



Community Challenge Grant Program Application

Submit one **original and eight (8) double-sided copies** of the application and attachments to the CCG Office,
 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 362, San Francisco, CA, 94102, Attention: Lanita Henriquez, Program Manager.
The application and copies must be received by NO Later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 30, 2012.

Project Identification Information	
Project Name:	Fallen Bridge Mini-Park Activity Court
Project Address:	Utah & 18 th Mini-Park North Section
Brief Project Description: Construct an Activity Court to provide a usable area for community recreation, improving park function, beauty and safety.	
Supervisory District: 10	Neighborhood: Potrero Hill / Mission

Applicant Contact Information			
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Project Funding Request Amounts	
Project Funding Level & requested amount:	<input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large \$ 60,000
TOTAL value of neighborhood match:	\$ 44,400

Supplemental Information	
Is this project referenced in a neighborhood plan (yes/no)? (The answer to this question does not affect the award decision.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, which plan?	
Does your organization have a current CCG award?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, what is the project?	Past CCG award – 2008 for Fallen Bridge Park

The signatory declares that s/he is authorized to sign on behalf of the applying group and the information enclosed fairly represents the goals; scope and details of the project, including the neighborhood match, and assures that any funds received as a result of the application will be used only for purposes set forth herein.

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Signature:

Day Phone: 415-863-5109

1 Project Description

About the Project Site: Fallen Bridge Mini-Park

This community-initiated mini-park was created in 1970 by the Potrero Beautification Group. Working with the city to reclaim this Caltrans land as a neighborhood park, an encroachment permit was signed. The city created a children's playground and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department assumed responsibility for maintenance of the park. After 30 years, the children's playground slide and jumpy horses had been removed and the neighborhood was left with a sandpit filled with needles, condoms, broken glass and decorated with ever changing and unpleasant graffiti. Bushes and plants were overgrown, providing hidden locations for homeless encampments and prostitutions. The park is at the foot of the 18th Street pedestrian overpass connecting Potrero Hill and the Mission. At night the area was quite dark which made it a target area for assaults on traveling pedestrians. In 2003 such an assault prompted the formation of a neighborhood SAFE group. This group, now called MUNA (Mariposa Utah Neighborhood Association), began a continuing effort to turn the run down area into a community open space that, by virtue of being used by the community, will discourage illegal uses of the park.

Current Challenges of the Site to be Addressed by the Project

For years this area has been a source of problems to the neighborhood. In its run down condition, before the work begun by the neighbors in 2003, the park was plagued by graffiti, homeless encampments, and prostitution. Since 2003 the neighbors have worked with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to prune, weed, mulch and plant the area. This has improved the area on the south side of the park. The north side of the park, however, has not been improved and is still a problem. The overgrown agapanthus provides a hiding place for homeless campers. The old wooden retaining wall is falling apart, allowing soil to spill onto the sidewalk. The northern section of the park has no features to invite community recreation and socialization.

Fallen Bridge Mini-Park Activity Court: Designed by and for the Community

In the northern section of the mini-park, which currently contains agapanthus (Lily of the Nile, a leafy plant often used along freeways) which are weakly supported by a forty-two year old wooden retaining wall, the project will create a gently sloping ADA compliant path, supported by a beautiful stone wall leading to an activity court. The activity court itself will be surrounded by a stone wall which will retain the sloping hillside and also provide a flat area suitable for the seated observer. The stone wall, surrounded by drought resistant California native plants, will complement the existing stone wall already enjoyed by the community on the south side of the mini-park.



Wooden Retaining wall weakly supporting agapanthus to be replaced.

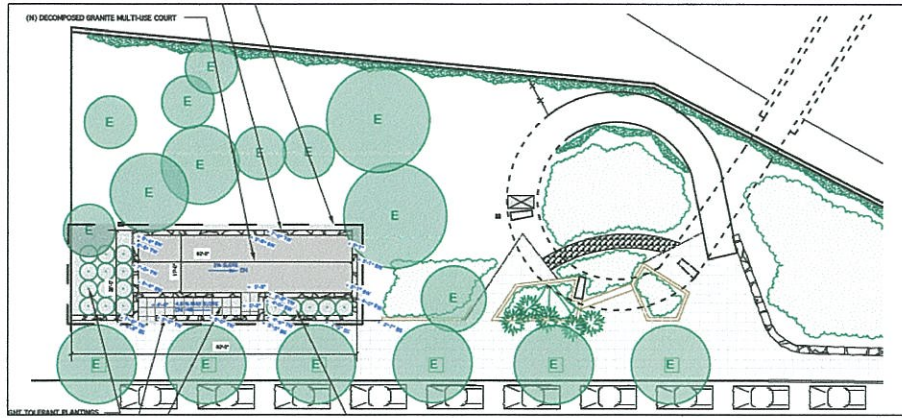
Following the design of the southern section of the park, the stone wall will contribute both stability and beauty to the new Activity court.



