

Open Space Task Force - Outreach Phase

Summary of Community Input

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BACKGROUND

Between November 2008 and May 2009, the Neighborhood Parks Council worked in conjunction with the San Francisco Planning Department, Recreation & Parks Department, and Mayor's Office to carry out the Public Outreach Phase of the Open Space Task Force. Consisting of eight focus group meetings examining various aspects related to open space, and 21 public workshops spread across the City, this series of meetings enabled citizens to provide their input about the desired future of parks and open space in San Francisco.



Participants present their ideas to the group at the Ocean Beach Workshop.

In addition to gathering comments during the public meetings, an online survey was developed to collect individual opinions and priorities for open space. To date, almost 500 San Franciscans have completed the survey. Results are available for review at: <http://openspacesf.org/survey>

OPEN SPACE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

What are San Franciscans thinking about today in regards to open space and how to create successful parks? Many ideas and concerns raised by participants at the meetings indicate the public's changing perception regarding the use of parks and the public realm generally. For example, many participants were very interested in **increased food production in parks** (parks have historically been sites of food production as Victory Gardens in San Francisco). There is also far more awareness as to the **environmental role of green spaces** today and many participants also expressed a perceived need for larger, natural spaces 'to get away from it all' and to appreciate nature.

The contribution that well-designed activities in our parks can make toward realizing many of the City's goals — **improving health** and reducing obesity, **promoting culture**, creating neighborhood destinations that contribute to **economic development**— was another topic that participants felt needs to be more explicitly reflected in the planning of the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) or in the policies of the Commission.

Filling the Gaps- Not surprisingly, neighborhoods without parks or playgrounds consider acquisition of open space to be a paramount priority. However, many pointed out that the City has not developed a program to ensure that acquisition in deficient areas is more than a planning platitude. Increased funding for acquisition and stronger guidelines for new park development are therefore critical to achieving an equitable open space system. Moving the search beyond vacant land (i.e. tear down structures that can be purchased in target areas) as well as redefining open space as more than balconies and a rooftop garden was also critical feedback from the public.

Connectivity - Whether referring to the creation of new spaces or developing a ‘green’ network throughout the City, the workshop participants viewed opportunities to enhance the overall quality of their neighborhoods (i.e. tree planting, sidewalk greening, school gardens) and to encourage improvements of existing parks as critical strategies for improving open space in San Francisco. Some also discussed the value of green corridors for wildlife as well as humans.

Diversity of Uses - Today’s parks must serve many uses and a wide diversity (economically, socially, demographically) of users. Many participants discussed the slow pace of acceptance by the City for changing uses and the need for the multiple agencies involved in open space both to listen to the public in collaborative forums and to conduct public surveys and develop strategies and processes to accommodate new recreation uses.

ISSUES

Workshop participants were strongly aware of, and expressive about, a range of issues impacting the user experience in parks of San Francisco:

Volunteerism – Evoked in a number of ways, the importance of improving volunteer opportunities and process was a universal theme expressed throughout the workshop series. Participants made it abundantly clear that the City should embrace volunteerism as a central open space policy. Furthermore, it was suggested that efforts needed to be made to enable potential volunteers-- both formally (i.e. RPD programming) and informally (i.e. providing kiosks in parks to help encourage community involvement).

Maintenance – Described as the highest overall priority for open space in the City by the majority of participants, this issue was identified as being a pervasive problem with existing facilities and a major obstacle to creating a successful open space plan for the City as a whole.

Utilization – Participants noted that many existing parks and open spaces had the tendency to be underutilized due to, among other things, a deficiency in programming or accessibility (i.e. getting to) problems.. At the same time, there is concern about over utilization of parks in some of the neighborhoods with the densest population (i.e. Mission, Chinatown). In addition, numerous opportunities for development of small open spaces were identified throughout the City (vacant lots, undeveloped publicly-owned land, etc.) that could help satisfy demand for neighborhood-serving open space uses such as community gardens or street parks. Yet the City does not currently have the policies or programs in place to effectively enable such usage.

