



London N. Breed, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

Esprit Park Community Advisory Group (ECAG)

General Meeting

654 Minnesota Street, Tivoli Room

January 10, 2019, 6:30 pm- 8:15 pm

Notes

Participants:

ECAG Members (11):

Alison Sullivan, Monica Leicht, Sasha Basso, Patrick Hoctel, Linda James, Gaynor Chun, Susan Fitch, Nataly Gattegno, Tracy Ravenscraft, Irma Lewis, George Slack

Non-ECAG Member Public

Veronica Dolginko (reporter, Potrero View)

Project Team Members:

SFRPD: Melinda Stockmann, Steve Ciwmowski, LaMonté Bishop, Nathan Tinclair, Alexis Ward

SFRPD-contracted facilitator: Steve Rasmussen Cancian

SF Planning: Robin Abad Ocubillo

UCSF: Leah Pimental

Green Benefit District: Julie Christensen, Jesse Herzog

Fletcher Studio: David Fletcher

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I. Introductions

Around the Table Sharing name and affiliation

Melinda introduced Alexis Ward, who is the SFRPD Project Manager who will be covering the project during Melinda's maternity leave, which is anticipated to start on Jan 30, 2019

I. Next Steps in Developing Park Plan

A. Reviewed List of Questions to Be Answered Organized into Topic Areas (See handout)

B. Considered topic areas one-by-one

- Shared new information and answers to informational questions
- Collected input and preferences from ECAG members
 1. Amenities
 2. Infrastructure and Maintenance
 3. Dog Play
- Did not get to cover the following topics in sufficient detail
 1. Exercise/Play Nodes
 2. Trees
 3. Planting
 4. Mounds
 5. Funding



C. Generated a list of follow-up questions / action items:

1. What other lighting is included in the public realm plan for the adjacent right of way?
2. We need an assessment of the 2006 subsurface drainage system upgrade
 - a. What were the goals of the project?
 - b. What was the cost for the drainage system?
 - c. What worked and what didn't?
 - d. How is it working now? Is it functional / salvageable for renovation?
3. What would it cost to re-do the subsurface drainage system?
4. Can project team alert the group to any budget shortfall, so we can pull back on some items and free up funds for operations?
5. Will all entrances to the park be accessible?
6. How does the circulation through the meadow work, if the DPA takes up half of it?
7. Next time, can we look at examples of DPAs and surface options?
8. Of the RPD performance standards for DPAs, which are most important to the group?
9. Can there be follow-up on other projects on the north and south edges of the park and how those projects work/interface with ours?
10. Discuss circulation system within the park- hierarchies, materiality, opportunities to reinforce edges and barrier organizing the site.
11. Can we know more about the process of hiring Fletcher for the remainder of the design?
12. Is there a tree assessment? We need a tree assessment in order to answer some of the questions on the list
13. Can we discuss soft costs and how to reduce them?
14. Utilize another ECAG meeting to cover the topics and questions not covered tonight

II. Administration and Finance

- A. Project Agreements: UCSF will have one agreement with the GBD for design documents, covering landscape architect and consultants, and will have another agreement directly with SFRPD to fund construction. Agreements still being finalized. Fletcher Studio not yet under contract.
- B. Project Budget: see handout with budget updates since 10/25/18 ECAG meeting highlighted in yellow
- C. Project Timeline
 - Overall project timeline is still the goal; however, schedule may be behind by 1-2 months or more depending on finalization of agreements and consultant contracts
 - Project Team to share more detailed concept design work plan (for which draft shared at 10/25/18 meeting) once updated based on information from tonight's meeting and on agreement / consultant contract finalization schedule

III. Confirm Next Steps, Discuss Next Meeting Date and Close

- A. Project team to advise on next ECAG meeting date based on above