

Showplace Square Open Space Planning Process

Comments from Meeting #1 – June 24, 2009

This document represents a summary of the information received on the comment sheets and drawn on the posters, as well as emails received by the Department. The number in parentheses represents the number of times this comment appeared.

If you have any more comments, please send them to Steve Wertheim at steve.wertheim@sfgov.org.

What kinds of open space would you like to see in the neighborhood?

Amenities

- Children's play facility
- Streetscape improvements (trees, etc.) (8)
- Soccer field (2)
- Community gardens (6)
- Traffic abatement
- Green connections between green spaces
- Passive open space (Places to meet, people watch) (4)
- Café seating (3)
- Pocket parks
- Wider sidewalks (inc. 16th and 7th) (5)
- Walkable 7th
- Active spaces (since Mission Bay's spaces precludes active spaces) (3)
- Public bike kiosks – like Paris-style bike program.
- Farmers' Market (2)
- Playgrounds (2)
- Dog park – off-leash
- Public art

Ideas

- Get sufficient open space
- Make an open space vision plan
- Establish principles/objectives for open space
- Norcal ROW/exchange
- Like Patricia's Green (2)
- Buy lots to provide additional open space
- Keep references to industrial past (train tracks, etc.)
- Berry St. – ½ the width could be turned into green space, trees, mini-park.
- Show (paint) historic shoreline
- Less need for active spaces (since Jackson is right there, as well as Potrero Hill Recreation Center)
- Active open space farther from residents
- Multi-use sites

- Too much parking in the area
- 16th St as green boulevard and commuter connection (“green street on steroids”)

What is your vision of each of the following open space opportunity sites:

1. Wolfe’s Café?

- Trees and lots of greenery and shade (7)
- Plaza (4)
- Café seating (5)
- Art and sculpture, including temporary exhibitions (7)
- Bike racks
- Remove the billboard (2)
- Community arts classes
- Digital park with WiFi
- Make traffic one-way and green both sides of Wolfe’s Café
- Closed to traffic
- Traffic substantially calmed
- Grassy (3)
- Garden (2)
- Beer garden
- Outdoor movies (on billboard)
- Protect 16th St. edge
- Green 16th St. edge
- Don’t green Irwin edge
- Bus stop
- Add stoplight at Wisconsin and 16th
- Add crosswalk at Arkansas
- Farmers market
- Improve 16th St. sidewalks
- No curbs on 8th
- Concerned about parking

2. Townsend Circle?

- Don’t change (except to make bigger) (2)
- Café seating (2)
- Rectangular (2)
- Art sculpture/monument (denote entrance to Showplace) (4)
- Green and hardscape
- Make Henry Adams and Rhode Island one-way and green both corridors (2)
- Dog walk (2)
- Trees (2)
- Benches
- Water feature (3)

- Can add a green triangle at the western part of the Henry Adams and Division intersection.
- Bike connection straight down Division
- “Least promising space”
- Traffic concerns

3. Daggett Triangle?

- Playground (3)
- Active green space (2)
- Surround with retail (like South Park)
- Passive space for reading, chilling (2)
- Sports courts (4)
- Adult playground (larger pay equipment) (3)
- Exercise circuit (2)
- Sound barriers at 7th (3)
- Urban plaza at 16th
- Outdoor movies (3)
- Community gardens
- Swimming pool
- Bioswale
- See developer’s plans for additional ideas
- Vehicle access for drop-off on SE side of Daggett St. (3)
- Lacks a destination

4. Jackson Playground widening (into Carolina and/or Arkansas)?

- Dog park/run (5)
- Beer garden (to bridge the divide between ballfield users and neighborhood)
- Passive space (3)
- Picnics (3)
- Improve/expand active sports (3)
- Gardens
- Improve/expand playground (3)
- Move fence to let community access trees (2)
- Community Garden (2)
- Outdoor movies
- Park should not be counted as community’s open space, since it’s used for Citywide uses

What is your preferred route for a green connector street connecting Potrero Hill to Mission Bay? Why?

- From the Hill
 - Carolina (3)
 - Wisconsin (6)
 - Arkansas (3)
 - Arkansas along Jackson, then shifting along Mariposa and then up Connecticut

- Vis Valley-type stairwell to school and beyond
- In Showplace
 - Channel (2)
 - Hooper (7)
 - Irwin (4)
 - Through UHaul stite (Channel and Hooper)
- To the Mission
 - Berry/DeHaro
 - Division (green)
- Additional
 - Don't make a straight route

Additional Comments (including additional opportunity sites):

- Don't park trucks (over 20 feet) in Showplace, or at least require a permit
- Can Mission Bay maps be more specific?
- Put options to buy parcels for larger parks (U-Haul and Greyhound)
- Close Townsend and make it a park
- Sites to acquire:
 - 17th/Mariposa/Carolina/DeHaro
 - School site at Mariposa b/n Arkansas and Carolina
 - Parking lot at Alameda and Rhode Island
 - U-Haul site
 - Greyhound site
 - Triangle in front of Norcal at 7th and Berry