Communication – The current lack of communication, both between and within various City agencies, and between the managing agencies and the public, was identified as a critical open space issue. It was stated that it was difficult to have successful parks without these critical collaborations.

ELEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL ‘PARKS’

The list of parks suggested by workshop participants as ‘successful’ was illustrative of some key features:

Green and Beautiful – For a park to be successful (as opposed to a recreation space) it needs to have trees and green features and ideally other natural features to observe, including wildlife, water, and botanic interest.

Diversity – It was widely suggested that the best open spaces are those that provide a diversity of uses and/or programming, and therefore can attract a more diverse assortment of user groups. Recreation spaces do not necessarily need to be large, but should be flexible for all age groups – including the much-maligned teenagers.

Accessibility – The ability to conveniently access (i.e. walking or transit) a space was consistently described as a vital component of successful parks and open spaces. The other aspect noted in regards to this concept relates to the types of amenities provided, which can have a large impact in determining how effectively a space is used (i.e. wheelchair access, bathrooms, etc.).

VISION IDEAS

Waterfront Parks – The development of public open space along the waterfront was one of the strongest suggestions for enhancing San Francisco’s open space system from many neighborhoods. Evoking the examples of Crissy Field and Ocean Beach, participants imagined having a significant portion of the Eastern Waterfront dedicated for recreational usage, bike and pedestrian transit, art, and environmental enhancement.



OPEN SPACE WORKSHOP SERIES – VISION IDEAS

The following comments were recorded during various Open Space community workshops, and represent some of the broader “vision” ideas that were provided by the participants. For the most part, the comments included within the following list are ideas that are specific and/or identifiable in nature. Comments pertaining to broad changes in City policy have not been included at this time. Under each workshop heading, the comments have been loosely arranged by topic, with a single line-space separating the different concepts. Any text added/edited for clarity or context has been italicized.

Ocean Beach 1-14-09

- *Grand Promenade like Crissy Field at Ocean Beach*
- *International conference center near the old Sutro Bath House*
- *People like the wild aspect of Ocean Beach - it shouldn't be another Crissy Field*
- *Create a trail that runs past the zoo in order to bypass the Great Highway*
- *Focus on the integration of parks with open space along the ocean*
- *Baker Beach as an example for Ocean Beach - habitat set aside, recreational diversity*

- *Farallon's Marine Sanctuary should be extended to OB shore to ensure good water quality and sewer treatment*
- *Retention of natural areas, especially at Ocean Beach*

- *Create a public beach near the ballpark promenade - replace rocks with sand*

- *John McLaren Park is underused - try to make it a destination by providing programming (i.e. amphitheater) because it is a big space for east S.F.*

- *Greening of streets also serves public as open space - sidewalk = park*
- *More trees are needed on the west side of the city*

- *Connections - visual, transit, access (connect OB with GGP and CCSF park system)*
- *Enhancing connectivity and access between and within parks is a main priority - proximity to transit is important too*

- Empty lots should be developed (vacant lots every block) in Tenderloin/SoMa
- Pocket Parks in Shanghai that are spread throughout the City
- *Develop* more pocket and mini parks
- *Make use of* underutilized areas *to create new open space* - school yards, medians, benches, turnabout at La Playa, closing side streets like Sloat at various times for public use and enjoyment
- *Promote the* incorporation of public art into parks and open space
- Incorporating public art does double-duty - increased aesthetic appeal and engenders more respect (Hayes Green, Ocean Beach)

RICHMOND

1-21-09

- There needs to be a greening of east/west, linear streets *in the Richmond*
- Make Presidio Boulevard a trail-way for bikes and horses
- *Accommodate the* natural patterns of migration of animals & wildlife
- Street closure can be *a way to create* "open space"
- South Market/Eastern areas need more ground level open space
- *Should strive to be* utility neutral - use alternative sources of energy *to operate park facilities*
- Sustainability:
 - o Should generate revenue from wind/solar installations - i.e. in Lincoln Park you don't need to remove golf courses, but instead could just add windmills, etc.; yes these can create problems (birds, view obstructions), but there are models that work available.