The photo above shows the southern section of the park before the 2008 project was completed. The photo on the right shows the new 2008 wall and drought resistant landscaping.



Stone wall added in 2008 by neighborhood efforts.



Activity Court section of the Landscape Plan Created by Miller Company

The floor of the activity court will be decomposed granite. This material will maintain its level shape through activities, wind, rain and park watering.

The activity court will provide an area for the community members to get together, recreate and exercise. It will also provide a clear visual access from the street, thereby discouraging use of the park for illegal activities like camping, drug use and prostitution.

The addition of the activity court will turn the area from a green space to view, to a park that can be used and enjoyed by the community.

It should be pointed out that because this parkland, on freeway right-of-way, is owned by the state of California, not the city of San Francisco, it is not eligible for Bond Opportunity Funds and has had no capital upgrade from RPD since 1970. This small park serves a neighborhood which hosts state highway 101 with all its issues: noise, poor air quality and exhaust dirt. The park itself is a small consolation for the neighborhood containing homes built before the 1906 earthquake and separated from the rest of Potrero Hill in 1950 by the freeway.

Community Benefit: Gathering Spot, Increased Safety, Community Pride

With the addition of the multi-use Activity Court, the park will become a gathering area for adults and children to meet and play. Bocce and Petanque can be played by adults and children. We will set up a secure storage area for balls, to be donated by the neighborhood, to make it easier for neighbors to engage in this sport. The area can also be used by those neighbors who wish to practice Tai Chi or Pilates, as it will be away from the sidewalk area that has been used for these activities. As a flat area surrounded by low walls, it is also an area that children can use for a variety of games. It should be noted that in the two-block area around the park, there are more than two dozen young children in the neighborhood who will benefit from the construction of a flat play area in the neighborhood park.

In beautifying the park by extending the stone wall and native plant landscaping, the addition of this court will provide an attractive place for the neighbors who are out for a walk, or who are using the pedestrian overpass for work, for school or for recreation. Students attending the two high schools on Potrero Hill get there by taking the bus to Potrero and 18th Street and then walking the 3 or 4 blocks to school. Beautifying this area gives these students a sense of pride in their community.

One of the greatest benefits of the addition of the activity court is related to the sense of community responsibility and community ownership of the park. A neighborhood in which no one knew his neighbor has changed to one in which neighbors look out for each other and are willing to help each other. A neighborhood spirit has grown due to the efforts neighbors have already put into caring for the southern part of the park, which currently is only an area for viewing. The final step of adding a useable activity court will move the park from a garden to a community place.

1.a Does your project address any unique physical, social or cultural aspects of your community?

The Fallen Bridge mini-park is a unique neighborhood potential asset which had become a neighborhood problem. Physically, it covers a linear distance of about 200 feet. It surrounds the 18th Street pedestrian overpass which is well used by bikers, pedestrians, young parents or nannies with baby carriages and high school students. Adding the Activity Court will, by virtue of bringing together neighbors for recreation, solidify the park as a neighborhood asset. Adding the Activity Court will, by virtue of creating a visually pleasing and open landscape, increase safety and solidify the park as a neighborhood asset. An improved park will also enhance neighborhood relations in a very culturally diverse neighborhood. On the two block sections of Utah Street alone, families are of Hispanic, African-American, Filipino, Indian, Russian, Brazilian, Slovakian and other diverse ethnic origins.

The MUNA neighborhood has a history of working together successfully to solve community issues. The effort begun in 2003 to improve the park mirrors the effort in 1970 to establish the park. An effort in 1980 to support the construction of a sound wall behind the park continued the neighborhood participation in improvement projects.

1.b What need does it address with respect to physical improvement in your neighborhood?

Replacing a near failing forty-two year old wooden retaining wall with a long lasting and visually attractive stone wall will be a great improvement and unify the main park area with the south area stone wall already improved by an earlier community project. Replacing overgrown agapanthus with an Activity Court will encourage recreational use of the park and will improve the safety of the neighborhood by removing the overgrown foliage that hides illegal activities. The current state of the park is not physically conducive to recreation. The crumbling wood walls present an unsafe condition that is a potential liability should the retaining wall upholding the park fail.

1.d What outcomes/benefits to the community will result from the implementation of your project?

The neighborhood and the surrounding community will benefit in multiple ways. The neighborhood will be safer as a result of increasing visibility into the park. The park will offer a recreational area for community use. The park will serve as a neighborhood gathering space, enhancing community and social opportunities for the neighborhood. The park will be beautified, contributing to a sense of pride in the surroundings of those who use the well-traveled area. The neighborhood will share a successful accomplishment.

The number of young children has increased in the neighborhood. Adding the activity court will give parents a safe place to take their young children for play, exercise and to socialize. The court also can be used by children and adults to play Petanque or Bocce. These sorts of activities increase the sense of community in the neighborhood.

1.e How accessible is your project to the rest of the community?

