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## Moscone Playground Meeting #2 Notes from the December 1, 2015 Public Meeting

### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Part 1: Project Overview
- Part 2: Results from Meeting #1
- Part 3: East Site Options
- Part 4: Feedback

### Part 4: Feedback

**Staff presented the proposed project closely following the slides in the Power Point presentation.**

#### *Voting Results*

| Scheme          | Total Number of Votes |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Garden Rooms | 3                     |
| 2. Trike Track  | 4                     |
| 3. Play         | 11                    |

*In addition to feedback received at the public meeting, staff also received approximately 12 emails in support of a bike track option. This information will also be considered as we finalize the design.*

#### **Public Comment:**

- Why isn't there a master plan for the entire park? A member of the public suggested that there should be a master plan for the entire park and he would be willing to fund the process. There was a suggestion that he contact the Parks Alliance.
- Does RPD have any demographic data of the neighborhood?
  - The designs don't seem very compatible with seniors.
  - Are there any senior-only spaces in the city?
  - When do seniors frequent the park?
- The eco-friendliness of the options are great!
- Like space which can be used as kids age.
- Do we need another play structure? Too many in the city already.



- Love the idea of incorporating teenagers within the new design: there aren't a lot of parks within the city for this age group to release their energy
  - Teenagers ruin a lot of equipment that aren't meant for them at the main playground
- Existing east site is designed solely for young children. At certain times of the day, teenagers use the existing site, presenting dangerous situations to the younger children. Parents glad to see new designs with areas to accommodate both age groups. Nursery owners would like to see fenced off area for toddlers.
- This issue of dog use in the park was discussed briefly. Staff mentioned that this project is focused on the renovation of the playground area but staff would continue a conversation about how best to address off leash dogs in the park. This would be a separate but parallel process because there is a current conflict between off-leash dogs, children and seniors.
- Concerned with children, teenager and adult space mixing
  - The age groups come at different times so conflicts are naturally resolved.
  - It is a good thing for children and seniors to mix.
- Please retain the enclosure that the east site currently offers.
  - Fencing around the perimeter will be replaced but kept at approx. the existing height.
- Landscape Link (Priority #2) is a great idea to connect the different areas along Chestnut Street and provide a space for passive recreation.
- Nurseries cannot use the main playground because it is too crowded.
- Less is more: designs that provide more room for children to let loose are better. This will also help the visual sight lines into the space for the police who are making their rounds in the neighborhood. There is a large homeless population issue within the area and closed off areas can worsen the problem.
- Saucer/bucket swings:
  - ADA accessible
  - Appealing to children and teenagers
  - Can lead to accidents?
  - Can only serve a small number at one time

*Specific Feedback*

| Scheme 1: Garden Rooms   |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is there a way for less conflict between the bike riders and other users within the design?</li> <li>● Can the bocce court be made with other materials, like artificial turf, to promote multi-use during no bocce play?</li> <li>● Scheme 1 is the closest option that seniors would enjoy (i.e. bocce), the other schemes are for children.</li> <li>● Bocce court incorporated with children area can be problematic. Can we separate the two areas?</li> </ul> |  |



### Scheme 2: Trike Track

- Love elements that can be used throughout a child's growth: bike parks are great because all age groups can enjoy it
- The play-oriented bike track would promote children's interest in learning how to ride bikes/spend time on bikes (a great addition to supplement Marina Middle School's PE curriculum)
- Bike parks come in all shapes and sizes, cost very little to build, and can be designed to blend in with the surrounding. The tracks can be designed to prevent children running onto the paths during use.
- Concerned with whether bike track can really accommodate both children and teenagers.
- Can we use the bike track for other means as well (i.e. hopscotch)?
- Moscone Recreation Center staff will lock up movable furniture after sun down.

### Scheme 3: Play

- Ping-pong tables don't seem to fit the overall design
  - Ping pong tables are used around the clock by all age groups at the parks that offer them
- Love the benches and small play house for tots
- Like Scheme 3 because don't think squeezing bike tracks into a very small area is a good idea (Schemes 1 & 2)
- Teen area is great and very interesting
- Like the separation of space between the different age groups
- Like the mix of climbing challenges for tots and teenagers
- Can we use organic, recycled materials for the structures?
- There is already a number of play structures within the city. Can we do something different?
- Children can slide off berm/artificial turf. This can save money instead of an actual slide.

### General Notes and Comments:

There is a community council meeting once a month for all those interested in participating.

Parks Alliance is a great place to start a "Friends of the Moscone Park."

Staff concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their participation and positive feedback. The next steps would be to take the feedback provided and develop a single concept plan which will be presented at the final meeting. Staff also stressed that there are limited funds for this project and that we will make every effort to meet the needs of the public within the available funds allowed.

Next meeting would be scheduled for the beginning of next year.



