



MEETING MINUTES

GLEN CANYON: *Community Workshop #2*

Time/Date:

Thursday, Jan 13, 2011
6:30-8:30 PM

Location:

Glen Canyon Recreation Center
San Francisco, CA

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1. Welcome and Introductions

- Jennifer Isacoff (TPL) gave an introduction explaining TPL's mission and role on the project. TPL is partnering with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks (RPD) to vision and design a Park Improvement Plan that will inform how to spend the \$5.8 million allocated to Glen Canyon Park in the 2008 Clean and Safe Bond. Through this community design workshop process, TPL and expert consultants will solicit community input to create a vision for the entire park with the associated costs and phasing.
- Jen reviewed the timeline and funding for the project.

2. Objective and Recap (see attached PowerPoint presentation):

- Steve Hammond recapped findings from the first workshop and organized the feedback in the following emerging themes:
 - Natural Areas
 - Islais Creek
 - Recreation Center
 - Silver Tree
 - Outdoor Recreation facilities
 - Trails
 - Park Access
- Steve Hammond asked if there was anything missing in the aforementioned summary, to which the community responded:
 - Tennis courts are in poor condition and designers should consider relocation/reorientation
 - Investigation into daylighting the creek
 - Social trails
 - Issues surrounding off-leash dogs

3. Existing Conditions Presentation by Expert Consultants

- Chris Rogers (ESA) gave an overview of the existing conditions regarding
 - Vegetation
 - Sensitive species and important bird habitat
 - Management Areas –natural areas program priorities
- The site is composed of diverse patches of vegetation, much of which is non-native and thus provides opportunities for restoration.
 - A community member asked what happened to the 20-year Eucalyptus removal plan. Lisa Wayne (Natural Areas Manager, RPD) responded that the EIR for the removal of 120 trees is due in the spring. The total number of trees is 6000.
 - Another community member expressed concerns about Eucalyptus Trees around the Rec Area and asked if those are part of the tree removal. Karen Mauney-Brodek

- (Deputy Director of Planning, RPD) mentioned that there is forestry bond that will survey the trees and address funding.
 - One resident pointed out that most diverse vegetation was on the SE side of the park and not on the West. ESA said that that is not what the data shows.
- Shauna Dunton (Sherwood Design Engineers) provided an overview of the hydrological conditions of Glen Canyon Park, and the affiliated challenges and opportunities for low impact development.
 - Shauna pointed out that Islais Creek is historically the largest watershed in San Francisco. Today, the watershed area is greatly diminished due to development, which yields a smaller flow capacity through the creek bed in the Canyon.
 - SFPUC has done extensive brainstorming on the Islais Creek watershed, and this planning process will tap into their existing work. Opportunities the PUC identified to better manage stormwater include infiltration, detention basins, and possibly daylighting a portion of the creek.
 - A resident commented that it is important to design a stormwater management plan that improves the drainage issues occurring in the active recreation areas of the Park.
- Ruth Todd (P&T) gave a historic overview of Glen Canyon Park.
 - The park was established in 1922 like many parks in the US for two reasons: a) real estate b) to cure ills of crowdedness and provide opportunities to commune with nature. Glen Canyon Park was the beneficiary of lots of WPA money in the depression, and thus reflects the recreational ideals of that time, including space for active recreation and gatherings.
 - RT mentioned that the Rec Center was one of the early buildings by architect William Merchant Gladstone, and was done in the French eclectic style. The building has unique amenities, such as an auditorium with a fly stage and a movie theater, a gymnasium with wood floors and showers. The building used to be a class A recreation facility, but has received no upgrades since 1938.
 - The Silver Tree building was constructed in 1960 and suffers from many maintenance issues.
 - Page & Turnbull will study if these two buildings are appropriate spaces for the Glen Park and San Francisco community.

3. Groups Workshop

TPL divided the participants in smaller groups of 8-10 community members to discuss the following topics about Glen Canyon:

- What overall vision or big ideas should guide the Glen Canyon Improvement Plan?
- What improvements or enhancements do you want to see in Glen Canyon Park?
 - Natural Areas
 - Islais Creek
 - Outdoor Recreation
 - Indoor Recreation
 - Park Access and Circulation
 - Education and Interpretation
 - Other

Participants were asked to indicate areas on a map and to mark the priorities with a circle or star. The results of this exercise are summarized at the end of the minutes.

4. Next Steps and Adjourn

- TPL announced that the next workshop is February 24. At this meeting, the consultants will present design alternatives and the community will have an opportunity to comment.
- The meeting was adjourned. Many community members stayed for about 10 minutes to chat.