The Fallen Bridge mini-park is a public open space on Caltrans land maintained by San Francisco Recreation and Park Department that is open to all. The hours of the park are posted on an SF RPD sign as 6am to 10pm.

By virtue of being located immediately adjacent to the 18th Street pedestrian overpass, the project will be both accessible and visible to the community on both sides of the 101 freeway, the San Bruno Street neighborhood and the Utah Street neighborhood. This pedestrian overpass adjoining these neighborhoods is well used by the community at all hours of the day, with someone walking, running or biking on it.

2 Community Participation

One can think of this project as having three parts: design, execution and maintenance. The design phase started with the formation of a park sub-committee of MUNA in 2004. A neighborhood survey was created to ascertain what was bad, what was good and what the neighbors would like to see the park become. Survey forms were passed out to the entire MUNA neighborhood to about 70 families. Twenty-three were completed and returned. Based on the survey results the park committee agreed on a plan and one of the members, who has a background in art, created a representation of the plan which addressed the north, circular center and south parts of the park. The plan was brought to the full MUNA group and the concept was approved. The park committee then began to search for funding. After a number of unsuccessful attempts, one of the park committee members contacted the Miller Company, landscape architects. A pro-bono design was created and taken to a full MUNA meeting where the group voted to support the

project and also to donate maintenance time caring for the improved park. It was determined by the committee that the cost of completing the entire park was too ambitious to handle in one step. As a first step, funding was sought to upgrade the southern section of the park. The design and funding for the southern section of the park was completed in 2008. We are now seeking funding for the northern section of the park.

The execution of the design for the southern section of the park involved the MUNA park committee and community in the neighborhood who assisted in installing the plantings. The MUNA park committee worked with Neighborhood Parks Council, SF Rec and Park and the Miller Company to flesh out the design. The park committee and the general MUNA membership participate in planting, watering and weeding of the newly planted park. The maintenance of the southern section of the park, planted in 2008, has been accomplished by the neighborhood. On a typical work party day, people of all ages, from six to sixty plus, are outside pruning, weeding, carting mulch and putting in new plants. The result of these efforts is a beautifully landscaped section of the park which is there to view, walk by, or even sit on the wall and watch the sun set--but as of yet, not to interact with neighbors or play.

Based on the neighborhood participation begun in 2003, the MUNA steering committee met in June 2011 and decided to continue seeking funding to implement the design planned for the northern section of the park. The park committee met in July 2011 and decided to ask the Miller Company to prepare a pro-bono design that only included the activity court and continued the stone wall motif. It was decided to apply again to the community challenge grant program and to search for other funding to augment what we ask from the CCG. It was also decided to hold a number of neighborhood White Elephant Sales to raise money for the park. The first sale raised \$1004. \$40 of this was raised by an eight-year-old MUNA member, who offered his old toys and DVDs for sale. The White Elephant sale presented an excellent opportunity to enable other folks from Potrero Hill and the Mission District to help MUNA raise money for the park.

2.a How is this a community building project?

The neighborhood has experienced substantial community building from the 2008 project and the sense of community will continue to grow through the success of the Activity Court project. Carrying out the five year agreements the neighborhood signed up for in 2008 resulted in bi-monthly park work parties where weeding, pruning, planting, mulching and watering, and post gardening socializing took place. These work parties provide an opportunity for neighbors to work together and get to know each other better while working. The commitment to caring for the park will be continued towards Activity Court Project.

Expanding Neighborhood Outreach

The MUNA neighborhood group, strengthened by the success of the 2008 project, reached out to their neighbors across the bridge and both groups now conduct joint work parties where the Benches Park on San Bruno, at the other side of the Pedestrian Overpass, are maintained as well as the new area in the southern part of Fallen Bridge mini-park. Thus the park project has successfully joined two neighborhoods; the San Bruno Street neighborhood on the east side of the 101 pedestrian bridge and the Utah Street neighborhood on the west side of the bridge.



MUNA and San Bruno Group Joint Work Party

Creating Annual Shared Events

Working together on the parks and bridge gave the neighborhood the idea to sponsor an Easter Egg hunt in the park. The first event took place last year and was quite successful. The event will be repeated this year. These activities grew out of the initial commitments made to care for the park. Neighbors from Vermont Street, Utah Street, San Bruno Avenue, Mariposa Street, Potrero Avenue and beyond came to the park with their children to hunt for Easter eggs, win prizes and socialize.



MUNA and San Bruno Group Joint Easter Egg Hunt in the park

Fund-Raising Activities

Activities involved with the design, funding, execution and maintenance of this Activity Court project make the community stronger as people work together on a common project that benefits them and the larger community. Holding White Elephant sales to raise funds for the project builds community. The first sale dedicated to raising money for the Activity Court was held in September 2011 and raised \$1004. The neighbors enjoyed working together on a beautiful San Francisco day.

