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Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

**Esprit Park Community Advisory Group (ECAG)
General Meeting
654 Minnesota Street, Tivoli Room
May 22, 2019, 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Participants

ECAG Members: Sasha Basso, Gaynor Strachan Chun, Jared Doumani, Susan Fitch, Nataly Gattego, Linda James, Irma Lewis, Denis Mauer, Alison Sullivan

Project Team Members & City Staff:

SFRPD: Toks Ajike, LaMonté Bishop, Steve Cismowski, Nathan Tinclair, Alexis Ward

SF Planning Department: Robin Abad

Green Benefit District: Julie Christensen

UCSF: Christine Gasparac, Leah Pimental

Fletcher Studio, Project Landscape Architects: David Fletcher, Cory Hallam and Andrew Prindle

SFRPD-contracted facilitator: Steve Rasmussen Cancian

Notes

For more additional meeting information please see the handouts posted on the project webpage and/or contact Project Manager, Alexis Ward alexis.ward@sfgov.org with questions.

<https://sfrecpark.org/project/esprit-park-renovation-project/>

Shared Vision for the Park Renovation

- Alexis read the revised vision statement refined in collaboration with ECAG members Gaynor Chun and Nattaly Gattego.
 - ECAG Action: There were no comments or suggested changes in the revised statement.

Guest—Christine Gasparac, UCSF, Senior Director, Community Relations

- Ms. Gasparac addressed the ECAG regarding the progress of project, the project team, the ECAG and financial review procedures.

Project Schedule

- Alexis shared copies of the overall project schedule and reviewed the detailed calendar leading up to the RPD Commission meeting.

Project Delivery and Roles and Responsibilities

- Toks Ajike, Director of the RPD Capital and Planning Division, addressed the ECAG regarding RPD's project delivery experience and the ECAG's role in the project.



Speaking Time as Requested by Some ECAG Members

- Speaking for a group of nine ECAG members, ECAG Member Sasha Basso addressed the ECAG regarding the impact of creating an artificial turf Dog Play Area in Esprit Park. ECAG Member Jared Doumani then shared the group's review of the project budget.
 - ECAG Action—the members present voted unanimously, 9-0, to oppose the use of artificial turf in Esprit Park

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Review of Design Alternatives

- ECAG members and members of the public broke into three small groups to review the two proposed alternative designs of the park. Members then came back together and shared brief reports. All of the groups' comments were also recorded directly on the plans for use in refine the alternatives.

Confirm Next Steps and Close Meeting

- Alexis reiterated that the next step would be a community meeting for the project.
- Next ECAG Meeting: expected to be July, exact date to be confirmed.
- Members shared announcements of upcoming park related community events.