

SF REC & PARK

WASHINGTON SQUARE PLAYGROUND

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION #1
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016



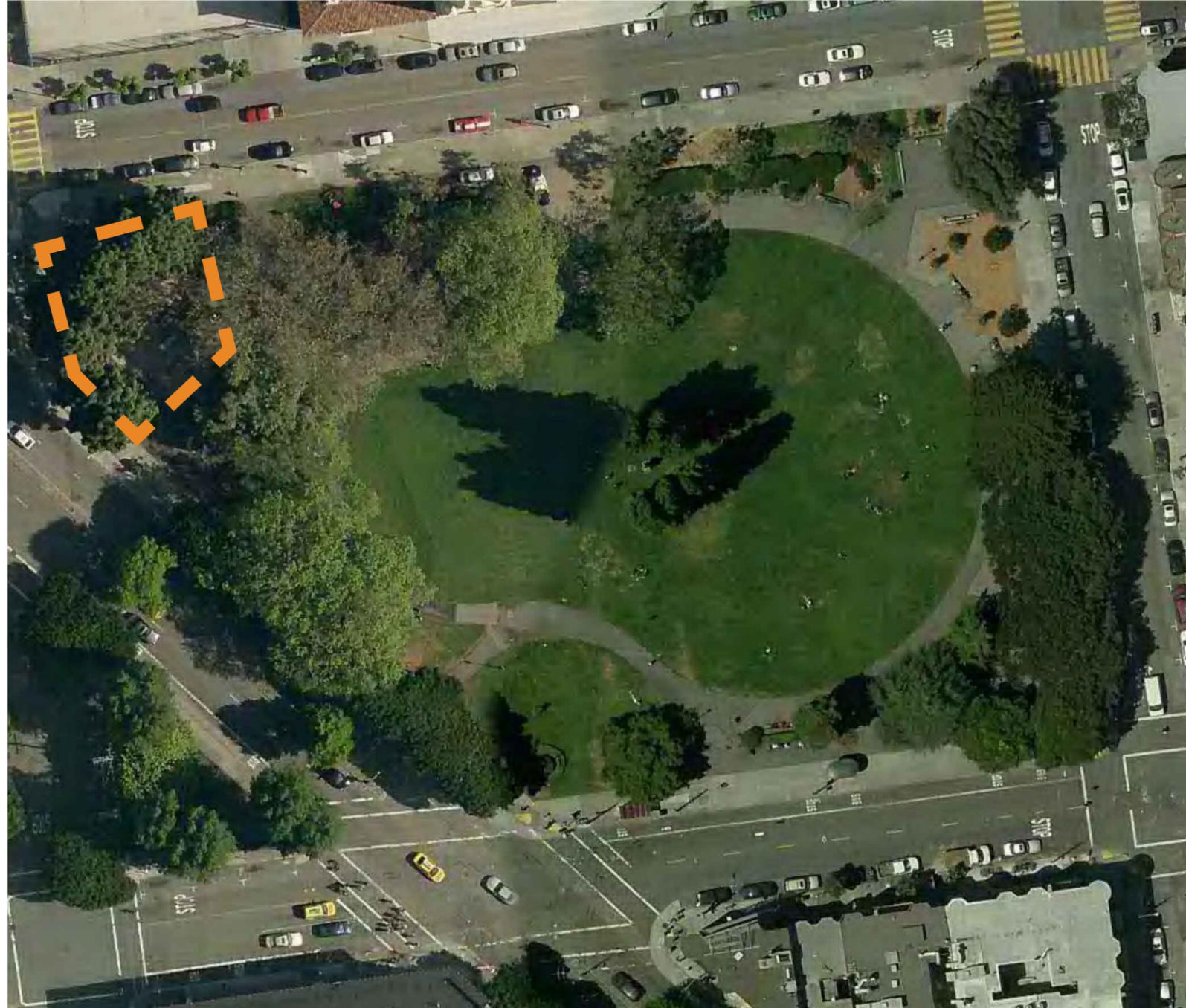
A Let'sPlaySF
Playground Project



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GROUND RULES

- Please sign-in
- Turn off cell phones
- Direct comments to the facilitator
- Raise your hand to speak
- Keep to the agenda
- Please hold all questions for the end



AGENDA

Welcome, Introductions, Objectives and Ground Rules

Part I: Let'sPlaySF / 2012 Bond Program Background

Part II: Washington Square Playground Project Overview,
Budget, Schedule, and Project Program Preferences

Part III: Project Priorities and Feedback
Comments and Questions
Next Steps



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MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Provide an opportunity for public input on the future improvements planned for Washington Square Playground.
- Design has not started, we want to hear from you first to help inform the project.
- Identify project program preferences for play area.
- Actively listening to community.