Joint Block Party celebrates working together

This year the two neighborhood groups decided to celebrate the things they had accomplished and become inspired to accomplish more by holding a block party on the east side of the pedestrian overpass in January 2012. The Activity Court project was represented on poster board as one of the two next MUNA projects, giving more neighborhood exposure.



MUNA and San Bruno Ave Joint Block Party January 2012

And more to come with the advent of the Activity Court

Once the Activity Court is in place, members of the community will use it, both children and adults. Petanque and Bocce are competitive sports. We will be able to create teams and post the games on the MUNA website. Games also involve pot luck celebrations and block parties after the games have been concluded. Community building events grow out of

the initial commitment to the project and are connected to the support the neighborhood feels it is getting from the city through the Community Challenge Grant program.

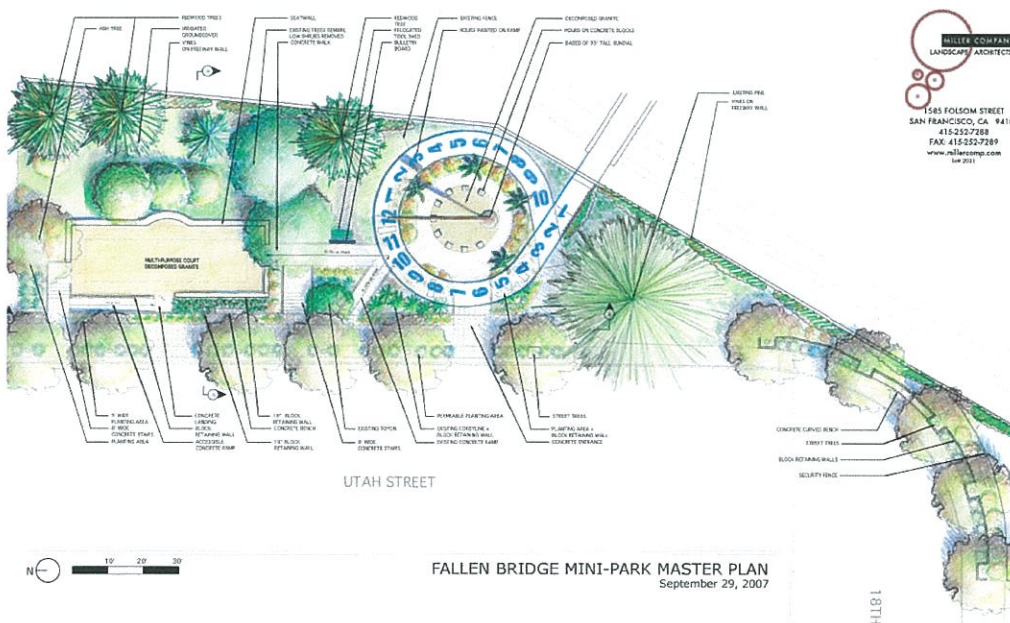
2.b Demonstrate broad participation by neighborhood residents in your project by indicating how you contacted them, how many are involved and what parts of the community they represent.

The Activity Court is sponsored by the MUNA neighborhood organization. MUNA represents about 75 families in the district 10 area bordered by the 101 freeway, 18th Street, Potrero Avenue and 17th Street. Anyone living in this area or nearby is invited to join. MUNA is a SAFE group that meets when there is an issue that requires a meeting, and communicates via email and two websites, www.sfmuna.org and www.fallenbridge.org.

During the initial SAFE meetings in 2004, neighbor's ideas for the park were discussed and a volunteer park committee was formed. Any MUNA member could join the park committee. The park committee started the upgrade project by surveying the neighbors in June 2004. 100 surveys were distributed door to door. 23 Surveys were completed and returned. The Park Committee met numerous times and met with the entire MUNA group when there was a park plan to present. Notes from some of those meetings are on our website ([http://www.fallenbridge.org/Fallen Bridge/meetings](http://www.fallenbridge.org/Fallen_Bridge/meetings)).

The park committee met and analyzed the surveys. One of the neighbors created a landscape plan which was presented to the MUNA group at a MUNA meeting, in late 2004, attended by Robert Watkins, RPD and Sophie Maxwell, District 10 Supervisor. At that meeting MUNA group asked Sophie Maxwell for support. The park committee applied for project funding from Caltrans and SFMTA and did not receive funding.

One of the park committee members contacted the Miller Company asking for help. The Miller Company landscape architects prepared a plan incorporating the neighborhood ideas. This plan was presented by the Miller Company at a MUNA meeting in 2007 and a consensus vote of support was given. This plan included the northern, central and southern sections of the park. The park committee's job was to find funding to take this plan from paper to reality.



The FALLEN BRIDGE MINI-PARK MASTER PLAN has been posted in the park since 2008. It has been viewed by many neighbors who use the San Bruno/Utah Pedestrian overpass in their travels. Signs were posted letting folks know that this was a neighborhood sponsored project.