Summary of Groups Workshop Exercise
 Glen Canyon Park Community Meeting #2
 Meeting Date: 01.13.2011

What Overall Vision or Big Ideas should guide the Glen Canyon Park improvement Plan?

X = Priority

| | Group | | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Preserve natural areas / wilderness | X | X | X | X | | X | X | |
| Resolve conflicts between uses | X | | | | | | | |
| Balance recreation and natural areas | | | | | | | X | X |
| Environmental education | X | | X | | | | | |
| Preserve and improve recreation areas | | X | | | | | | |
| Improve entry/access-safer and more clear gateways | | X | | | | | | |
| Neighborhood park + regional park / part of a larger network of parks | | | | | X | | | |
| Prioritize improvements | | | | | | X | | |
| Formalize volunteer efforts for restoration | | | | | | X | | |
| Maintain free use of most access points | | | | | | X | | |
| Managed / maintained yet natural trail experience (point Reyes not Muir Woods) | | | | | | | X | |
| Highlight Islais Creek as major feature | | | | | | | X | |
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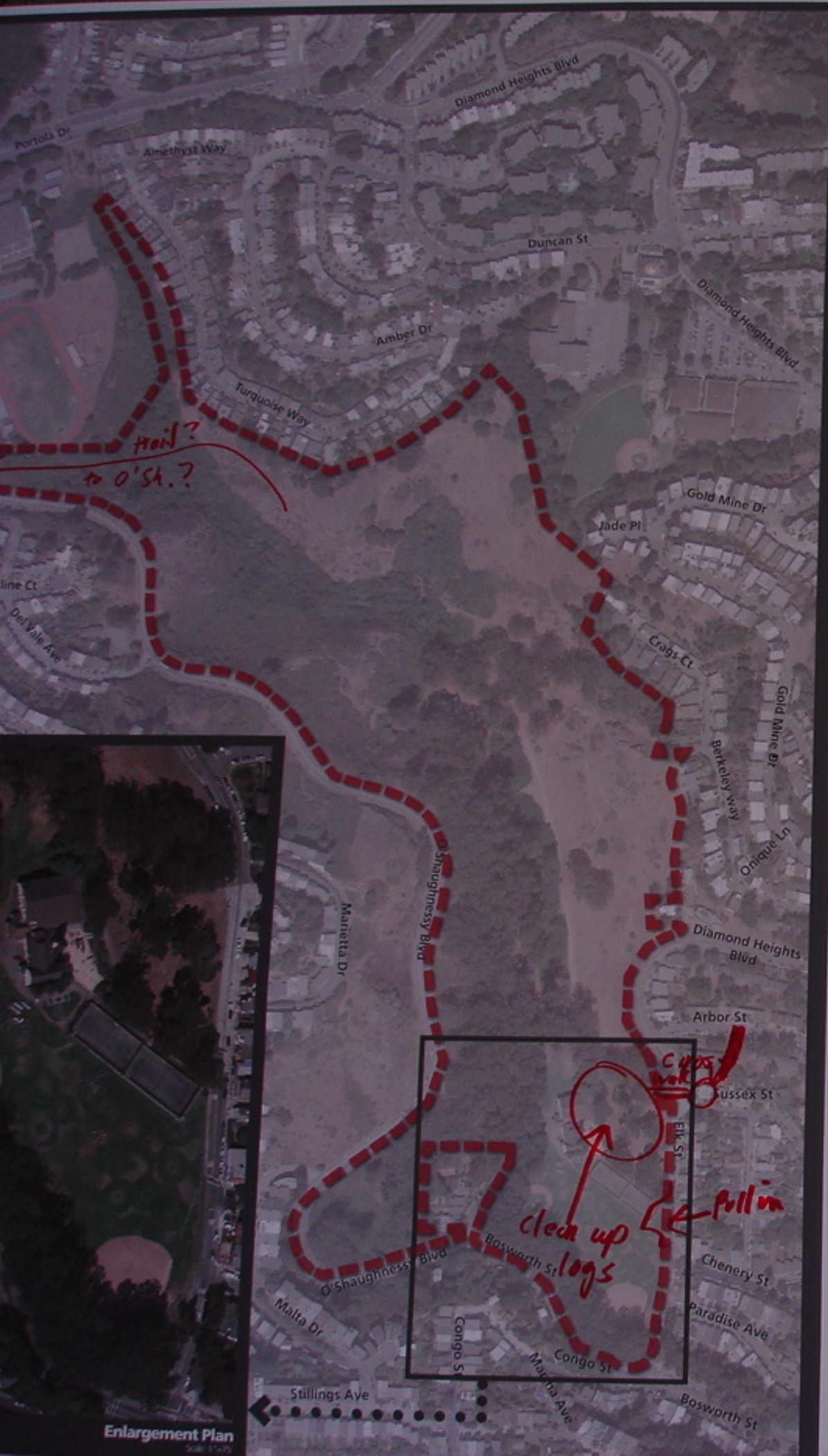
What Improvements or Enhancements do you want to see in Glen Canyon Park

