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Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

**Herz Playground Recreation Center
Community Meeting
Zoom
Saturday, July 18 11am-12pm**

Participants

Project Team Members & City Staff:

SFRPD: Alexis Ward, Stacey Bradley, LaMonté Bishop, Linda Barnard, Peter Moore

Architecture Team: Leddy Maytum Stacy, Gregg Novicoff, Marsha Maytum, Kirk Nelson, Lindsey Trogdon, Sara Sepander

Landscape Architecture Team: ACLA, Emily Rylander

Mercy Housing: Ramie Dare, Danielle Tate, Elizabeth Kuwada

Proyecto: Daniel Hernandez

Notes

To see the project presentation please visit the project webpage.

<http://www.sfrecpark.org/1488/Herz-Recreation-Center-Project>

Contact Project Manager, Alexis Ward alexis.ward@sfgov.org with questions.

(37 participants total, including presenters, staff, co-hosts)

Presentation

- Alexis introduced the project including the need/opportunity, and the project schedule.
- Design team, Gregg & Emily presented the updated design.
 - *Guiding Principles*
 - *Creating A Shared Vision*
 - *What we have heard*
 - *Existing conditions*
 - *Improvements Goal*
 - *Discussion today on Recreation center*
 - *How Does it Feel*
 - *What happens inside*
 - *What happens outside*
 - *Recreation Center Options*
 - *A: Front Porch: front door is south onto park, entry as space for gym activity to spill out, community gathering space in event lawn & grove area, fitness park to west of gym*
 - *B: Fitness Terrace: entry directly off of Hahn St, protected outdoor fitness area & lawn, ping pong grove, picnic lookout gathering space west of gym with connections to rest of park*



Project Discussion:

Questions from Participants

- Son was victim of group robbery near Coffman Pool, and participant was concerned about security presence in area. Will security be part of this facility?
 - a. In the past, RPD worked closely with Police Dept to have a presence at Herz. RPD will report back with more information.
 - b. Participant recommended to have a security presence that knows the community and community can feel comfortable with, and not the police.
- Will this rec center be built at the same time as the rest of the Sunnydale development work?
 - a. Rec Center, Community Center, plus two affordable housing developments will be completed around the same time. Before that, two affordable housing developments will have been constructed. Other housing construction will continue for many years following.
- Is the clubhouse part of this project? The presumption is that the Health & Recovery Bond passes in Nov. 2020 for this to go forward?
 - a. The clubhouse isn't part of this new rec center. The clubhouse will not be rebuilt/renovated. This project is to create a separate new building on the other side of Coffman Pool. Yes, this project will be part of bond.
- What is the total cost to complete the project? At earlier meetings, there was discussion of having two basketball courts (rotating the courts to fit more within the building). What are insights about this?
 - a. The team needed to keep building within the footprint to maintain project costs. The gym can be arranged with two smaller courts going perpendicular to the main court for a total of 6 hoops.
 - b. Total project budget is \$20M funded through the Bond and commitment from Mercy & Related. Need to keep the design within the budget at this point, but there is an opportunity to have half court spaces to provide for more hoops.
- Will the park be redone as well? Or is this just work for the gymnasium? Will the playground stay sand or will a different material be replaced so kids can play on that?
 - a. There will be exterior improvements to the park, too, plus building the new rec center. The exterior improvements will be focused around the new rec center. Please contact Project Manager, Alexis Ward, at alexis.ward@sfgov.org to discuss the separate playground project.
- What happens if the bond doesn't pass? How does this effect timeline and budget? This is an opportunity to talk about the ball fields, etc. in the rest of the park (north west of pool) - how often does this ball field get used? Can we discuss use of entire area, so we can have a plan that works for the entire area and not just the gym?
 - a. Half of the funding is coming from the Bond. If the Bond doesn't pass, RPD will pursue other sources of funding and grant opportunities, but it would slow down project. While this project is focused on the recreation center, we have opportunities to look at the park holistically. The Bond includes funding for the greater McLaren park so if the bond passes, there will be another community process to get input on these spaces. Be sure to stay involved! Community Opportunity Fund Program is also included in the Bond, allows for community members to apply for a project, so this is another avenue to bring resources to the park
- Will the bond require majority only, or two-thirds vote?
 - a. It will require two-thirds vote to pass.
- Community member requested to have all items emailed to him. Will this be a single-story gymnasium? Will majority of fitness equipment be outside of the building instead of inside the

building? Did you get a cost to move the existing transformer to allow the gym to be wider? Will the court still be collegiate-court dimensions? There will be no cardio or free weights inside the facility?

- . Yes, single-story. The fitness equipment will be outside. We are still working on evaluating the existing transformer and costs related to possibly moving or replacing it. All meeting materials will be available on the project webpage. If anyone has trouble accessing them, please email Alexis Ward at alexis.ward@sfgov.org.
- Thank you for offering Spanish and Cantonese translation, but many monolingual people do not have the digital access to participate. Suggests talking to manager of 500 Raymond (Vis Valley Strong Families) to provide seniors with something (set up Chinese-language focus group). Space has a lot of well thought of ideas, but missing information about seniors (we want a covered space for tai chi, we have mentioned this before). Seniors, especially Asians, would like a covered space outside to provide chance for intergenerational activities.
- Community Safety: has been working on this for many years and feels this should be a priority. Glass at Coffman Pool has been broken, has been an issue with broken glass in pool. Safety should be taken into account in design to make this practical.
- Surveillance cameras should be outside to make people feel safer
- Solar Use: There is so much sun in area so solar use should be incorporated
- Recommends multilingual signage because Sunnydale area is very diverse
 - a. Thank you for these comments and we will consider how we can implement this feedback and connect outside this meeting on these concerns.

Poll

1. Which Recreation Center plan do you prefer?
 - a. 64% (9) prefer front porch
 - b. 36% (5) prefer fitness terrace
2. What outdoor amenities do you prefer?
 - a. Exercise equipment 57%, picnic tables 57%, flexible space 57%, grove of trees 50%, ping pong tables 36%, lawn 21%, space for event tents 14%
3. What types of outdoor fitness equipment should be included?
 - a. Circuit training 74%, Cardio equipment 64%, Room to stretch 57%, and Weight lifting equipment 36%

Poll Discussion

1. One participant selected the Fitness Terrace because it had separation between activity space and the gym
2. One participant picked Fitness Terrace because she feels like there is wasted space in McLaren park and things happen with wasted space, so wants to make sure that this is well utilized and there are a lot of people trying to get exercise in the neighborhood. She also likes that this has a locked feature.

Next steps

1. Focus group meetings. Anyone interested in participating please email Project Manager, Alexis Ward, at alexis.ward@sfgov.org.