PART I

Let'sPlaySF & 2012 Bond Program





- **Let'sPlaySF!** is a partnership between the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department and the San Francisco Parks Alliance that seeks to inspire creativity and play throughout the City through great playgrounds.
- In the coming years, 13 playgrounds prioritized for improvement by a citizen task force will be re-imagined and redesigned to nurture growing bodies and brains for this and future generations of San Francisco's children.
- The project began with voter approval of the **2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond** that included \$15.5 million to renovate the city's worst playgrounds.
- A citizen task force met for six months, held six public meetings including a field trip and prioritized 13 playgrounds as the most in need of renovation based on three primary criteria:
 - Presence of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) wood
 - Neighborhood Demographics: high youth density
 - Neighborhood Demographics: low median income



Priority Playgrounds per the Failing Playgrounds Task Force
 Adopted December 2014



- These playgrounds are spread all across San Francisco and serve nearly 20,000 children
- \$15.5 million is not enough to fund all the playgrounds, so the Department is partnering with the Parks Alliance to raise at least \$10.75 million in private funding to ensure there are safe imaginative places to play across San Francisco
- If you love playgrounds and play and if you are interested in getting involved in the city-wide campaign please be in touch!
- Questions ? Contact:

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POWER OF TRANSFORMATIONS



Cabrillo Playground: BEFORE



Cabrillo Playground: AFTER (completed in 2013)



PART II

Washington Square Playground



PROJECT SCHEDULE

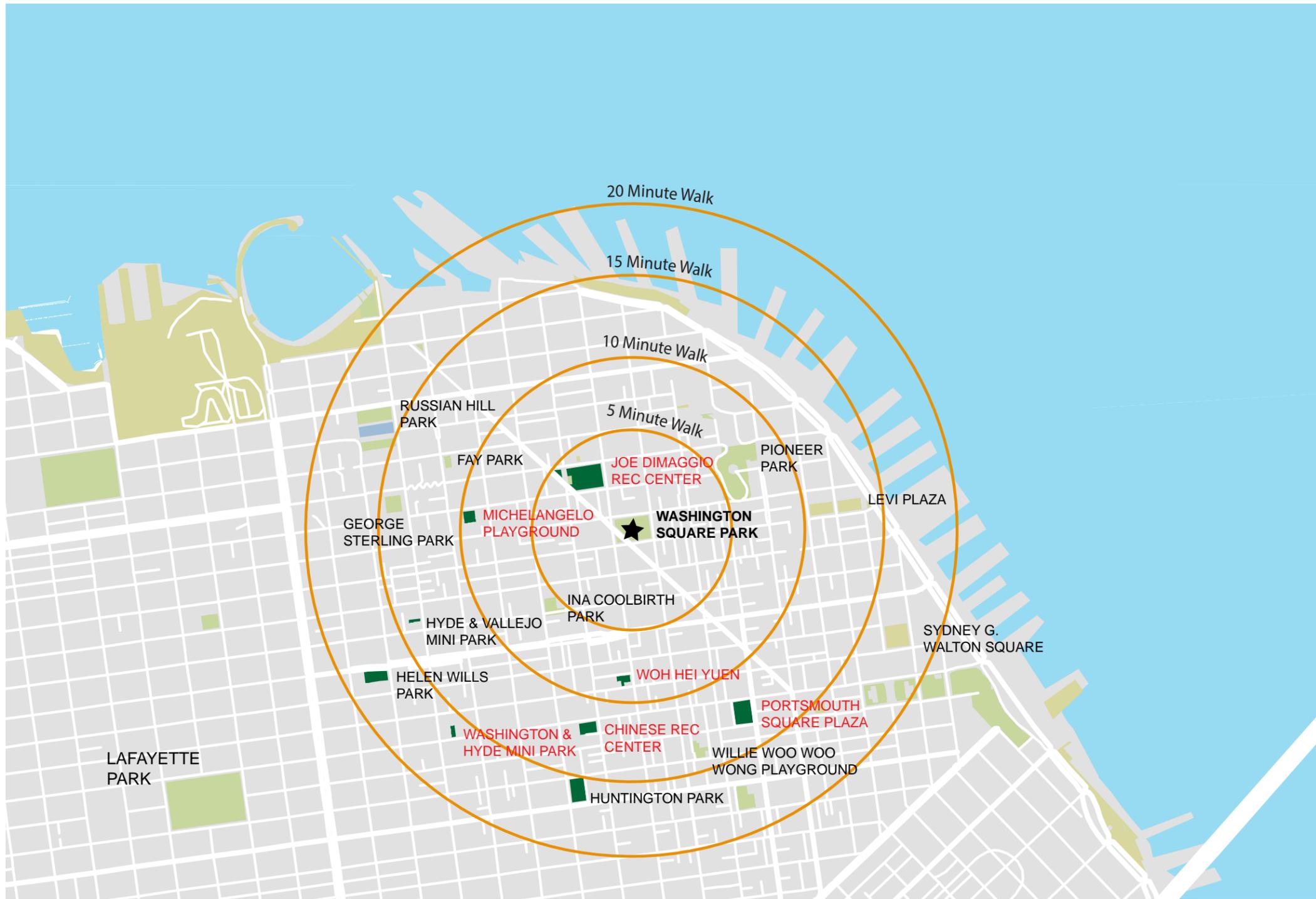
Planning	Spring 2016
Meeting #1	May 2016
Meeting #2	Summer 2016
Meeting #3	Fall 2016
Design	Fall 2016
Bidding + Start Construction	Spring 2017
Construction Complete	Late 2018 - Early 2019

PROJECT BUDGET

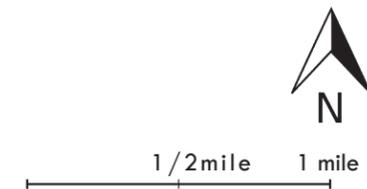
\$1.493 million = \$990,000 Construction Cost + \$503,000 Soft Cost

-Soft costs include: project management, design, planning and engineering services, construction management, permits, surveys, & miscellaneous fees.





Park with Playground
 Park





Joe DiMaggio Playground



Michelangelo Playground



Woh Hei Yuen Playground



Portsmouth Square Plaza



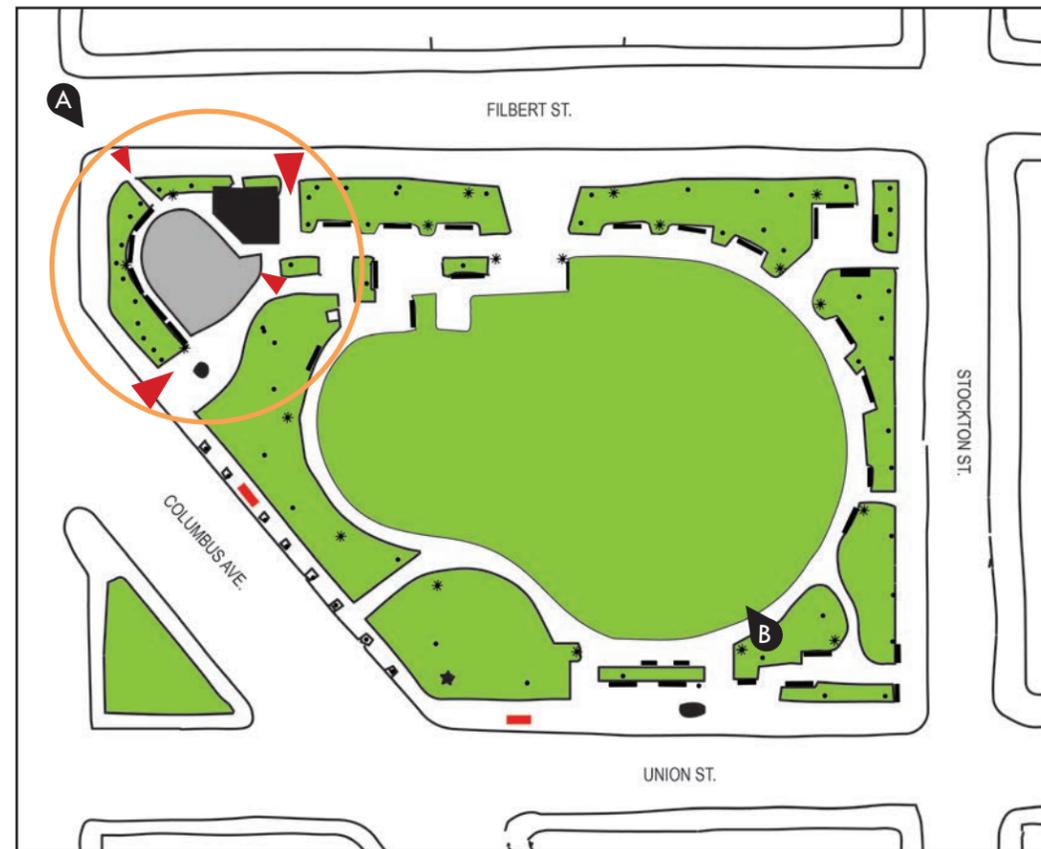
Chinese Recreation Center



Washington & Hyde Mini Park

PROJECT CONTEXT

- Playground included in the Washington Square Landmark designation, 1999.
- 1/13th of park area
- Tucked in shade zone of park.



A. Corner of Filbert St. & Powell St.



B. Looking Across Central Lawn

PROJECT PARAMETERS

- Playground footprint to follow current.
- Current playground standards require more space than existing equipment.
- Funds targeted only to playground improvement.
- Benches part of historic fabric.



A.



B.



Program Preferences for Play Area





Modern Fitness Play



Sculptural Tot Lot



All Ages Play

PART III

Priorities & Feedback



COMMUNITY PRIORITIES & FEEDBACK

- What do you like about the current playground/structure?
- What are your concerns, how can we do it better?
- What age group should we target for the playground?
- What are your priorities for the playground?



NEXT STEPS...

- Please send comments to the Project Manager by **Friday, May 27th**.
Email: Levi.Conover@sfgov.org
Phone: 415-581-2572
- Community Meeting #2 will be scheduled in Summer 2016 to review design options. Please look out for notices.

THANK YOU!!!