SUNSET 2-9-09

- Create public spaces in public right-of-ways
- *Make an effort to green wide boulevards in the neighborhood by planting center medians - start with Taraval, Irving, & Noriega (especially), greening from 27th to 31st, but ideally the entire stretch between Sunset Blvd. to Ocean Beach; can also use cactus, native plants, rocks, little or no water plants.*
- *Promote rooftop gardens*
- *Enable street beautification by undergrounding utilities on residential streets*
- *Increase green connectivity between parks*
- Mountain bikes are a problem at Golden Gate Heights - specific areas for mountain biking & skateboarding should be provided
- *Look for ways to provide open spaces that function as a gathering space - plazas invite socializing, act as impromptu event spaces, raise property values, and can promote a sense of peace*
- The Java House (near community garden) would be an excellent place for a new public plaza
- The lower Irving commercial area is another possible plaza location
- Buy two condemned buildings and tear down to create plaza

Excelsior 2-11-09

- Use watershed (Islais Creek) to frame and connect existing and new spaces.
- Daylighting some of Islais creek *could help reduce* flooding.
- Green Streets
- Greening streets and alleys
- *Use abandoned alleys and right-of-ways as an opportunity for greening.*

- *Narrow minimally used streets, and green up streets by turning steep streets into pedestrian stairway parks.*
- *Implement street greening by creating resting areas and walking routes.*
- Traffic calming through greening. Maybe narrow streets
- New space along southern border of City - from Candle stick to San Bruno Mtn. to McLaren (Supervisor Maxwell's Idea)
- *Create more Community Gardens.*

HAYES VALLEY 2-18-09

- *Program needed to use vacant or underutilized spaces such as, Fulton mall and Octavia Parcels*
- Urban agriculture on vacant lots
- *Implement Assessment Districts*
- Turn streets into a park like environment, tree-scaping

MISSION 2-19-09

- Daylighting Creeks.
- Cesar Chavez/101 interchange is an opportunity for water/wind energy.
- Treat Avenue ends at Best Buy - consider opening that area up and making it into a park.
- Bike connections to the waterfront - create a loop around the Mission.

POTRERO HILL 2-24-09

- Public art throughout the Parks.
- Align green streets with footbridges AND *remember to think vertically not just horizontal* when conducting open space planning.
- *Create a network of continuous open space across the City.*
- Create continuous parks.
- Increase connectivity: Develop 16th as a greenway to tie the neighborhood together. Utilize possible plaza and connect mission creek, bike spur on 7th
- Establish an interconnected series of linear paths.

- Green streets and traffic calming.
- Landscape sidewalks.

- Create more cafes in parks as a way to generate revenue.
- 22nd Street trees connection to Pier 70 - connection from hilltop park to waterfront.

- Develop waterfront property into new open spaces

- Utilize unused public space, including state properties (i.e. Cal trans)

- *Increase density allowances* and increase transportation along corridors (16th St) to increase revenue.

PACIFIC HEIGHTS 2-26-09

- Need more planning for succession of ecological resources.
- *"Bio-regional Gerrymandering"*

- *Enhance the northern waterfront as a great urban open space.*

- Pilot program with the type of facilities *they have in Amsterdam* with linear bike routes.
- Linear bike parks around the city.