In 2008 MUNA's Friends of Fallen Bridge (the park committee) received a CCG grant. The southern section of the park was upgraded by the Miller Company and the neighborhood. Since 2008, the park committee has held bi-monthly park clean-up parties which involved weeding, pruning, planting and applying mulch. These parties involve on average 12 neighbors. Additionally, neighbors take turns watering the park when there is no rain, removing any graffiti, and picking up litter. In 2010, neighbors for the San Bruno Neighborhood group, on the east side of the freeway joined in the clean-up effort.

In 2011 the MUNA steering committee met and decided to try for a CCG grant. Minutes from the meeting are posted on the MUNA website (www.sfmuna.org). MUNA members get updates and pointers to the meeting notes via email. The MUNA park committee began meetings again which are also posted on the MUNA website. One of the first activities organized by the committee in support of the 2012 CCG cycle application was the White Elephant Sale to raise money for the Activity Court project. The sale was well attended and was enjoyed by all.

MUNA presented its park project ideas to the Potrero Hill Boosters organization, who enthusiastically voiced their community support. The Potrero Boosters represents all of Potrero Hill.

2.c Provide specific examples of how they participated in selecting and planning your project.

The MUNA group participated in selecting and planning the project through a survey and through group meetings. The fine tuning of the planning was carried out by the MUNA park committee. The 14-member MUNA park committee held various meetings with various stakeholders. When the park committee had a plan to submit to the larger MUNA group, a full MUNA meeting was held in order to get consensus on the direction of the project. There were two full MUNA meetings held with approximately 30 members attending. Evidence of the most recent park committee planning meetings can be reviewed on the MUNA website www.sfmuna.org. Evidence of earlier planning meetings can be viewed on the Fallen Bridge website, www.fallenbridge.org.

3 Maintenance Plan: Committed Community Stewardship for Years to Come

The Fallen Bridge Mini-Park has a water system that is accessed by the use of quick couplers, sprinklers and hoses. This system was requested to be used by the SF RPD since it is preferred over automated sprinkler systems that have high maintenance costs. Hoses and sprinklers are kept in a green RPD box, which the park committee has the keys to. Only the park committee waters the park. Money was budgeted in the application in case there is an accidental issue with the existing water system during construction. There are no plans to change the current system.

The MUNA park committee has committed to maintaining the activity court and landscaping in addition to the maintenance already planned and accomplished on the south end of the park. The maintenance will consist of bi-monthly park work parties with an average of 12 neighbors, young and old, participating in conjunction with San Francisco Park and Recreation Department. Individual committee members will continue to gather small garbage that collects along the edges of the park and water the park as necessary when the weather is particularly dry. This level of maintenance has resulted in the south section of the park being in excellent condition. The MUNA park committee has proven successful at excellent neighborhood maintenance of the park for the past eleven years.

4 Benefit to the Environment: Drought Resistant Native Plants

The Activity Court project contains landscaping elements. On the north most side of the court and along the pathway, we plan to add drought resistant California Native plants in order to reduce the need for excessive watering. Initial watering will be required in order to establish the new plants. Plants will be chosen from groups that attract butterflies and bees.

Recycling and sharing plants

Discussions have already been held with the stewards of Potrero Hill's Progress Park (in the Dogpatch area under the 280 freeway) regarding recycling the Lily of the Nile plants. Progress Park has large open areas that they would like to fill with the plants that we are removing in order to construct the ADA pathway and the court. MUNA will dig out the plants and deliver them to Progress Park.

Environmentally Conscious Construction

The Miller Company will be executing the construction of the ADA pathway, the wall and the court. The Miller Company staff includes licensed Landscape Architects and LEED accredited professionals. From the Miller Company Web Site: "The Miller Company endeavors to foster the creation of sustainable landscapes in all of our project work. We make optimum use of materials available on the site and attempt to limit the importation of materials from off-site. We use appropriate construction and native plant materials in service to systems that recycle and nurture the whole environment. Through careful planning, design, and construction we have been able to be environmentally responsible and expressive which has brought us and our clients a great deal of satisfaction."

1.c How will your project benefit the environment?

The Activity Court construction will be done with environmentally conscious processes. The addition of landscaping with drought resistant California native plants will encourage and feed butterflies and bees.

5 Funding Sources

The MUNA park committee is working with the SF Parks Alliance, its fiscal sponsor, in order to secure funding for the park upgrade and the activity court. SF Parks Alliance provides assistance in coordinating neighborhood projects with the appropriate agencies, in this case both Caltrans and SF Recreation and Parks.

The Match Pledge Form has volunteer labor that the neighbors will do during the park construction. Construction of the actual retaining wall and activity court will be accomplished by Integrated Siteworks Inc., as it requires specialized skills. The neighbors are volunteering time to write grant applications and fundraise to supplement the amount we are requesting from the Community Challenge Grant program.

