Workshop Agenda

1. Introductory Presentation
   - Background and Context
   - Overview of Open Space Opportunities

2. Small Group Discussions
   - “What kinds of open space would you like to see in the neighborhood?”
   - “What is your vision of each of the open space opportunity sites?”
   - “What is your preferred route for a green connector street through Showplace Square?”

3. Report back

4. Next Steps
Goal of this Meeting

- To brainstorm a vision for Showplace’s open space, given constraints on available land and resources.
- To enable the Planning Department to develop conceptual drawings of each of the opportunity sites that reflects the community’s desire.
How We Got Here

- **Eastern Neighborhoods: ~1999 to 2008**
  - Rezoning enables substantial residential development in Showplace Square
  - Community identified open space opportunity sites (contained in Showplace Square/Potrero Hill Area Plan)
  - Final agreement prioritized this Planning Process

- **Scoping Meeting: April 29, 2009**
  - Established timeline, format, and geography for Planning Process

- **Walking Tour: June 16, 2009**
  - Walked neighborhood
  - Visited opportunity sites
  - Opportunity for community members to share knowledge and ideas
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Eastern Neighborhoods Streets and Open Space Concept

Adopted December 2008

LIVING STREETS

As shown above, alleys/courts could be converted to “living streets,” where traffic is culled and paving and landscaping are designed to reflect what is envisioned in the pedestrian/priority of these streets. The Planning Department is currently working with the Redevelopment Agency and the Department of Public Works on street streets in the East Side; 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Streets. These streets will be the standard for additional living streets to be designed throughout the area.
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Walking Tour
What Else Is Going On?

- **Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE)**
  - Element of the General Plan, the City’s guiding policy document
  - Outlines the City’s vision for open space
  - Draft available now for public review (www.sfplanning.org)

- **Pavement-to-Parks Program:**
  - Seeks to convert excess automobile rights-of-way into open space
  - Projects are temporary with option of becoming permanent based on community input
  - First temporary plaza – Castro Commons (17th and Castro) opened in May
  - Mayor Newsom identified the Wolfe’s Café site as one of the next three projects – to be opened by this Labor Day

- **Better Streets Plan:**
  - Intended to improve pedestrian environment by creating standards for good streets
  - Will be used for developing our “green connector street” through Showplace
  - Draft available for public review
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Pavement-to-Parks Program: “Castro Commons”
Open Space Opportunity Sites

1. Townsend Circle
2. “Wolfe’s Café” site
3. Daggett Triangle
4. Jackson PG extension

Connector Street - Corridor
“Wolfe’s Café” site
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Townsend Circle Site

Townsend Circle
Townsend & 8th St.
Daggett Triangle
Daggett Triangle

- Developer’s design concept alternative
Jackson Playground - Extension

Extend/Enlarge Jackson Playground onto Portions of Arkansas, Carolina
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Jackson Playground Extension

Arkansas @ 16th Street
Potential Open Space Features

- Potential Open Space Features
- Examples & Ideas
Active Uses:
- Sports
- Play areas
- Games
- Walking
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Dog walking

Potential Open Space Elements

Passive / Community Uses:
- Reading
- Seating
- People watching
- Observing nature

Other Features:
- Art, sculpture
- Water
- Sustainable features
Active uses

- Sports - courts
- Play Areas
Active uses
Passive Uses / Community Gathering

- People watching
- Seating
- Reading
- Observing nature

Park-ing Space Day
Passive Uses

- Landscape and gardens
- Natural areas and water features
- Walkways
- Socializing
- Game tables
- Picnic areas
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Water Feature - Architectural Elements

Gazebo

Water Garden, Portland, OR
Public Art

24th & York Street Mini-park - Mural

Community Gardens
Special Events

Farmers markets

Many SF neighborhoods have farmers markets

Street Fairs
Other Open Space Examples

- Patricia’s Green - Octavia Blvd. row
- Approximately same size as Dagget Triangle site
Sustainable Design

Use primarily low water-use plants (native plants and Mediterranean plants) to reduce water use.

Use softscape & permeable pavement to Recharge groundwater and reduce demands on City’s Clean Water system. Collect water for irrigation / reuse.
Potential Green Connector Corridors

Mission Bay Connector from Potrero Hill through Showplace Square
Corridor connection to Mission Bay
Connection to Mission Bay

- 7th St. near Channel
  - Pedestrian crosswalk at 7th Street between Channel and Hooper Streets.
  - No sidewalk north side of 7th Street.
  - Traffic signal moved from Berry.
Connection to Mission Bay

- Channel St.
- Hooper St.
Break out into Groups

- What are **YOUR** open space ideas for Showplace Square?
- Break-out into small groups
- Offer ideas

- Each Group will have a Planner, Base maps & work sheets
- Mark up maps & worksheets with your ideas for open space
- Report back to the Group as a whole
Small Discussion Groups

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NEXT STEPS

- Planning Dept. will compile comments and create schematic designs for each site
- We will post schematic plans on our Website in mid- to late-August
- Schedule next workshop to review and discuss schematic designs
- Questions / Comments
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For more information, visit our website at...

http://showplace.sfplanning.org