VISITACION VALLEY 2-28-09

- The southeast area of the City needs bigger, better parks to rival those in the northern parts:
 - o Replicate GGP programming - botanical garden, gyms, educational facilities, museums, etc.
 - o Create a unique observatory.
- Build a museum in the Bayview Hill/Candlestick Park area:
 - o If you shop local you could get a voucher for the museum.
 - o *Could be a Randall Museum type concept - i.e. science park in Chicago*
- *Create more open space in the southeast sector.*
- In Bayview, create a flagship park comparable to Crissy Field, GG Park, Presidio, etc.
- Create trails that connect Vis. Valley
- Connect various green spaces in Portola & Vis. Valley.
- *Create bike trails running from Glen Canyon to McLaren Park.*
- Link Bayview Hill with Candlestick Park - don't build houses on existing park.
- *Create a link to San Bruno Mountain.*
- *Create connections and safe crossing to the larger park above Glen Eagles.*
- Free access for Blue Greenway.
- Work to connect light rail "T" line to the waterfront.
- *Provide a free parks shuttle (bus or van) that goes to accessible areas, events for seniors, etc. - modeled after the City's culture bus.*
- Narrow streets in order to create greenspaces.

MIRALOMA 3-6-09

- Turn (covered) reservoirs into shared spaces again.
- Create more walkway alleys.
- Need linear parks in the Glen Park area!

PORTOLA/BERNAL HEIGHTS 3-5-09

- More events, including ethnic festivals.
- Line streets with trees.
- Need citywide traffic calming.
- Close off street to traffic between MLK Jr. Middle school and ER Taylor Elementary. Make it a pedestrian only and convert to green space!

MARINA 3-10-09

No vision ideas provided

WESTERN ADDITION/FILLMORE 3-11-09

- Establish a citywide network of greenspaces to link habitats and parks across the City.

RUSSIAN HILL/NORTH BEACH 3-16-09

- *Enable development of rooftop spaces/gardens* - they provide passive recreation and site seeing.
- *Make sure that the structure of new buildings can support open space* - i.e. roof gardens.
- Create a park at 701 Lombard St.
- Create a new open space at the 5 empty properties on Telegraph Hill Blvd. (near hairpin turn on southern edge):
 - o Site is currently overgrown, but could be a great sunny, terraced open space

- Allowing new development on this site would ruin a great opportunity *for the neighborhood*
- City could consider leasing land for use as park
- Space needs a benefactor (*in order to make into park*)
- Would provide great views of the City to the south.
- Reservoirs are an opportunity for new open spaces
- Use space near Russian Hill Reservoir for a park - PUC may make this land available for development in order to increase revenue, but it could be used as a recreation area.
- Street closures:
 - Creates pleasant open spaces
 - *Consider* part time closures - i.e. Maiden Lane
 - Grant St. (in Chinatown and upper portion) is a possible candidate.
- *Due to the lack of potential sites for new open space in the neighborhood, take advantage of opportunities to create additional types of spaces (street closures, terraces in steep areas, etc.).*
- Convert Kearny (between Broadway & Vallejo) into a planted green thoroughfare - land is City-owned and wide enough for 5 lanes, but only 1 lane is actually allowed (or necessary for access).
- Street closure proposals:
 - Vallejo St. near Café Trieste - *could be a piazza*
 - Powell St. at Columbus & Union - in front of Washington Sq.
 - Segment of Mason next to "triangle" (btw. Lombard & Columbus), where new library is being proposed.
- Prioritize street greening and tree planting.
- Consider installing round a bout at intersections of Mason & Chestnut and Mason & Lombard.
- Russian Hill Neighbors Project - scheme available at RHN.org:
 - Greening of Broadway Tunnel
 - Trees in middle of Broadway between Polk/Larkin
 - On top of tunnel
 - Hyde St. (trees, lighting, & benches)
- Create a space similar to Crissy Field along eastern waterfront (piers):
 - Sailboats could pay to use docks (access park) - i.e. Sam's in Tiburon
 - Could provide recreational programming (i.e. fishing)