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| Natural Areas | | | | | | | | |
| Keep wild | X | | X | | X | X | | |
| Native vegetation restoration | X | | | | | X | | |
| Tree inspection and removal. Remove Eucalyptus trees along the active Park Area, Boosworth, O'Shaugnessy, Congo. | | X | X | | | | | |
| Balance animal and plant habitats | | | | X | | | | |
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| Islais Creek | | | | | | | | |
| Consider daylighting but preserve active recreation fields | | | X | | X | X | X | |
| Keep up restoration of free-flowing section | X | X | | | | | | |
| Keep it looking natural | X | | | | | | | |
| Rustic fence to keep dogs out of creek | X | | | | | | | |
| Safe pond for retention | X | | | | | | | |
| Do not daylight the buried portion | | | | X | | | | |

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| Improve water quality | | | | | | | X | |
| Improve prominence of the creek (e.g. signage) | | | | | | | X | |
| Clear up to make it more visible / remove garbage and invasive species | | | | | | | | X |
| Daylighting not a priority | | | | | | | | X |
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| Outdoor Recreation (Ball Field, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis) | | | | | | | | |
| Bigger and safe playground interesting for older kids and integrated to site | X | | X | | | | | |
| Clean up logs behind rec center | X | | | | | | | |
| Off leash dog park. Distinct areas for dogs / no dogs | | X | X | | | | | X |
| Move / reorient / improve tennis courts | | X | X | | | X | | |
| Artificial turf | | X | X | | | | | |
| No artificial turf | | | | X | | | | |
| More BBQ, benches and tables | | X | | | | | | |
| Improve drainage | | | X | X | | X | | |
| More outdoor rec | | | | | X | | X | |
| Improve indoor /outdoor connection | | | | | | | X | |
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| Indoor Recreation Area | | | | | | | | |
| Seismic safety | X | | | | | | | |
| Do not demolish but upgrade rec center | X | | | X | | X | X | |
| Demolish rec center and build new one | | X | X | | | | | |
| Improve entrance | | | | X | | | | |
| Add good multi use community space | X | | | | | | | |
| Keep the hardwood floor | X | | | | | | | |
| Improve restrooms / ADA | X | | | X | | | | |
| Need restrooms that can be open when rec center is closed | | | X | | | | | |
| Change theater | | | | X | | | | |
| Add nature center | | | | X | | | | |
| Respect the history of the building | | | | | X | | | |
| More Indoor rec. area is underutilized and understaffed | | | | | | | X | |
| Replace Silvertree structure. Keep location | | | | | | X | | X |
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| Trails | | | | | | | | |
| Improve trails / make surfaces suitable | X | X | | | | X | | |
| Accessibility for wheelchairs and strollers | X | | | | | | | |
| No bikes | X | | X | X | | | | |
| Concern about trails near house for safety reasons: fire and drug dealing | | | X | | | | | |
| Improve stairs | | | | X | | | | |
| Keep trails small / natural (wilderness) | | | | X | | | X | |
| Utilize eastern side of creek to create natural trail to access | | | | | | | X | |
| Open us new trail along West side through Eucalyptus forest | | | | | X | | | |

