

## **Alta Plaza Park (North) Water Conservation Project**

### **Community Meeting #2 on 3/18/14**

#### **MINUTES**

#### **Comments pertaining to general park condition:**

1. Several test borings on site need to be conducted.
2. Investigate fully the wet area at hilltop/cause with geotechnical engineer.
3. Men's restroom contains no urinal, which makes it unusable. Please address problem.

#### **Comments pertaining to the Water Conservation Project:**

1. Look into toxicity of plants for dogs. Do not use where dog activity occurs, or at all in the park.
2. Playground: consider softer material for tots & sitting.
3. Provide a barrier of durable plants along Jackson St. to deter dogs from running into the street.
4. Conduct walk-throughs during design phase to allow for more dialogue on materials.
5. Plant material suggested should be those already existing in Alta Plaza Park.
6. Specify larger trees to provide more instant shade.
7. Importance of park entrances emphasized.
8. Edge conditions are used and also between ADA path. Reconsider conversion.
9. Beautification, maintenance and funding should be emphasized on our parks.
10. Regarding agency relationship, who is in charge? (Marvin Yee responds that RPD is responsible.)
11. Construction fencing for south side project was unattractive and not maintained.
12. Place rocks @entry for dog markers.
13. How do we ensure enough maintenance? ( Zack Taylor responds that RPD is currently short staff but new staff will be hired toward end of year. Staff to increase to 6 members for the park service district.)
14. Tree work will be addressed by Rec & Park Urban Forestry.
15. Can south side terraces planting be replaced when new work is done on drainage work?
16. How does the community get involved? (Marvin Yee can provide partnership information.)
17. South side terraces will be weeded and holed re-sodded or re-seeded.
18. Would like to see slopes addressed to be cohesive with planting in entire park. (2x comments)
19. Replace hillside planting (i.e., no-mow grass) with shrub & native plantings.
20. Since parameters are limited, park design not luxe or beautiful – just addressing problems to make it just acceptable, but not as great as it could be.
21. Friends group would like to engage, but momentum is too fast. Would like to work that out to work together to make the collaboration work/identify possibilities.

#### **Comments submitted on Comment Cards**

1. Please plan periodic walkthroughs with neighbors as the project is on its way – so that revisions might be made in progress. In the other project – everything was roped off and the wrong

grasses were planted. Other projects were ignored with no input from neighbors who would have rejected the grasses.

2. Shouldn't dog poop be composted? Yes! Provide green compost bins for it!  
YES – Regular walkthroughs  
YES – Dogs everywhere  
YES – Palm trees on southside  
NO – Planting by Scott St. entrance  
YES – Hire gardeners now, not end of year  
NO – Bark chips spilling out on Clay St.  
YES – Good overall plan – shows a lot of thought
3. Endorse comment regarding large area of northwest lawn being planted (i.e., the light blue “lake” area)
4. Additional walkthroughs. Community input.