



Please join us at the future site of

Florida Avenue Park

(Florida Ave. between Taylor and San Anselmo)

Saturday, March 30, 2019

9am – 11am

Presentation

at 9:30am

**WE HAVE NEWS TO SHARE AND
WANT YOUR OPINION!**

*Join us for a community discussion and
update on the development of the park*

light refreshments to be served

San Bruno

“The City With A Heart”



Florida Avenue Park Project Update

Once built, the park will be a welcome addition to a portion of the community that does not have a neighborhood park with playground equipment. Unfortunately, development of the park is delayed until issues surrounding the removal of two heritage trees are resolved.

The City undertook an extensive public process involving the neighborhood to develop the park over several years, and then retained a consultant to develop conceptual plans, which the City Council approved in October 2016. The plans call for fourteen new trees to be planted. However, two existing trees on the site are inconsistent with the community-preferred design. One tree, which is directly above the children’s play equipment, has the potential to drop large cones weighing 1–2 lbs. from a height of 50–80 feet, creating a serious hazard. The tree also secretes a sticky substance that would create a significant maintenance problem for the play equipment below. According to the City’s staff arborist and three independent arborists, the other tree is permanently deformed due to prior trimming and topping.

The City addressed these issues by proposing modifications to the park plans, including removing the two existing trees, which the Park and Recreation Commission supported. After staff posted a notice that the trees would be removed, a group of residents retained an attorney and appealed the decision to the City Council. Following the City Council’s denial of the appeal, their attorney stated that they would sue the City if the trees were removed. To avoid a potentially lengthy delay caused by litigation, the City agreed to defer removing the trees, and to meet with the appellants and their attorney to discuss whether the matter can be resolved without significantly reducing the useable area of the park, unwarranted expense to relocate or redesign its key features, or unsustainable maintenance requirements.

More information at:

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