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| Fewer social trails / consolidate | | | | | | X | X | X |
| Signs at official trail entries | | | | X | | | | |
| Open up a new trail through Eucalyptus forest | | | | | X | | | |
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| Park Access and Circulation | | | | | | | | |
| Inviting / Improved entrances to official trails | X | X | | | X | X | | X |
| Improve entrance to rec center on Elk | | | X | | | | | |
| Accessibility for strollers and wheelchairs | X | | | | | | | |
| Keymaps and signage at Entrances | X | X | | | | | | |
| Improve lighting for access to Rec Center from the street | X | X | | | | | | |
| Add Drop off at Elk St. | X | | | | | | | |
| Add cross walk at Sussex and Elk | X | | | | | | | |
| No paved roads | | | | X | | | | |
| Looped auto access at Rec Area | | X | | | | X | | |
| Traffic Calming on Elk St. | | | | | | X | | X |
| Safety Improvements for access (at Sussex and Elk and Chenery and Elk and behind Safeway) | | | | | | | X | X |
| Future access / connect to win Peaks | | | | | | | X | |
| Improve access at Jade PI It should be more defined and less steep | | | | | | | X | |
| Address dangerous cliff on trail to Silvertree | | | | | | X | | |
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| Education and Interpretation | | | | | | | | |
| No interpretive signs / signs spoil wilderness | X | | | X | | | | |
| Programs linked to Nature | X | | | | | | | |
| Add Signage / Interpretive signs add appreciation and set tone / Braille and other languages | X | X | X | | X | X | | X |
| Add Programs linked to Nature | X | | | | | | | |
| Add office or website at entry to rec center for environmental ed. | | | X | | | | | |
| Limited signage for informal areas | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | X |
| Other | | | | | | | | |
| No Dogs (scare people, pollute creeks) | X | | | | | | | |
| Establish a method on how to deal with coyotes (pros and cons) | X | | | | | | | |
| Replace fence along Boosworth and Congo | | X | | | | | | |
| Improve/ expand Silver Tree building | | X | | | | | | |
| Start programs for kids to help with cleaning and maintenance | | X | | | | | | |
| Build public restroom that can be open when rec center is closed | | X | X | | | | | |
| Tree inspection / removal | | | X | | | | | |
| Outdoor table tennis | | | X | | | | | |
| Contain water runoff at Bosworth | | | | | | | | |
| Integrate restorative power of nature | | | | | X | | | |
| Prioritize improvements for safety | | | | | | X | | |

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| Use community volunteers to help with maintenance | | | | | | X | | |
| Maintenance and Enforcement | | | | | | | | X |



WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN? ①

* PRESERVE NATURAL AREAS
 ↳ RESOLVE CONFLICT BETWEEN USER-CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ED.

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas NATIVE VEG. - ROTORATION NATIVE TREES!
 ◦ Add Redwoods
- Islais Creek RUSTIC FENCE TO KEEP DOGS OUT OF CREEK.
 ↳ KEEP IT LOOKING NATURAL
 RESTORE HYDROLOGY
 POND? FOR RETENTION? CAN IT BE SAFE?
- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)
 NATURAL PLAYGROUND? ↳ INTEGRATED W/ TRADITIONAL
 ↳ BIGGER
 ↳ KEEP IT SAFE
- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
 SEISMIC SAFETY! ACCESSIBLE REST ROOMS etc.
 SPACE IS AWKWARD TO USE
 REHAB MOST OF REC CENTER & ADD A GOOD MULTI-USE COMMUNITY SPACE.
 KEEP THE HARDWOOD FLOOR
- Trails
 BIKE USE: MAKE SURFACE SUITABLE
 PEDESTRIAN: NO BIKES!
 BIKES IN A THROUGH ROUTE
 ACCESSIBILITY FOR WHEEL CHAIR & STROLLERS
- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
 INVITING ENTRANCES (THIS IS NOT A SPARK EASY!)
 KEY MAPS AT ENTRANCES
 LIGHTING FOR ACCESS TO REC CENTER FROM STREET (NOT ON HIGH POLES!)
 ↳ CRISPY FIELD BEDS LOOK GOOD.
- Education and Interpretation
 SIGNS SPOIL WILDNESS
 SIGNS ADD APPRECIATION AND SET TONE.
 PROGRAMS LINKED TO NATURE
- Other
 DOGS: SCARE PEOPLE, POLLUTE CREEK, help keep it safe
 COYOTE: HOW TO DEAL W/ THEM-PROS & CONS

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WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?

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Passage Creek
Bld. Reservoir

ENTRY + ACCESS
SAFER, MORE INVITING, CLEAN GATEWAY

KEY

DEMOLISH OLD REC CENTER - BUILD NEW

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

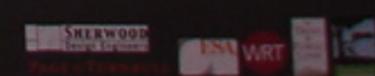
- Natural Areas
REMOVE EUCALYPTUS TREES ALONGSIDE THE ACTIVE PARK AREA
BOSWORTH, DISMANTLED, CAHO - BY BRICKAL PLEAS
- Islais Creek
Mild opinion of Dullholme
Keep up restoration of free-flowing reach
- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)
More + re-orient tennis
Artificial Turf
More BBQ, benches, tables, etc.
- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
MOVE REC CENTER BUILDING SITE TO WHERE TENNIS COURTS ARE?
(DEMOLISH CURRENT REC CENTER BUILDING TOTALLY)
MOVE TENNIS COURTS / RE-ORIENT
- Trails
IMPROVED TRAILS
SIGNAGE?
- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
BETTER ENTRIES ON ALL SIDES / WITH SIGNAGE / SAFETY ISSUES / LIGHTING
LOOPED AND ACCESS AT ELK ENTRY?
- Education and Interpretation
SIGNAGE
- Other
FENCE ALONG BOSWORTH / CAHO NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED / BETTER DESIGN / PROTECTION (TRASH ISSUES / EYE SORE)
IMPROVEMENT / EXPAND SILVER TREE BUILDING
START PROGRAMS FOR KIDS TO HELP WITH CLEANING / MAINTAINING AREAS OF PARK THEY USE, ETC. (SILVER TREE)
BUILD PUBLIC RESTROOM

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VISIONING WORKSHEET



WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?

