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BERNAL HEIGHTS TRAIL RESTORATION PROJECT

Community Meeting

Bernal Heights Library Meeting Room
April 4, 2012 from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Summary of Community Comments:

1. Erosion control caused by people and dogs – keeping everyone on trails is a priority
2. Like proposed rustic quality of trail improvements
3. Trail width and alignment to address grading and drainage management
4. Provide a trail surface that's easy to walk on
5. Could some improvements that are not fully funded by the available bond funded be accomplished in a future phase?
 - a. It's possible a phase 2 could be funded by other future fund sources such as a future bond, donations or grants
6. Split rail fencing at bottom of trail is intended to protect hillside from erosion
7. Consider following invasive plant removal efforts with native planting to stabilize the soil
8. The communications tower at the top of the hill is private property
9. Consider planting trees and/or seedlings where appropriate on hill
10. Don't block view with trees
11. Dogs / ball fetching on hillside contributes to erosion. Fence may not help the problem – makes it more difficult for owner's to pick up after their dogs
12. If there's a fence at the bottom of the hill it might help to tie it into the hill so that it's closed off
13. Consider signage to encourage / promote for appropriate park use
14. SFMTA update
 - a. Trail design team met with SFMTA staff to discuss improving the safety of street crossings in the vicinity of the trail. More information about SFMTA studies for Bernal Heights is available at:
<http://www.sfmta.com/cms/ohome/homelive.htm>
15. What does the term "existing trails" on the plan mean?
 - a. The existing trails denoted by dashed lines will either be decommissioned if they contribute to erosion or loss of habitat or be left in place but be unimproved. The proposed trail improvements are either existing trail that will be improved with the bond funds or new segments with improved alignments.
16. Consider seating opportunities at the top



17. Consider adding street signage at the (DPW) stairs that come up from the streets surrounding the park.
18. Keep trail signage to a minimum (avoid visual clutter that detracts for the open space experience)
19. Difficult to discourage use (desire lines) on trails to be decommissioned
 - a. If the trails are designed so that they are easy to use and get people where they want to go it will be easy to establish new use patterns
20. Likes the new walkable trails and useable loops proposed in the plan. Need connections to other side of the hill.
21. Would like to see the opportunity for stairs on the north side for folks who want to get to the top quickly explored a little more
22. There is a lot of foot traffic from Folsom
23. Use more native plant material for seasonal interest and to cut down on the foxtails
24. Native materials will be used for trail surface (soil and crushed rock)