

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2 SUMMARY

CITY OF SAN BRUNO FLORIDA AVENUE PARK MASTER PLAN

August 16, 2016 | 6:30 pm – 8:30pm

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW AND FORMAT

The second Community Workshop for the Florida Avenue Park Master Plan was held August 16, 2016 at Bay Area Entrepreneur Center at 458 San Mateo Avenue. The workshop was the second in a series of two workshops hosted by the City to engage the neighborhood in developing a conceptual master plan for the park. Fourteen community members attended the interactive workshop.

Kerry Burns, the City's Community Development Director, opened the meeting by welcoming participants. Joan Chaplick of the consulting design firm, MIG, served as the meeting facilitator for the evening. Joan reviewed the meeting agenda, which included a presentation on the results of Community Workshop #1 and the draft Master Plan design concept that was developed based on input from that workshop; an open house during which participants could review and comment on the draft Master Plan; and final comments and next steps.

Joan introduced Matthew Gaber, landscape architect from MIG who presented the draft Master Plan design concept. Matthew explained how the design had been developed by drawing on the preferred experiences and desired activities and responding to the issues/concerns identified by the participants at Workshop #1. Matthew then introduced the workshop activity that invited participants to provide feedback on the Master Plan.

The draft Master Plan design concept is shown on the following page. The photographs and suggested activities are provided as examples for consideration by the participants.



COMMENTS



WORKSHOP ACTIVITY

Participants were invited to view the draft Master Plan design concept which was displayed on a large poster board. There were four identical stations provided for participants to provide their comments. Participants were invited to mark use “emoji” stickers to comments on various features. They were also encouraged to write more detailed comments on post-its or directly on the posters.

Following is a list of the emoji stickers that participants used to indicate their response to features of the Master Plan concept. The Summary of Results section below includes the Master Plan and the participants’ comments, transcribed by board. Photos of the boards with the emoji sticker stickers and comments are included as an attachment.

Emoji Stickers used by participants

	Approve – I like this component!
	Issue – I have concern with this aspect
	Question– I have a question about this

KEY THEMES

Several themes emerged from participants’ comments regarding the Master Plan concept, including:

- The majority of responses to the Master Plan design and suggested park features were positive, with “Approve” stickers distributed across many of the features on all four boards.
- Participants liked the natural play area. They suggested the following features:
 - Plenty of seating for parents
 - Enclose or encircle the area
 - Creative play equipment
- Some key issues or concerns expressed were as follows:
 - Need for adequate trash and recycling receptacles, but carefully placed to avoid encouraging dumping
 - Need for regular landscape and general maintenance
 - Concerns about attracting homeless
 - If (leashed) dogs are allowed—need for enforcement of cleanup, disposal bag dispensers

- Two proposed features (described in the narrative text) were received negatively and were rejected by participants:
 - Moveable seating—too easy to steal or damage and could attract dumping of derelict chairs
 - Barbecues—concerns about mess and crowds that barbecues could attract; picnic tables were acceptable
- Participants inquired about the maintenance schedule for the park. One resident was very supportive of having neighborhood volunteers help to supplement the park maintenance. Kerry Burns noted the City has an “adopt a Park” program and it would be highly beneficial if an organized volunteer group were ready to go when the park is constructed.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

All comments made on the Master Plan boards are transcribed below.

Board #1

Questions:

- Can moveable seating be stolen? (“Moveable seating” crossed out on list of features)
- How often will the landscaping be maintained?

Issues:

- Any way to prevent any space to become a nest for racoons, skunks?
- Hopefully doesn’t invite homeless

Suggestions:

- Recycling bin?
- Small trash receptacles on the interior

Comments:

- Amazing! Thank you.

Board #2

Issues:

- “Moveable seating” crossed out on list of features

Comments:

- Dogs—how do we change the ordinance to allow leashed, well-behaved dogs in parks! (And their humans that clean up after them)
- Poop bag dispenser(s)
- Concerns about homeless, vandalism, skateboarders, PARKING
- Anti-gopher lawn so don’t wind up with lumpy, bumpy grassy areas
- Post signs for dog clean-up

Board #3

Questions/Issues:

- “Moveable seating” crossed out on list of features
- No BBQ (2 commenters)
- How often will Parks and Rec clean up in the park?

Comments:

- Trash receptacles throughout park
- Picnic tables ok BUT NO BBQ

Board #4**Questions/Issues:**

- “Moveable seating” crossed out on list of features

Comments:

- Playground—plenty of benches here
 - Paris style – encircling play area
 - Ideally play area would be enclosed with low fence as well
- Most play areas lack enough seating for parents
- What are the designs of the moveable seating?
- Lighting
- Enough benches for parents
- For natural play area—would love something like Parc Floral in Paris—logs in architectural forms for kids to walk and play on
- Love the idea of bottle-filling fountains
- Great job. Love it.
- Will there be recycling bins? (near trash bins?)

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

Following a review and discussion of the comments, Kerry Burns described a general schedule for completion of the master plan and submittal to the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council. The week after the meeting, the City will post the summaries from both workshops and the draft Master Plan concept on the City’s website for review by those who were unable to attend the meeting. The comment period will be about three weeks and end around mid-September. Once the comment period is completed, MIG will revise the draft Master Plan design concept and submit it to the City for their review within one week of receiving the comments. The City anticipates having the plan ready for Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council consideration during their November meeting agendas. Neighbors will be notified of the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings so they can continue to stay involved.

Image 3: Master Plan Comment Board #3—Participants' Feedback

COMMENTS

- 1100 Recycle bins - Throughout Park
- How often will bins be cleaned?
- No BBQ x 2
- Picnic tables ok but no BBQ

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- EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
- CARDIO COURSE
- RANGE OF SEATING ELEMENTS
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- TRASH RECEPTACLE
- HERITAGE TREES
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Image 4: Master Plan Comment Board #4—Participants' Feedback

COMMENTS

Playground - focus on play equipment - seating, picnic tables, shade, etc. - what are the designs of the movable seating?

Lighting

Enough benches for parents

How much play area? How floor would be changing the layout of the park - long narrow play area - benches with water play area - long the idea of water play area?

GREAT JOB. LOVE IT.

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