* PRESERVE WILDERNESS / EDUCATION

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas
PRESERVE WILDERNESS
- Islais Creek
W/ 6 DAYLIGHT / BUT WANT BALLFIELDS TOO?
HOW TO BALANCE CONCERN ABOUT LOSING FIELD / BUT LIKE IDEA OF DAYLIGHT CREEK
BETTER DRAINAGE
BETTER TENNIS COURTS / CRACKING
- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)
MUE BLDG TO FREE UP FLAT / USEABLE SPACE
- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
PRESERVE EDUCATION AT SILVERTREE / GLEN RIDGE / LONG TERM TRAILS
BIGGER PLAYGROUND - AND INTERESTING FOR OLDER KIDS / LEASE
CONCERN ABOVE ABOUT TRAILS NEAR HOUSE / SAFETY CONCERNS FIRE / DRUG DEALING
DONT WANT BIKES ON TRAILS
- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
BETTER ENTRANCE

- Education and Interpretation
MORE INTERPT SIGNS / BRAILLE / WEBSITE OR OFFICE HERE OTHER LANGUAGES (SPANISH)
BIGGER PLGD TREE INSPECTION / REMOVAL OTHER
POSSIBLE DOG AREA? POSSIBLE SYNTHETIC TURF TO MAKE WORK BETTER / BUSTIER
NEED BATHROOMS THAT CAN BE OPEN WHEN REC CENTER CLOSED
OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS

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ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMAGE / NATURAL - THIS PARK IS SPECIAL
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NATURAL WILDERNESS / LANDSCAPE / LANDSCAPE SLOPE / CLOSED



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WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?

Secluded Valley
maintain mystique
Wild
Small trails

Nature

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

 Natural Areas *Balance*
Animal + Plant habitats *undergrowth*
Plant habitats *in balance.*

◦ Islais Creek

 *Don't DAYLIGHT THE CREEK!!*

◦ Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)

improved Drainage for active sports
no astroturf

◦ Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)

improve / restore - don't tear down
improve entrance as imagine *change theater*
Nature Center

add more seating
add more tables
add more benches
add more shade

◦ Trails

• *improve stairs*

no bike trails
keep trails small + rustic

no through trail connectors to Twin Peaks?

sign the access points.

◦ Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)

- No paved roads -

◦ Education and Interpretation

Flyers - not signs or plaques

◦ Other

Contain water runoff at base of hill

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WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?



- Natural Areas
- Islais Creek
- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis) *is there enough space?*
- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp) *only. split up components? pod. more interpretation*
- Trails *more prominent entries from all highlight entry point 'official trails'*
Open up a new trail along West side through Eucalyptus forest.
- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
- Education and Interpretation *++*
- Other *Integrate restorative power of nature*

Neighborhood park + regional park, part of a larger network of parks.

? daylight creek in another area not on field?

is there a way to respect the history of the building.

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balance integration



WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?

- ① Prioritize improvements: *Client needs for basic event/interaction*
- ② Keep wild areas
- ③ Natural area use for most access
- ④ Enhance user experience - safety + protection

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas *eco system support*
* Keep wild
- Islais Creek - *daylighting, consider field*
- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)
upgraded + useful, better drainage
short shift to tennis courts - ? in right place -
- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
gym important - open on Sundays
upgrade and maintain so we don't lose our resource
- * Trails - *fewer social trails and pick some larger trails and make them better. Upgrade*
- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
* Traffic Calming
Drop-off loop into Rec area
- Education and Interpretation -
Silver tree good location -
Volunteers to open gates when others don't come -> recruit + train
- Other
For necessary safety improvements - prioritization
Elk -> traffic calming
Signage for trails
Use volunteers and the community to maintain fields and do restoration -

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WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?

- Retain natural heritage (unique open, natural area in developed SF)
- managed, maintained yet natural trail experience (Pt Reyes not Muir Woods)
 - (utilize eastern side of creek by creating natural trail to access + eliminate multiple social trails)
- highlight Islais Creek as major feature of Glen Canyon Park
- balance recreation and natural areas (especially restoration)
 - Distinct entry (i.e. Stern Grove), focus entry along Bosworth + Elk

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?

