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Stanyan Street Improvements Community Meeting #1 Notes – October 19th 2016 Meeting

Attendees: 15

1. Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Part 1: Background Information (bond program and site discussion)

Part 2: Stanyan Street Frontage Improvement Overview

Part 3: Project Priority Exercise

Part 4: Comments/Questions/Next Steps

Staff Introduction:

- Staff provided a general overview of the 2012 Bond Program and identified how Golden Gate Park relates to the bond program and where initial funding for this project was being secured.
- An overview of the current project budget was identified at \$2.5M. Staff articulated that the scope of work being discussed at the meeting is in excess of the available funding but RPD would continue to explore other funding opportunities to complete as many improvements as possible.
- Staff outlined the overall project schedule and identified 4 project areas
- Staff also gave a brief introduction to a proposal to engage with the Exploratorium on the installation of a temporary exhibit with the goal of providing another positive public experience in the area. This project would be integrated into the planning process for the project discussed this evening.
- Staff thanked the community for their on-going commitment to making the edge of the park a better space and for providing their insight and direction on proposed improvements.

2. Public Comment:

Request Neighborhood Project Coordination – Bigger picture

- GGP Tennis courts project coordination.



- Streetscape projects coordination (Masonic, Page, and Haight St). Team to discuss with PW and MTA on any overlap on proposed street projects and the work proposed in GGP.
- Question on status of Tunnel Project (currently in construction documents phase); desire for tunnel not to be closed during Summer 2017 for the Summer of Love (big community event)
- Oak Woodlands on north east edge of park was discussed (Melinda Stockman: –RPD Project Manager is handling this project). Questions about the status of this project would be passed to Ms. Stockman so that she can respond directly.
- Coordination with Friends of the Oak Woodlands is important since that site is a major entry-way to park
- Trails connecting to other park area sites, creating a bike and or pedestrian circuit
- Project can trigger and connect other park improvement spaces through signage

Maintenance

- Trash containers-- pick-up, collection system, more containers
- Cigarette butts are a major trash issue in the area
- Long-term operation strategy from RPD?
 - Capital funding unfortunately can be spent on ongoing maintenance.
 - Need dedicated operation staff to maintain park infrastructure.

Programming

- “Taking It to the Streets”-program engaging homeless youth to take care of the park. Want to maintain and expand this existing program.
- Need community discussion on concessions. Make sure that we supplement and don’t compete with local businesses.
- Bike rentals and conflict with private, local vendors was discussed
- Community individual’s desire to see more economic and social activities in the area
- Toilets desired for park visitors and tourists

General

- There is an overall “disconnect” between community and Rec & Park
- The neighbors on the south/east edge of the park need more notifications
- The parking lot area and frontage has been ignored and needs to be addressed, safety concern.
- Cultural identity ties with Haight should be considered in the design development.
- Suggest looking at successful park precedents such as Bryant Park, NYC (ping-pong, stage, managed) and Tongva, Santa Monica.

Stanyan/Haight Plaza and Stanyan Sidewalk

- Community concern about bike zone real estate being only for tourists. Some mentioned that the bikes are also used by local folks as well.
- What kind of paving material will be used in the plaza? Possible Exploratorium exhibit location?



- Bulb-out at plaza feels too close to traffic and is a safety concern for pedestrians
- Concern of planting barrier becoming another haven
- Native plants in lieu of lawn should be considered.

Kiosk

- Café as a meeting point with seating is a good idea
- Hot chocolate stand, tai-chi area, activities opportunity

MTA Issues

- Overall improve circulation at Page Street park entry. Improve bike circulation from entry to Kezar crosswalk
- Provide bike lanes on street improvement projects
- Possible elimination of parking and addition of bike lanes on the west side of Stanyan
- Public countered with no removal of parking. Parking is limited

3. Prioritization/ Dot Exercise Summary:

Meeting attendees were given three “dot stickers” each representing a first, second and third priority rating. They were instructed to place their “dots” on the improvement elements that they would like to see at this park location. Below is the outcome of this priority rating exercise.

Rating Key

Priority #1 dot = 3 points

Priority #2 dot = 2 points

Priority #3 dot = 1 point

Project Area 1- Stanyan/Haight Plaza

#1 priority. 3 dots = 9 points: 2 @ “Add directional /informational signage”; 1@ unspecified/general approval for Stanyan/Haight Plaza;

#2 priority. 3 dots =6 points: 1 @ Stanyan Bulb-out; 1 @ plaza garden; 1 @ unspecified/general approval for Stanyan/Haight Plaza;

#3 priority. 3 dots = 3 points: 1 @ “Explore bike vendor operation/staging area;” 2 @ unspecified/general approval for Stanyan/Haight Plaza;

Total 9 votes /18 points

Project Area 2- Stanyan Street Sidewalk

#1 priority. 6 dots = 18 points: 6@ Stanyan Sidewalk aerial photo within project boundary

#2 priority. 5 dots = 10 points: 4@ unspecified/general approval for Stanyan street sidewalk; 1 @ Stanyan Sidewalk aerial photo within project boundary



#3 priority. 5 dots = 5 points: 1@ “Construct new concrete sidewalk” 2@ Prune existing trees;” 2 @ photo on concrete curbs at parked cars

Total 16 Votes/33 points

Project Area 3- Oak Woodland and Staircase

#1 priority. 1 dot = 3 points: 1@ unspecified/general approval for oak woodland

#2 priority. 1 dot = 2 points: 1 @ Stairway photo

#3 priority. 4 dots= 4 points: 4@ unspecified/general approval for oak woodland

Total 6 Votes/9 points

Project Area 4-Kiosk Visitor Station & Bocce Courts

#1 priority. 8 dots = 24 points: 2@ unspecified/general approval for kiosk; 2@ Renovate existing restroom into kiosk; 1 @ maintain one all-gender restroom; 2@ Install recreation activity; 1 @ restroom photo

#2 priority. 6 dots = 12 points: 2@ unspecified/general approval for kiosk; 3@ maintain one all-gender restroom; 1 @ restroom photo

#3 priority. 3 dots = 3 points: 1@ unspecified/general approval for kiosk; 1 @ maintain one all-gender restroom; 1 @ restroom photo

Total 17 votes/39 points

Staff identified that they would take the feedback received at this meeting and develop concept plans that will be presented at the next community meeting which is anticipated to take place in December if schedules permit.