MUNA has applied to the Wells Fargo Foundation, the Eastern Neighborhoods Benefit Fund, the Bothin Foundation and the Lowes Foundation. We don't expect to be awarded for everything we apply to, however we do feel that we can be successful in raising the amount that our total budget requires. If we combine a \$60,000 grant from the Community Challenge fund with \$10,000 grants from some of the mentioned sources, we will be able to fund the Activity Court Project.

The park committee also plans to continue to raise money through a Fallen Bridge Benefit Auction, with participation by the San Bruno and Utah St. neighborhoods. One of the neighbors has offered use of her business space to host the auction, from which we hope to net \$20-25,000. We will also continue to hold White Elephant Sales. Our first sale netted \$1004 as well as a \$750 donation. Another sale, with an eye towards soliciting a wider pool of donations based on the success of the first sale, is planned for Spring 2012.

The committee will also approach businesses in the area for support. Potential businesses within 0.5 mile include UPS, Whole Foods, Zynga, Starbucks, Adobe, Center Hardware, World Gym, and Bank of America,

Additional Project Documentation

Miller Company project budget	A-1
Miller Company Landscape Drawings	A-2

Work Plan/Project Timeline

Activity	Responsible Person/Group	Date Done
MUNA and Broadmoor Landscape Company donations acquired	MUNA, SF Parks Alliance	May 2012
Wells Fargo, Bothin, SF Beautiful and Eastern Neighborhoods Benefit Fund awarded	MUNA, SF Parks Alliance	May 2012
Community Challenge Grant Awarded	SF Parks Alliance SFCCG Program	June 2012
SFCCG Funds available	SF Parks Alliance SFCCG Program	June 2012
Meet with RPD to determine the steps needed to begin the project	Steven Cismowski/RPD, Jean Bogiages and FOFB	June 2012
Request Plant materials from RPD	Jean Bogiages and FOFB, Steven Cismowski, RPD	June 2012
Work with RPD and Landscape Architect to move from conceptual to actual design	JD Beltran, Jean Bogiages and FOFB, Miller Company	June 2012
Secure approvals from RPD, Caltrans DPW of the final landscape plan	Jean Bogiages and FOFB	June 2012
Contract with Wall contractor	Jean Bogiages and FOFB, Miller Company	July 2012
Acquire plants from RPD	JD Beltran and FOFB	July 2012
Remove the agapanthus and transport them to Prospect Park	Frank Broz, David Adams and FOFB, Bruce Kin Huie	June 21012
Remove existing non-permanent plants Remove non-permanent trees	Frank Broz, David Adams and FOFB, Integrated Siteworks Inc., RPD	July 2012
Grade the area	Integrated Siteworks Inc.-, FOFB, RPD	July 2012
Construct the Activity Court	Integrated Siteworks Inc.-, FOFB, RPD	August 2012
Construct the Stone Wall	Integrated Siteworks Inc.-, FOFB, RPD	August 2012
Install the new plants and trees	David Adams, Juan Jayo and FOFB, Miller Company, SFPA	August 2012
Set schedule for monthly workdays for maintenance	Jean Bogiages and FOFB, RPD, SFPA	August 2012
Schedule Neighborhood celebration party	Jean Bogiages and FOFB	September 2012

FOFB (*Friends of Fallen Bridge, the park committee*)– Isabelle Sorrell, J D Beltran, Molly Watson, Jean Bogiages, Sheldon Trimble, David Adams, Juan Jayo, Carol Fager-Higgins, Robin Talmadge, Scott Cole, Joseph Talmadge, Scott Minneman, Parry Jayo, Steven Wolf

Miller Company – Jeffrey Miller, Kyla Burson

Integrated Siteworks Inc.- Jeffrey Miller, Will Rogers

Project Budget

A	B	C			D	E
Expenses (describe items)	CCG Request	Community/Neighborhood Match			Total Budget (B + C = D)	Other Sources not Counted as Match
		Volunteer Match	In-Kind Match (Donated supplies, services or other non-cash donations)	Cash Match		
Demolish (E) Wood Wall		500			500	
Remove Wood Bench		300			300	
Remove Shrubs		600			600	
Layout	1,200				1,200	
Grading	8,750			5,000	13,750	
Natural Stone Wall and Wall surrounding and supporting Activity Court	23,750			20,000	43,750	
Concrete Flatwork	2,325				2,325	
Decomposed Granite			8,000		8,000	
Irrigation	6,000				6,000	
Contractor's Profit & Overhead 25%	9,106.25			10,000	19,106.25	
Project Contingency	8,803				8,803	
Grand Total	59934.25	1400	8000	35000	104334.25	

Please see the attached Activity Court Project Budget for more detail. (A1 to A-5)

City Department(s) and/or Other Source of Funding

List the City Department(s) and/or Other Sources from which your organization has obtained funds for the proposed project and/or during the past two (2) years.

<u>City Department</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>\$ Requested</u>	<u>\$ Received</u>
___N/A___	MUNA White Elephant Sale	2011	\$ _____	\$ 1,004
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Permits/Permission

List the governmental permits that must be secured for the project(s). Attach proof of project approval/permission located on City-owned property from Department Head and/or Department Commission.