- Sidewalk cafes along a grand boulevard
- *Prioritize development of open space along the waterfront - provides lots of opportunities with little construction required.*
- Stop putting for-profit areas/*uses* on the piers and instead turn them into public open spaces:
 - Space no longer needed by boats (*or maritime industry*)
 - Consider New York along the Hudson or Vancouver as examples
- *Consider turning underutilized space along the waterfront into open space - could attract boaters and bring in money.*

SOMA 3-18-09

- (*Long term*) Consider connecting Hwy. 280 to 80 east, Hwy. 101 could end at 9th St. - this could enable new parcels to be reclaimed for a very large open space where highways once were.
- Opportunity Site: convert the parking lot @ 5th/Folsom/Clementina streets into a large open space - supports Folsom green street concept, could have underground parking to generate income, opportunity to purchase land now that planned development of site is on hold.
- Opportunity Site: convert parking lot at 8th/Harrison/Ringold streets into large open space.
- Opportunity Site: convert small parking lot at Sumner/Clementina streets into mini park.
- Turn 12th St. into a 'green' street - prioritize this corridor for pedestrian use.
- Convert alleyways into pedestrian friendly walkways throughout neighborhood.

MISSION DOLORES/NOE VALLEY 3-24-09

No vision ideas provided

HAIGHT/BUENA VISTA/COLE VALLEY 3-25-09

- Make Waller Street a model 'green street' - neighbors already removing concrete and adding trees/planting beds, consider converting *thoroughfare* into bike/ped. route.
- Create a *network of green corridors* connecting larger open spaces:
 - o These could be used as walking trails throughout the City
 - o Could offer history and ecology tours along trails (guided & unguided through signage - i.e. Barbary Trail)
 - o Could apply 'branding' to trails through use of different street tree plantings (i.e. magnolias planted along 'Magnolia trail', etc.)
 - o Different trails would help to identify neighborhoods and create ecological diversity
- Create a trail that follows the natural terrain of the City.
- Take over golf courses for community farming (or at least allow agricultural planting amongst grounds).
- Work on finishing open space network along the waterfront.
- (Long Term) Consider extending Panhandle into Civic Center - as per original plan.

DUBOCE/CASTRO/MARKET 3-26-09

- The small, random, un-designated open spaces around the City are one of the elements that make it special - these should be identified, promoted, and embraced.
- Noe St. (north of Market St.) is a great urban environment and should serve as the model for a green network throughout the City.

- Waller St. is a good location for streetscape improvements similar to Noe St.
- *In addition to improving Waller St., work to incorporate the corridor into a green network that connects different parks together - design and maintenance considerations are vital in achieving success of this.*
- Consider converting Duboce St. in a pedestrian thoroughfare.
- Identify, preserve, and enhance significant viewsheds in the City.
- Install green roofing all over City.

YOUTH 3-30-09

- Provide more events and/or significant programming at specific locations throughout the City in order to draw more teenagers to the parks.
- Focus on providing more *events and larger attractions* - i.e. outdoor concerts, amusement park at Ocean Beach, laser tag, paintball, outdoor movies, carnivals, festivals, street fairs, etc.

RICHMOND/PRESIDIO HEIGHTS 3-31-09

- Utilize land better - i.e. Sharp Park golf course would be better used as a recreation area, and the waterfront could be used by those in North Beach & Chinatown.
- *Reduce the golf course at Lincoln Park to 9 holes and give the waterfront piece to GGNRA.*
- *Create a "great lawn" in the City - can be used for soccer, gathering space for emergencies, Maintenance Yard as possible location.*
- Park Presidio and 19th Ave. should go underground.
- Close down Edward St. (60 ft. in park), so park is connected and safer for kids.

- Link all parks *in the neighborhood* with Park Presidio Blvd.
- Create a footpath network with corresponding maps.

