

Lake Merced Improvement Project

Community Meeting #1

November 3, 2016



Recreation & Park Department

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Background Information
 - 2012 Bond Overview
 - Community Engagement Process
 - Budget & Schedule
3. Project Overview
 - Project Objectives
 - Site Analysis
4. Site Elements
5. Public Comments/Next Steps



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GUIDELINES:

In order to keep to the agenda and time, please:

- Put your name on the sign-in sheet
- Direct comments to the facilitator
- Raise your hand to speak
- Keep to the agenda
- Please silence cell phones

OBJECTIVES:

Active Listening!

Provide an opportunity for public input on the future improvements planned for Lake Merced

- Provide community feedback before we begin design work
- Provide comments on the park existing condition of the park
- What is working? What needs attention?



2012 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Program Summary

In November of 2012, the citizens of San Francisco passed Proposition B, \$195 M General Obligation Bond, known as the 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond.

The \$195M in bond funding is divided into two allocations based on the jurisdiction of the parks and facilities scheduled to receive funding, with \$160.5M committed to the Recreation and Parks Department and \$34.5M dedicated to the San Francisco Port.

The objectives of this bond program are:

- Fix and improve specified neighborhood parks
- Renovate parks and playgrounds in poor physical condition
- Improve trails, forestry, and implement water conservation
- Improve park open space and habitat in Golden Gate Park, McLaren Park, and **Lake Merced**
- Attract matching community and philanthropic support



Neighborhood Park Sites:

- Balboa Pool
- Gilman Playground
- Glen Canyon Park
- Joe DiMaggio Playground
- Mountain Lake Park
- South Park
- West Sunset Park
- Angelo J. Rossi Pool and Park
- Garfield Square
- George Christopher Playground
- Hyde-Turk Mini Park
- Margaret Hayward Playground
- Moscone Recreation Center
- Potrero Hill Recreation Center
- Willie “Woo Woo” Wong Playground

Citywide Programs:

Playground Safety

Improve, renovate, replace playgrounds that are dilapidated.

Citywide Parks

Enhance natural features of: **Lake Merced**, Golden Gate Park, John McLaren Park

Community Opportunity Fund

Continue to provide funds for small community-nominated projects as well as leverage matching funds for larger projects.

Water Conservation

Replace old and outdated irrigation equipment with new permeable features and water efficient systems.

Trail Restoration

To enhance existing trails and their surrounding landscape

Forestry

Address hazardous trees to protect life and property, and replant trees for a safer and healthier urban forest.



2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Budget Summary

Neighborhood Parks	\$99
Waterfront (Port Projects)	\$34.5
Failing Playgrounds	\$15.5
Community Opportunity Grants	\$12
Park Forestry, Trails, and Water Conservation	\$13
Citywide Programs (GGP/McLaren Park/ Lake Merced)	\$21
TOTAL	\$195M
Lake Merced Improvement Project	\$2M



Community Meetings (3 or more): November 2016 – Summer 2017

Meeting #1: Introduction & Public Input

Meeting #2: Draft Plan & Public Input

Meeting #3: Final Conceptual Plan

Tentative Project Schedule:



Project Budget \$2M:

Estimated Construction Budget: \$1.5M

Estimated Soft Cost Budget: \$500K

Includes:

- Project management
- Architectural and engineering design services
- Construction management
- Permits
- Testing and regulatory agencies review fees



PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Identify opportunities to protect & improve lifestyle programming, facilities, infrastructure, and natural resources at Lake Merced.

Develop a project plan utilizing:

- Community input
- Findings from the 2011 Lake Merced Watershed Report
- Rec & Park programming goals

The department will not be able address all of the items identified in this presentation with the 2012 Bond funds, this is a starting point for community discussion



1. Lake Merced Watershed Report – Land Use Issues

Water-based Recreation

- Water-based Recreation-1: Facilities for Organized Group Versus Public Use
- Water-based Recreation-2: Future of the Boathouse
- Water-based Recreation-3: Facilities and Services to Enhance Visitor Experience
- Water-based Recreation-4: Potential Boating Conflicts
- Water-based Recreation-5: Shoreline Access for Fishing

Trail-based Recreation

- Trail-based Recreation-1: “Volunteer” Trails
- Trail-based Recreation-2: Regional Trails
- Trail-based Recreation-3: Dog Walking
- Trail-based Recreation-4: Staging Areas and Trail Amenities
- Trail-based Recreation-5: Wayfinding
- Trail-based Recreation-6: Security and Public Safety
- Trail-based Recreation-7: Traffic Conflicts with Trail Use
- Trail-based Recreation-8: Trail Conditions
- Trail-based Recreation-9: Perimeter Trail User Conflicts
- Trail-based Recreation-10: Perimeter Trail Character
- Trail-based Recreation-11: Trail Discontinuity through the Golf Course

Land-based Recreation

- Land-based Recreation-1: Limited Upland Area
- Land-based Recreation-2: Increased Demand from Surrounding Development
- Land-based Recreation-3: Compatibility of Existing Land Uses
- Land-based Recreation-4: Noise Pollution
- Land-based Recreation-5: Concentrated Recreation at Harding Road
- Land-based Recreation-6: Special Event Impacts
- Land-based Recreation-7: Lack of Maintenance

2. Circulation, Access, and Parking

3. Significant Resources Values

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SITE ANALYSIS

A. Sunset Circle

- Restroom
- Erosion Control

B. East Lake

- Drainage Outfall Improvement
- Erosion Control Retaining Wall

C. Viaduct East (Bufano Penguin)

- Renovate Existing Picnic Area

D. Viaduct West

- Restroom
- Renovate Existing Picnic Area
- Erosion Control Retaining Wall

E. Perimeter Trail

- Repair Asphalt Path Root Intrusion

F. John Muir Drive

- Replace existing PAR Course

G. Skyline Blvd, North

- Erosion Control Retaining Wall



A. Sunset Circle

- Replace existing portable toilet with a permanent restroom facility.
- Mitigate erosion on Sunset Circle path with construction of a retaining wall at steep slope.



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B. East Lake

- Drainage Outfall Improvement, extend 8" pipe approximately 150 linear feet to wetland
- Erosion Control Retaining Wall at steep slopes



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C. Viaduct East (Bufano Penguin)

- Renovate Existing Picnic Area, new site furnishings, structural landscape improvements
- Regrade pathway, drainage, structural landscape improvements



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D. Viaduct West

- Replace existing portable toilet with a permanent restroom facility.
- Renovate Existing Picnic Area, new site furnishings, structural landscape improvements
- Erosion Control Retaining Wall at north side of viaduct



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E. Perimeter Trail

- Repair Asphalt Path Root Intrusion, at multiple points around the perimeter



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F. John Muir Drive

- Replace existing PAR Course stations



G. Skyline Blvd, North

- Mitigate erosion on Skyline Blvd path, North of Harding Road, with construction of a retaining wall at steep slope.



What do you like about Lake Merced?

What are your concerns, how can it be better?

- Facility improvements
- Programming improvements
- Site deficiencies/opportunities

What are your priorities for the park?

How do you/would you and your friends/family use the park?

Next Steps:

- Generate Preliminary Program
- Develop Concepts
- Community Meeting #2
- Draft Plan and Public Input
- Update project website with progress



Please submit additional comments to:

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Thank you!

Project website: <http://sfrecpark.org/project/lake-merced-2012-bond-project/>

