



Guy Place – New Park Development

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AGENDA & MINUTES

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Ground Rules
3. Background and Planning Process
4. Neighborhood Context
5. Opportunities and Constraints
6. Examples of other Mini Parks

7. Brainstorming and Comments
 - a. Avocado attracts rats
 - b. Wish to see well-maintained trees
 - c. Size of trees create sense of belonging; landmark
 - d. Trees in front (esp. ash tree) are especially large. No other trees in area as large.
 - e. Keep large tree
 - f. Reflect historic aspects of neighborhood. Interpretive signs.
 - g. Lighting plan for park (subtle lighting in rear of park)
 - h. Water feature for rear of lot good idea
 - i. Like incorporating restaurant in lower terrace of park; bring life and people
 - j. Capitalize items on site already (trees, grade change)
 - k. Important to have relationship from sidewalk to park
 - l. Diagram B good; uses slope
 - m. Maximize usable space for the public
 - n. Possible increase grade of entire park (difficult?) – concern with appropriateness to site conditions
 - o. Diagram D overlap of space good
 - p. Like joint use of (shared) space – better for neighborhood
 - q. Change location of door to advantage of park design?
 - r. Concerned with lack of visibility
 - s. Place for sitting outside
 - t. Appreciate sculpture/art





- u. Concern with overwhelming dog use (Essex Park may be more appropriate for dog use)
- v. Need presence from sidewalk/street
- w. Destination-oriented; children's play
- x. Bring value to neighborhood
- y. Generate "community"
- z. South Park not meeting area need for playgrounds
- aa. Par course/exercise
- bb. Terraced garden
- cc. FlexCar
- dd. Concern with sleeping in park at night. How will park be secured at night?
- ee. Contemplative experience
- ff. Create intimate spaces for gathering
- gg. Heliostats deflect sun into space. May need owners' permission to install.
- hh. Not too colorful
- ii. Community-involved maintenance
- jj. Chinese garden design
- kk. More sophisticated design
- ll. Like Levi Plaza berms to lie on grass
- mm. Like green spaces; lots of hardscape around already

8. Next Steps