- Natural Areas
 - natural areas will be better cared for if entrances ^{are} improved, less random trampling.
- Islais Creek
 - improve water quality
 - daylight creek
 - improve prominence of creek (e.g. signage, ↑ flow)
- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis)
 - more outdoor rec
 - improve indoor/outdoor connection
- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp)
 - more indoor rec, area is underutilized and understaffed
 - improve indoor/outdoor connection
 - improve do not demolish
- Trails
 - consolidate social trails to more structured, yet natural trails
- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity)
 - improve entry behind Safeway
 - safety improvements @ Sussex @ and Elk St.
 - " " @ Chenery and Elk
- Education and Interpretation
- Other

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PARTICIPANTS = *



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WHAT OVERALL VISION OR BIG IDEAS SHOULD GUIDE THE GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN?

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN GLEN CANYON PARK?



- 1. GATE ACCESS! *Maintenance/Fall*
- 2. MAINTENANCE KEEPING!
- 3. COMMUNITY TOGETHER - EDUCATION *edu*
- 4. SILVER TREE *design so areas are*
- 5. ENHANCING THE SETTING *distinct use areas: dog/non dog*
- Outdoor Recreation (Ball Fields, Informal Field, Playground, Tennis) *informal areas - limited space*
- Indoor Recreation (Rec Center—basketball, auditorium, Silver Tree—daycare, day camp) *recreation - create community - outdoor/veg. (both dogs & cats)*
- Trails *Primary programmatic focus points: Tie down together thru access*
- Park Access and Circulation (entries, parking, wayfinding, identity) *day hiking not a priority*
- Education and Interpretation *Safety issue*
- Other *Silver Tree - live location - building open to canyon. PE configure active rec areas*

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Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan





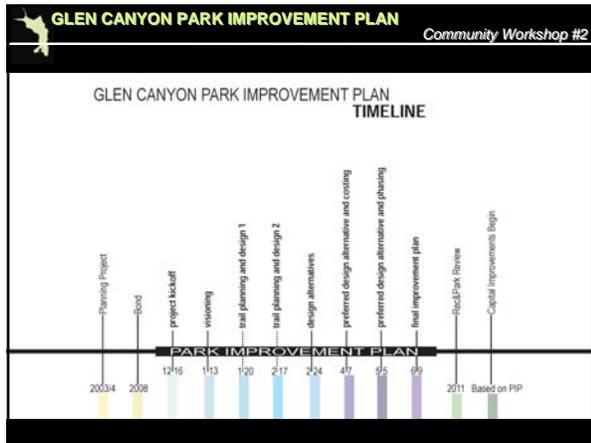



GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Community Workshop #2

Agenda

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Emerging Themes—*What We've Heard So Far*
- ❖ Existing Conditions—*Opportunities & Constraints*
- ❖ Visioning Exercise—*Desired Changes & Improvements*
 - Brainstorming Ideas
 - Report back and discussion
- ❖ Next Steps



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Emerging Themes

What We've Heard So Far

GLEN CANYON PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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Natural Areas

- Unique natural resource in City
- Maintain park as natural refuge from
- Have "nature"/"wilderness" be a guiding theme for park improvements
- Protect wildlife and enhance habitat
- Remove exotics and re-establish native vegetation
- Expand opportunities for learning about the natural environment



Preserve and enhance views

Emerging Themes—*What We've Heard So Far*

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Islais Creek

- Primary natural feature in park
- Improve physical and visual access
- Increase water flow to improve ecological function
- Remove exotic plants (e.g., Cape ivy)
- Consider "daylighting" portion of creek (implications for park and larger watershed context)



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Recreation Center

- Gym (and wood floor) much loved
- Indoor space in high demand for diverse uses
- Accessible restrooms are needed
- Existing spaces do not meet current programmatic needs or codes
- Clarify entrance/access to building
- Integrate building with surroundings
- Significantly upgrade or replace building



Emerging Themes—What We've Heard So Far

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Silver Tree

- Much loved as pre-school and summer camp
- Barely meets space needs for pre-school or summer camp
- In need of significant maintenance
- Not designed to take advantage of natural setting



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Outdoor Recreation Facilities

- Resolve drainage issues on ball fields
- Upgrade playground with safer facilities
- Create playground in character with natural setting
- Expand playground area
- Expand picnic facilities



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Trails

- Maintain a variety of trail experiences
- Preserve "wild"/"rustic" character for trails
- Make a portion of the trail network universally accessible
- Close social trails that damage environment
- Reduce/avoid trail impacts on adjoining residences



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Park Access

- Improve pedestrian safety at entry points
- Create a more attractive and positive sense of entry
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety on adjoining streets
- Address desires/concerns re. trail access from Portola Drive