CalTrans Encroachment Permit _____

Mayor's Office of Disability Approval (received March 2012) _____

List name(s), address (es) and telephone number(s) of any private property owner who owns property on which the project will take place. Attach proof of project approval/permission from private-property owner(s).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone #</u>
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Organization Information Index

Applicant/Fiscal Sponsor - attach a copy of:

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j. Compiled Emails from Community	
9. If yours is a public art project include a bio of the artist(s) with history of their past work.	N/A




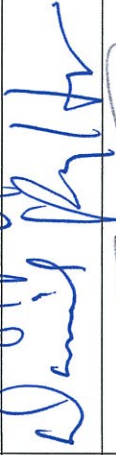

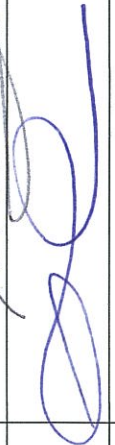



Sponsored Group – attach a copy of:

1. Describe the history, purpose and activities of the sponsored neighborhood group.	O-63
2. Evidence of past performance (newsletter, articles, photos, awards, etc.)	
a. November 2010 Potrero View Article	O-65
b. October 2011 Potrero View photo –White Elephant sale	O-67
c. January 9,2012 Blue Greenway Award	O-68
d. May 31, 2011 Potrero Boosters Award	O-69
e. May 26, 2011 SAFE award – Leno, Ting, Ma, SF SAFE	O-70
f. July 8, 2009 Parks and Community Award – Amiano, Ma, Newsom	O-74

Other

For applicants applying in the Large Funding Category (\$30,001 – 100,000), please provide a list of projects that have been completed by your organization in the last three years that demonstrate your ability to complete a large-scale physical improvement project, involving a more complex budget, timeline, and community outreach component.

Project Description	Neighborhood Served	Date Completed
Fallen Bridge Mini-Park Project	Potrero Hill / Mission	April , 2008