BAYVIEW/HUNTERS POINT 4-2-09

- Utilize rooftops as open space - especially at homeless shelters, etc.
- *Examine Crissy Field as a model for waterfront open space in Bayview.*
- Elements of the City's history still remain along the waterfront, but there simply is no way to access them.
- *Promote street greening.*
- Identify large streets and install greening along them.
- "Green-up" certain streets in order to create a *pedestrian friendly* network through the area:
 - o Many existing rail spurs offer opportunities for this.
 - o Oakdale is an ideal street for greening.
 - o Key St. is a vital street to include because it provides access to Bayview Hill.
- Illinois St. has especially great potential for greening:
 - o Provides a line of site to the waterfront at various points.
 - o PG&E has some property available for use nearby.
 - o Would connect Mission Bay/Ballpark to Islais Creek & new Illinois St. Bridge (thereby helping to connect neighborhood to City).
 - o Cargo Way is already planned for greening, but will be underutilized (could provide connection all the way to Heron's Head Park).
 - o Consider making a Class 1, 2-way bike path on east side of street.
- *Connect open spaces with a green network.*
- *Create a feeling of having "parks all over" by connecting open spaces through greening.*
- Connectivity is a major priority - work on connecting the area's neighborhoods together (i.e. Bayview to Hunters Point); connecting the

- area's various neighborhoods to the waterfront; and connecting the broader area with the City as a whole (converting Illinois St. into a green corridor is an ideal place to start).
- A connection linking Bernal Heights to Islais Creek is needed.
 - Silver St., Bacon St., & Paul St. are the 3 major access points for the neighborhood ("the 3 gates to the castle") - improve these locations with a focus on pedestrian connectivity *in order to help connect area to nearby neighborhoods.*
 - City should buy foreclosed properties to create gardens.
 - Focus on simply creating more parks in the area.
 - Serpentine Hill above India Basin, and Irish Hill are key habitat areas - *preserve and enhance them.*

OPEN SPACE FEEDBACK FORM

Thank you for your participation in the Open Space Workshop Series!

Your involvement in this process is a key component in helping to determine the future of Open Space in San Francisco. The information you provide will be used to help create an Open Space Framework, which aims to provide all the elements needed to achieve San Francisco's goal of a comprehensive open space network.

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General Information

DATE >	ZIP CODE >	DISTRICT >
WORKSHOP ATTENDED >		
01. How long have you lived in San Francisco? _____		
02. How old are you?		
10 & under <input type="checkbox"/>	11-17 <input type="checkbox"/>	18-24 <input type="checkbox"/>
25-34 <input type="checkbox"/>	35-44 <input type="checkbox"/>	45-59 <input type="checkbox"/>
60+ <input type="checkbox"/>		
03. Do you have children under the age of 18? YES <input type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>		

INSTRUCTIONS ↓

Once you have filled out this feedback form, please send it back to us at:

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You can also fax it to us at:
415.703.0889
or instead take the online survey at:
www.openspacesf.org

04. Do you use your neighborhood recreation center? YES or NO

Name of center: _____ Frequency of use: _____

What do you use it for: _____

05. What is the closest park/open space to your home?

Name of park/open space: _____ Frequency of use: _____

What do you use it for: _____

06. Which San Francisco park/open space do you use most frequently?

Name of parks/open spaces: _____

Why: _____

07. Think about the parks you use regularly, what new amenities and/or activities would you like to see in these places (i.e. basketball courts, yoga, etc.)?

08. Think about how open space is distributed throughout the City (refer to Open Space map).

Is new open space needed in your neighborhood? YES or NO

If yes, are there opportunity sites for new open spaces that you know about? _____

09. Are there streets in your neighborhood that would benefit from traffic calming and widening of sidewalks to create livable streets?

YES or NO

10. If you live near a street that does not see a lot of traffic, would you want the City to consider making the street car-free and open to bikes and pedestrians (either temporarily or permanently)?

YES or NO

If yes, please write in the closest intersection to that street: _____

11. Would you support appropriate business sponsorship in your park?

(For example: in Portland, a company provided basketball hoops with their logo on them to all parks)

YES or NO

If you answered no, why not?

12. Are there parks in your neighborhood that could benefit from a café or sandwich shop or some type of revenue-generating use that would help support the park?

YES or NO

If yes, which parks/open spaces are you thinking about?

13. Do you have any ideas on how to provide increased stewardship to parks? (i.e. community stewardship or business/corporate sponsorships)

14. Given limited resources, what are the biggest priorities for open space/parks?

(Please limit yourself to 5 NEIGHBORHOOD and 5 CITY Priorities)

A
NEIGHBORHOOD

B
CITYWIDE

More amenities (e.g. tot lots, playgrounds, dog runs, picnic areas, basketball courts,) & activities (e.g. rec programs, movie nights) to serve the needs of the community

Renovations to existing parks

General maintenance

Safety

Better access to parks (ped, bike, transit)

Acquire new open space in neighborhood with deficit

Develop publicly owned-land along the waterfront into open space

Open schoolyards for public access

Develop existing public right-of-ways into linear parks

Increase open space for sports fields

Secure open space with high quality natural features

Develop open space for food production

Acquire new open space for recreational facilities

Other _____

15. In order to increase funding, would you support any of the following?

YES

NO

Parcel Tax for YOUR Neighborhood Parks

Parcel Tax for SIGNATURE parks e.g. Golden Gate, McLaren

Self Organized and Self Taxed District (Park Improvement District – see powerpoint presentation)

Developer Impact Fees

16. Please write down any additional ideas on how to activate space and/or how to improve parks and open space in San Francisco in general.

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Page: **General Information**

1. What is your zip code? Which Supervisor District do you live in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
view	Zip Code	99.8%	46
view	District	84.9%	39
answered question			46
skipped question			

2. Have you attended an Open Space Community Workshop?

		Response Percent	Response Count
view	If so, when was it:	100.0%	5
answered question			5
skipped question			41

3. How long have you lived in San Francisco?

	Response Percent	Response Count
0-4 years	16.3%	7
5-9 years	14.1%	6
10-19 years	26.9%	12
20+ years	42.6%	19
answered question		45

4. How old are you?

	Response Percent	Response Count
10 and under	0.2%	1
11-17	2.0%	2
18-24	5.8%	2
25-34	17.1%	7
35-44	27.2%	12
45-59	29.0%	13
60+	18.7%	8
answered question		44
skipped question		1

5. Do you have children under the age of 18?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	22.4%	10
No	77.6%	34
answered question		44
skipped question		1

6. Do you use your neighborhood recreation center?

Response Response

			Percent	Count
view	Name of neighborhood recreation center	<input type="text"/>	97.9%	18
view	How often do you use it?	<input type="text"/>	79.7%	15
view	What do you use it for?	<input type="text"/>	64.6%	12
			answered question	18
			skipped question	27

7. What is the closest park/open space to your house?

			Response Percent	Response Count
view	Name of park/open space	<input type="text"/>	100.0%	39
view	Do you use it frequently?	<input type="text"/>	97.2%	38
view	If you answered no, why not?	<input type="text"/>	31.9%	12
			answered question	39
			skipped question	7

8. Which San Francisco park/open spaces do you use most frequently?

			Response Percent	Response Count
view	Name of park/open spaces	<input type="text"/>	100.0%	38
view	Why?	<input type="text"/>	92.7%	35
			answered question	38
			skipped question	8

9. Think about the parks you use regularly, what new amenities and/or activities would you like to see in these places (i.e. basketball courts, yoga, etc.)?