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Existing Conditions

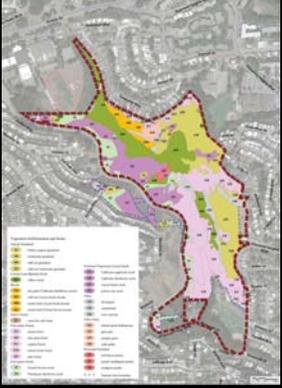
Opportunities & Constraints

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Vegetation

- Forest, scrub, and grassland are dominant vegetation communities
- Islais Creek willow scrub riparian habitat
- Excellent forage and nesting habitat for birds
- Grasslands provide habitat for butterflies and insects
- Invasive plants cover 74% of the vegetated area

Natural Resources



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Sensitive Species and Important Bird Habitat

- 67 species of birds, including 19 locally sensitive species observed in the Park.
- 16 species of mammals reported in Park
- 6 species of reptiles and 3 species of amphibians reported in Park
- 19 sensitive plants reported in Park

Natural Resources



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Management Areas—Natural Areas Program Priorities

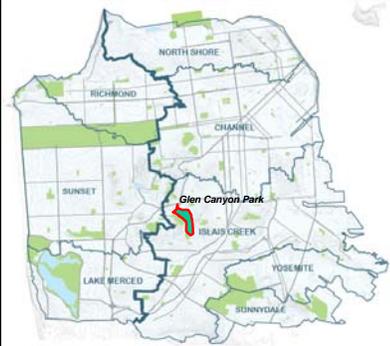
- Control of invasive plants along Islais Creek
- Protection and enhancement of native grassland and scrub communities
- Preservation of “wilder” areas of the park (i.e. the western side)
- Improvement of trail system to protect/stabilize habitat

Natural Resources



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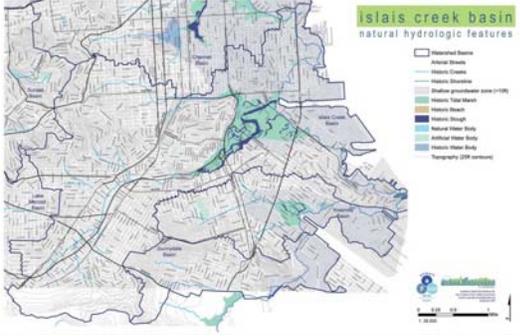
Hydrology – San Francisco Watersheds



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Islais creek basin natural hydrologic features



Hydrology – Historic Islais Creek Basin

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Hydrology – Surface Creek Watershed



Hydrology – Surface Creek Watershed

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LEGEND

- Glen Canyon Park
- Islais Creek
- Existing Sewer Pipes
- Sewershed (312 ac)
- Parcels

Hydrology – Combined Sewershed Area

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Stormwater Challenges

- Diminishing Natural Surface Creek Watershed due to Urbanization
- Downstream Combined Sewer Capacities
- Creek Water Quality
- Steep Topography
- Poor Field Conditions

Hydrology – Challenges

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SFPUC Stormwater Management Objectives

- Reduce Peak Flows and Volumes
- Decrease Combined Sewer Overflows to Bay
- Improve Stormwater Quality

Hydrology – Larger Scale Stormwater Objectives

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Opportunities

- Alleviate flooding and combined sewer overflows downstream
- Extend free-flowing creek through park
- Create habitat and public amenity

Constraints

- Potential conflict with play fields and other programmed activities
- High costs

Hydrology – Opportunities: Creek Daylighting

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Opportunities

- Decreases peak flow rates and volumes
- Help alleviate flooding downstream
- Provide natural stormwater treatment

Constraints

- Infiltration requires suitable soils
- Surface detention would decrease usability of fields during rainy weather

Hydrology – Opportunities: Infiltration and/or Detention

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Hydrology – Opportunities: Low Impact Development Strategies

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Central Park, New York - early 1930s and 2008

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco - historic and 2008

Prospect Park, Brooklyn - 1901 and 2005

Glen Canyon Park, 2010

Parks in Context

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1839 Jose de Jesus Noe

1850s Adolph Sutro

1898 Crocker Estate

1922 San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks

Park Ownership and Use

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Constructed in 1938
17,600 square feet
Potentially Historic

Spaces:
Gymnasium
2 basketball courts
tiered seating
Auditorium
assembly area
stage w/ fly loft
projection room / loft
under-stage storage
Offices
Service / Storage

Hours:
 Sunday - Monday closed
 Tuesday - Friday 9a to 9p
 Saturday 9a to 5p

Recreation Center

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LEGEND

- GYMNASIUM
- AUDITORIUM
- CIRCULATION
- OFFICE
- KITCHEN
- SERVICE/SUPPORT

Recreation Center - Historic Uses

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LEGEND

- MULTI-USE
- CIRCULATION
- OFFICE
- KITCHEN
- SERVICE/SUPPORT

RESTROOMS ARE BELOW GROUND AND ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE

Recreation Center - Current Uses

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Gymnasium

- Basketball
- Adult Boot Camp

Auditorium

Programs

- Tot Time
- Tot Gym
- Tot Space
- Tot Music and Movement
- Tot Picasso
- Adult Tai Chi
- Senior Shapeup

Drop-In

- Community Meetings
- Ping pong
- Adult guitar jam

Recreation Center - Activities

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Recreation Center – Condition

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- Establish identity and improve entry experience and access
- Reinvestment can resolve grading, drainage, flooding, and settlement issues
- Systems/code upgrades for safety, energy-efficiency and comfort
- Repairs for deferred maintenance can extend the life of the historic building
- Space and Use functions can be improved and tailored
- Indoor/outdoor relationships can be improved
- Historic rehabilitation will reinforce architectural character
- Rehabilitation costs can be compared to other and new recreational centers and programs

Recreation Center – Opportunities

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Silver Tree

Constructed in 1960
3,960 square feet

Spaces:
Activity / Class Rooms
Kitchen
Offices
Service / Storage

Picnic Area
Movable Play Areas

Two Uses:
Summer:
Silver Tree Day Camp
City Camp 9a to 3p
Extended Care 8 to 9a, 3 to 6p

9 Months:
Glenridge Cooperative
Nursery School
9:30a to 3p

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Silver Tree – Historic Uses

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Silver Tree – Current Uses

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Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School

- AM children upstairs
- PM children lower level
- Outdoor recreation
- Nature education
- Experiential access/approach
- Moving days 2/year
- Parent-maintained

Summer Day Camp

- 9:30a to 3p
- Bullet2
- Access can be problematic

Silver Tree – Activities

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Silver Tree – Condition

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- Enhance **approach experience**
- Enhance **indoor/outdoor relationships**
- **Systems upgrades** for energy-efficiency and comfort
- Repairs for **deferred maintenance** can also correct seismic deficiencies
- **Space efficiencies** can be improved
- **Storage** and twice/year **moving hassles** may be resolved
- Long-term agreements may allow for public-private partnership **funding opportunities**

Silver Tree – Opportunities

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Recreation Center

- Classes (primarily in auditorium)
 - Tot classes: such as tot time, art, music and movement. Requires registration and fee
 - Adult classes: guitar, ping pong
 - Senior classes: tai chi, art, walking group
- Pick up basketball in gymnasium: evenings and Saturdays

Programming

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Silver Tree

- Summer programming:
 - RPD runs a 10-week camp from 9am-3pm
 - For children 6-13 years old
 - Operates at capacity (175 campers)
 - Activities:
 - arts & crafts
 - sports
 - field trips
 - outdoor education
 - nature study
 - skits
 - etc.

Programming

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Silver Tree

- Fall/Winter/Spring programming:
 - Glenridge Co-op Nursery operates a pre-school
 - For children 3-5 years old
 - Morning and afternoon sessions
 - Operates at capacity (58 children)
 - Activities: play-based learning curriculum, nature walks

Programming

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Opportunities

- Critical facility improvements
- Activities to complement the park mission (trail maintenance, advocacy, leadership)
- Site development
 - Accommodate intense level of use at Silver Tree.
 - Interpretive and educational features i.e. labs
 - Indoor/ outdoor connections

Programming

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Recreation Facilities

- Playground
- Picnic Area
- 2 tennis courts
- 2 baseball diamonds
- 1 multi-use field
- Ropes course



Programming

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Recreation Facilities

- Strong demand for fields, playground, and picnic facilities
- Poor drainage results in poor field conditions and limits use
- Playground size, character and standard for safety.
- Ropes course is in disrepair



Opportunities

- Improve function and character
- Introduce new uses

Programming

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Park Access Points



Circulation and Access

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Trails

- Desired park amenity for natural area access (urban escape), exercise, strolling, etc.
- Connects neighborhood areas not otherwise well linked.
- Accessible access needs.
- Social trails contribute to habitat degradation, erosion, creek siltation.



Opportunities

- Enhance park entries.
- Improve these conditions!

Circulation and Access

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Visioning Exercise

Desired Changes & Improvements

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Brainstorming

- ❖ Answer the following questions:
 1. "What overall vision or big ideas should guide the Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan?"
 2. "What improvements or enhancements do you want to see in Glen Canyon Park?"
- ❖ Think about the long-term and the near-term
- ❖ List all ideas—It's not necessary to achieve consensus
- ❖ Identify your priorities
- ❖ Be as specific as possible about what you are proposing, and where

Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan

