



# MEETING MINUTES

## GLEN CANYON: *Community Workshop #6*

**Time/Date:**

Thursday, June 6, 2011  
6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Location:**

Glen Canyon Recreation Center  
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1. Welcome and Open House: The meeting began with 20 minutes for community members to walk around and look at the boards. Facilitators were available to answer questions.
2. Introductions: Alejandra Chiesa (TPL) welcomed everyone to culminating meeting.
  - a. AC described the agenda and reviewed the goals for the final workshop
  - b. AC introduced the planning team: RPD, TPL, WRT
  - c. AC reviewed the master plan process
  - d. AC reviewed funding sources for the master plan, and thanked the Coastal Conservancy for its generous grant. AC explained that TPL also donated services and time to extend the \$5.8 million from the 2008 bond.
  - e. Michael Rice, President of the Glen Park Neighborhood Association, talked about ways to give donations to support the recent tragedy of the death of two fire fighters. For more information, visit [glenparkassociation.org](http://glenparkassociation.org)
3. Presentation of Final Plan and Phasing for Active Recreation Area
  - a. John Gibbs (JG), WRT project manager, presented the final plan and phasing, which is a guide for how the city should spend the \$5.8 million from the 2008 bond.
  - b. JG reviewed the goals for the recreational areas from past meetings and discussed how the plan for the recreational and natural areas fit together.
  - c. JG reviewed the options studied throughout the planning process, and how the community debated the merits of each to reach a decision.
  - d. JG reviewed the major elements of the final plan:
    - i. Entry has an open feeling
    - ii. Recreation Center entrance is more welcoming with direct site lines to the entry way
    - iii. Positioning of the tennis courts promotes increased visibility into the park
    - iv. Glade and creek area: designed to be ecological improvements/stormwater management areas
    - v. Play areas: There will be a nature play and a traditional play area. Both will be challenging and have been expanded in size (entry pathway has been narrowed down compared to the previously presented plan in order to expand the playground square footage)
    - vi. Silver Tree: improvements include using the building more efficiently, making improvements to fire ring, etc.

- vii. Street calming and sidewalk improvements: design team is discussing these issues with SFMTA. Stay tuned for more information.
      - viii. Fire access issue: design team is in discussions with fire department about code requirements
      - ix. Hillside area: picnic tables on the hillside with direct access to the canyon
    - e. Review of phased improvements:
      - i. JG reviewed improvements for phase 1 (\$5.8 million)
        - 1. welcoming entry plaza, path and native garden
        - 2. elk street sidewalk enhancement and Sussex pedestrian crossing
        - 3. direct canyon access trail
        - 4. new tennis courts
        - 5. new larger play area
        - 6. park accessible bathroom and minor building repair
      - ii. JG reviewed elements for phase 2 (costed at \$20.6 million) and future improvements (costed at \$8.7 million) – see power point for more detailed information
4. Presentation of Trail Improvement Plan
- a. Lisa Wayne reviewed the community process for the trails portion of Glen Canyon Park, and then described the improvements for each trail segment.
  - b. Overall goals: keep trails rustic feeling. Minimal way-finding signage will be added. Goal of have a well-connected network of trails. (See ppt for goal of each trail segment and images of potential improvements)
    - i. Creekside Accessible Trail:
    - ii. Islais Creek Trail
    - iii. Lower Rock / Saddle Trail
    - iv. Christopher Connector
    - v. Grasslands trail:
    - vi. Connector Trail:
      - 1. Goes up to Portola and then to the north side of Twin Peaks. Part of the trail is on SOTA property, so the school district will be involved
5. Next Steps: Karen Mauney-Brodek (RPD) discussed the next steps for the project
- a. The Improvement Plan will be presented to the RPD Commission in late summer 2011 for approval.
  - b. Active Recreation Phase 1:
    - i. There will be a workshop that will focus on a more detailed design for phase 1 improvements (tentatively schedule for Fall 2011). Items such as materials and playground equipment will be discussed, for example.
    - ii. Phase 1 design finalization, construction drawings, bid and award contract: Winter 2011 – spring 2012
    - iii. Phase 1 construction: start anticipated Summer 2012
  - c. Active Recreation Phase 2: Timeline depends on future funding
    - i. RPD is committed to working with Supervisor Weiner’s office and others to raise the necessary funds. Other potential sources include

2012 bond, grants, and working with city agencies such as MTA and PUC.

6. Questions and comments:

- a. Suggestion that the building should get painted in phase one so that the expanded/open entrance doesn't focus in on a very ugly Recreation Center.
- b. How does the drainage work? – JG used the drawing section to explain that the water goes into a culvert behind the Recreation Center
- c. Don't take the eucalyptus trees along the entry walkway out.
- d. Will the collapsed entryway sewer be repaired? Answer: yes
- e. Will there be safety lighting to increase security? Answer: yes. This will be designed when the project moves into detailed design (fall 2011)
- f. Fencing: suggestion that the fencing that runs along Elk/Bosworth be improved
- g. Will bicycles be permitted on the connector trail? No – the trail will be designed as a hiking trail and not for mountain bikers
- h. There should be more enforcement of leash laws from RPD and SFPD.
- i. More discussion about 2012 bond: How can community members help Glen Canyon Park get full funding in the next bond? Karen Mauney-Brodek responded that having a park improvement plan will be very helpful in this process.
- j. What mechanisms will be taken to stop fires in the Canyon? Lisa Wayne is aware of the acute fire danger in this park, and currently (and will continue to) implement ways to decrease fire hazards
- k. What will trail signage look like? The one shown in the powerpoint is 'ugly'. Suggestion that it is minimal, like European hiking trails
- l. Gillian Gillette (legislative aide to Scott Weiner): suggests that community members use 311 if they experience traffic issues. She is committed to working with MTA and CTA to get funding for improvements.
- m. Could there be a connector trail to the Miraloma neighborhoods? Lisa Wayne responded that the connector trail is best suited up to Portola because the eastern side of the Canyon is more of a nature area, and that crossing O'Shaughnessy is very difficult for pedestrians.

7. Thank you for your hard work and participation in this process!