	Response Count
view	26
answered question	26
skipped question	19

10. Think about how open space is distributed throughout the City.

	Response Percent	Response Count
view Is new open space needed in YOUR neighborhood?	98.5%	27
view Are there opportunity sites for new open spaces that you know about?	77.5%	21
answered question		27
skipped question		19

Page: Streets as Parks

11. Are there streets in your neighborhood that would benefit from traffic calming and widening of sidewalks to create livable streets?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	74.8%	12
No	25.2%	4
If yes, which streets? view		12
answered question		16

12. If you live near a street that does not see a lot of traffic, would you want the City to consider making the street car-free and open to bikes and pedestrians only - either temporarily or permanently?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<input type="text"/>	50.5%	16
No	<input type="text"/>	49.5%	16
answered question			32
skipped question			14

13. If you live near a street that could serve as a car-free street, either temporarily or permanently, please write-in the closest intersection to the street.

		Response Count
	<input type="text" value="view"/>	12
answered question		12
skipped question		33

Page: Partnerships

14. Would you support appropriate business sponsorship in your park? (For example: in Portland, a company provided basketball hoops with their logo on them to all parks)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<input type="text"/>	67.3%	25
No	<input type="text"/>	32.7%	12
answered question			37

15. If your answer to the previous question was 'No', why not?

	Response Count
view	13
answered question	13
skipped question	32

16. Are there parks in your neighborhood that could benefit from a cafe, sandwich shop, or some other type of revenue-generating uses that would help support the park?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes <input type="text"/>	62.1%	21
No <input type="text"/>	37.9%	13
answered question		34
skipped question		11

17. If you answered yes to the previous question, which parks/open spaces are you thinking about?

	Response Percent	Response Count
view * <input type="text"/>	100.0%	21
view * <input type="text"/>	50.0%	10
view * <input type="text"/>	19.9%	4
answered question		21
skipped question		24

18. Do you have any ideas on how to provide increased stewardship to parks (i.e. community stewardship or business/corporate partnerships)?

	Response Count
view	17
answered question	17
skipped question	25

Page: Open Space Priorities

19. Given limited resources, what are the biggest priorities for open space/parks? In your Neighborhood? For the city? (Please limit yourself to 5 Neighborhood Priorities and 5 Citywide Priorities)

	Your Neighborhood	Your City	Response Count
Acquire new open space in neighborhoods with a deficit	41.9% (90)	80.5% (173)	21
Open schoolyards for public access	51.1% (90)	74.4% (131)	17
Acquire open space to keep up with population growth	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	
Develop publicly-owned land along the waterfront into open space	30.9% (63)	85.8% (175)	20
Secure open space with high quality natural features	46.4% (98)	85.3% (180)	21
Develop existing public right-of-ways into linear parks	57.0% (85)	71.8% (107)	14
Increase open space for sports fields	51.7% (46)	74.2% (66)	8
General maintenance	81.0% (230)	69.4% (197)	28
More amenities (e.g. tot lots, playgrounds, basketball courts, etc.) & activities (e.g. rec programs, movie nights, etc.) to serve the needs of the community	72.7% (104)	55.9% (80)	14

Acquire new open space for recreational facilities	73.7% (73)	64.6% (64)	9
Safety	82.2% (152)	62.2% (115)	18
Better access to parks (ped, bike, transit)	69.1% (105)	69.1% (105)	15
Renovations to existing parks	78.9% (179)	62.6% (142)	22
Develop open space for food production	72.2% (91)	69.8% (88)	12
		Other (please specify) <input type="button" value="view"/>	7
		answered question	38
		skipped question	8

20. In order to increase funding, would you support any of the following?

	Yes	No	Response Count
Parcel tax for YOUR neighborhood parks	61.7% (82)	38.3% (51)	13
Parcel tax for SIGNATURE parks (e.g. Golden Gate Park, McLaren Park)	55.6% (70)	44.4% (56)	12
Self organized and self taxed district (Park Improvement District)	58.7% (74)	41.3% (52)	12
Developer impact fees	81.6% (115)	18.4% (26)	14
		answered question	15
		skipped question	31

Page: Additional Feedback

21. Please write down any additional ideas on how to activate space, and/or how to improve parks and open space in San Francisco in general.

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