrived since being updated. Tennis is the #1 growing recreational sport in the U.S. Very affordable. It is a true "lifetime" sport. People play into their 80s and 90s; people do not play basketball into later life. With our country's horrible obesity rate it is shameful of the City to even consider removing a sports court to add an area for people to SIT.	21st
Tennis	I thought the consensus today was that both the tennis and basketball courts are important.	Jersey St.
Tennis	The tennis court needs to be re-surfaced, as it is a great court and sheltered there; is enough room for all the other needs of dogs, kids, etc.	Ora Way
Tennis	Speaking as captain of an over-65 tennis team and an over-70s tennis team, USTA Women, we need to keep this tennis court! I have worked hard in getting many signatures to sign petitions to keep this court. Tennis is a sport to keep seniors active ... basketball is not.	27th/Guerrero
Tennis	The plan should retain the tennis court. More people would use it if it was resurfaced. I hate to see the City give up the court, a wonderful outdoor recreation. The United States Tennis Association awards grants to resurface or build community tennis courts. Amounts vary from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This is a City made historically for tennis.	27th
Tennis	Save the tennis court!! Not a choice between tennis and basketball. More hardtop is more useful for more people and less likely to have dogs.	Hill St.
Tennis	Keep the tennis court (used for many activities). Tennis court is now being used for volleyball class multiple days/week. Get rid of the basketball court (more people play tennis). Sometimes 24+ kids doing hard court activities at once on courts. Where do they go?	24th
Tennis	Keep the tennis court!	24th
Tennis	I feel very strongly that the tennis court should be resurfaced. I can never get on Upper Noe and at Douglass it is difficult to play in the afternoon because the after-school plays kickball on the adjacent blacktop and kicks balls onto court.	Vicksburg
Tennis	It is critical that you not use current utilization pattern data for Noe Courts as it is in such terrible shape that it is often too slick to play.	Vicksburg
Tennis	I would like to retain the tennis court -- and improve it. Our family uses the basketball and tennis courts regularly (3 kids from 8-17).	23rd/Noe

Tennis	We moved to the neighborhood 3 years ago and play tennis twice a week. The potential loss of the tennis courts has catalyzed the neighborhood. Every time we walk to the tennis courts we are stopped several times by neighbors voicing their concerns over the loss of the courts.	23rd/Vicksburg
Tennis	I play tennis twice a week. We would like to keep the court.	23rd/Vicksburg
Tennis	Also, every time we walk up to play tennis, kids are learning to ride bikes or play tennis. It's used often.	23rd/Vicksburg
Tennis	An audit of the addresses of meeting attendees should be conducted as I sense the tennis court support is coming largely from folks who live well outside the Noe Courts community. Bottom line:; on a usage minutes, per square foot, per capita, a tennis court makes no sense for this park as (assuming people play doubles) a max of 4 people can use the tennis space at one time.	23rd/Hoffman
Tennis	Resurface the tennis court will attract lots more tennis players. Keep tennis court!	Elizabeth
Tennis	Never discussed that the entire tennis space is used by 2-4 people while the people zone could be used by 20+ people; every other use of tennis court (other than tennis) mentioned can be better done in people zone.	
Tennis	I do not support this plan, as I am a long-time user of the courts and it has brought me closer to my friends and family. I think the tennis courts are an important part of the neighborhood.	29th/Noe
Tennis	Need both tennis court and blacktop. Any chance to make people area smaller and some more blacktop?	24th/Homestead
Tennis	Get rid of the tennis court! The tennis people who attended the meeting are clearly not in the neighborhood. Tennis takes a lot of space for only 2 people to be able to exercise!!!	Castro/Elizabeth
Tennis	There simply aren't enough tennis courts in Noe Valley to accommodate all the tennis players. I think taking away one of the few courts will be terrible and result in even more wait time than there already is.	23rd/Noe
Tennis	Make room for tennis and basketball courts.	24th/Homestead
Tennis	I find it ironic that we live in a big city, but no one seems to want the grassy people area. So keep the tennis court, lessen the grassy area and increase the concrete basketball/multi-purpose play area and add the fenced-in dog area.	
Tennis	Don't allow SOO peep petition to sway as we all know SOO people don't use the court.	23rd/Douglass
Tennis	Don't put the backboard on the side because there are homes there. It should be at the end.	23rd/Douglass
Tennis	Tennis! My family (w/2 kids, 7, 10) have enjoyed the tennis court, even though it hasn't been maintained. Please keep the tennis court for the kids!!!	23rd/Noe
Tennis	Please save the tennis court.	23rd/Church
Tennis	There are very few tennis players there.	23rd/Douglass
Tennis	The tennis courts will get much more use resurfaced than the people zone would.	Vicksburg
Tennis	I use the park with dogs, kids and for tennis. Would like to maintain as is, but perhaps spruced up.	25th/Noe