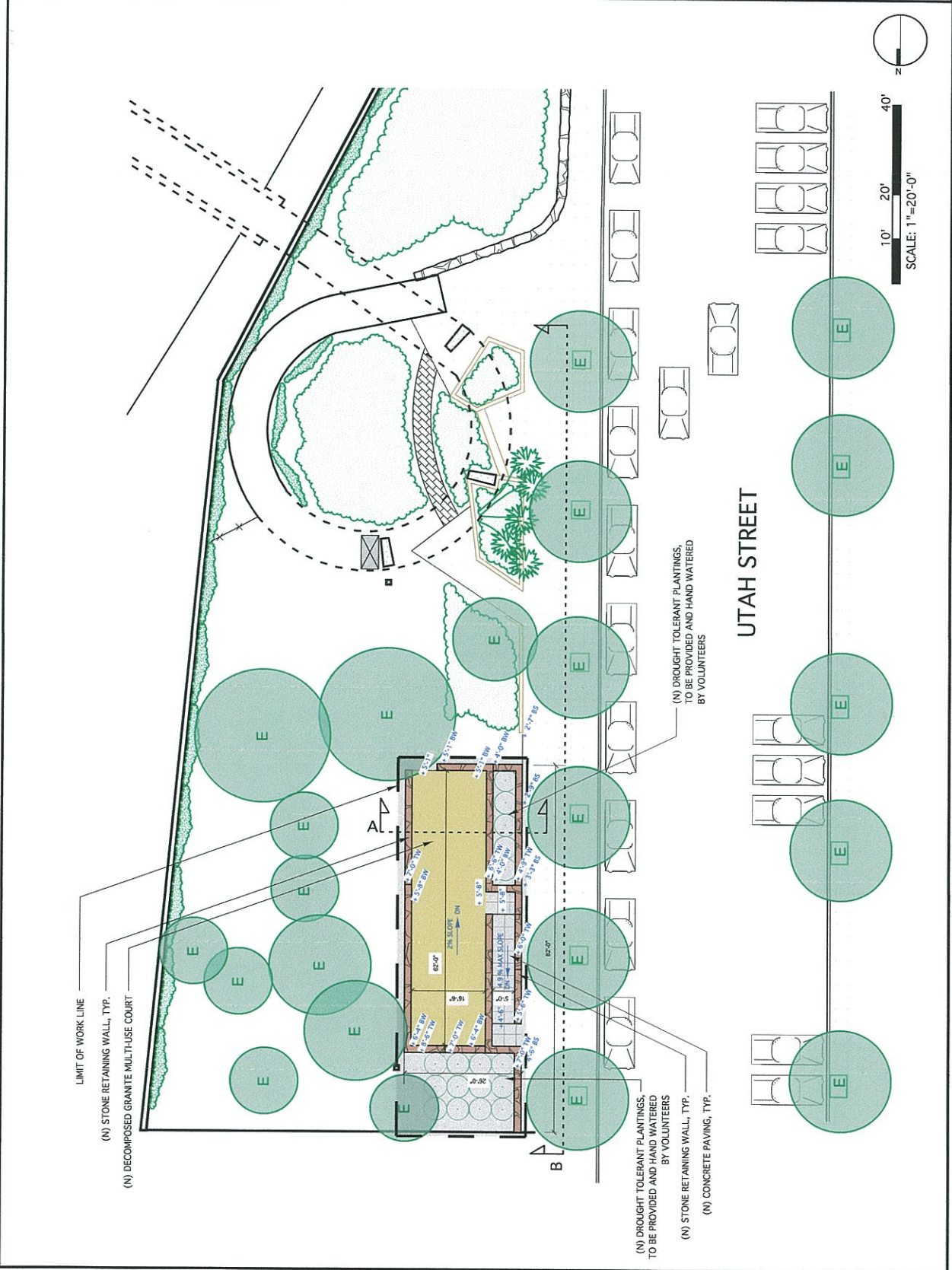
Molly Watson 540 Utah Street		8 hours @ \$12/hr 8 hrs @ \$60/hr	\$96 \$480	Removing plants, preparing soil, planting, watering, removing wood retaining walls, fundraising, Grant Writing
Jean Bogiages 550 Utah street		8 hours @ \$12/hr 8 hrs @ \$60/hr 120 hrs @ \$50/hr	\$96 \$480 \$6,000	Removing plants, preparing soil, planting, watering, removing wood retaining walls, fundraising, design meetings, Grant Writing
Carol Fager-Higgins 500 Utah Street		8 hours @ \$12/hr	\$96	Removing plants, preparing soil, planting, watering, removing wood retaining walls, fundraising
Daniel Higgins 500 Utah Street		8 hours @ \$12/hr	\$96	Removing plants, preparing soil, planting, watering, removing wood retaining walls fundraising
Joseph Talmadge 510 Utah Street		8 hours @ \$12/hr	\$96	Removing plants, preparing soil, planting, watering, removing wood retaining walls, fundraising
James Bullard 514 Utah Street 540 UTAH ST.		8 hours @ \$12/hr	\$96	Removing plants, preparing soil, planting, watering, removing wood retaining walls, fundraising
Patty Jayo 530 Utah Street		8 hours @ \$12/hr	\$96	Removing plants, preparing soil, planting, watering, removing wood retaining walls, fundraising
Natalie Jayo 530 Utah Street		8 hours @ \$12/hr	\$96	Removing plants, preparing soil, planting, watering, removing wood retaining walls, fundraising
Scott Minneman 531 Utah Street		8 hours @ \$12/hr	\$96	Removing plants, preparing soil, planting, watering, removing wood retaining walls, fundraising
Broadmoor MUNA Group	<i>will request</i> Donations, White Elephant sale, etc	Decomposed Granite	\$8,000 \$5,000	Donation potential Fundraising Activities
Eastern Neighborhoods Benefit Fund	Application has been submitted	SUBTOTAL	\$27,774	Grant pending
World Gym	Potential Donor		\$5,000	Donation potential
Wells Fargo	Application has been submitted		\$10,000	Foundation Grant-pending
Bothin	Application has been submitted		\$10,000	Foundation Grant-pending
Lowe's	Application will be submitted if we get CCG		\$10,000	Foundation Grant-pending
SF Beautiful Foundation	Application will be submitted if we get CCG		\$5,000	Potential application
		TOTAL	\$77,744	



Project Cost Estimate
FALLEN BRIDGE MINI PARK
 12/1/11

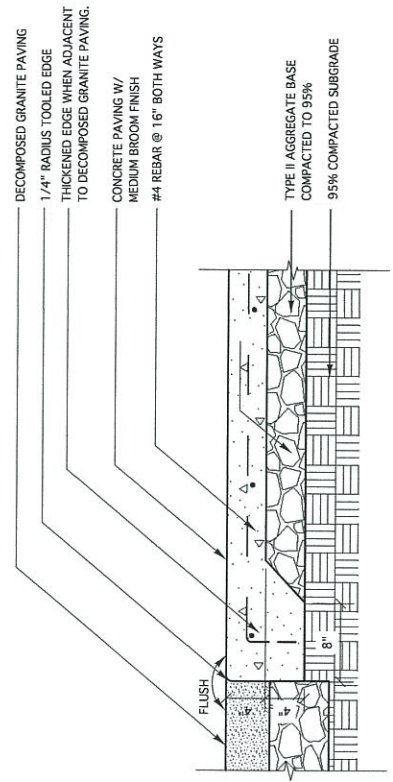
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	UNIT	COST/UNIT	COST
SITE PREPARATION:				
Demolish (E) Wood Wall	100	LF	5	\$ 500.00
Remove (E) Wood Bench	1	each	300	\$ 300.00
Remove (E) Shrubs	allow		600	\$ 600.00
Layout	allow		1200	\$ 1,200.00
Grading	2500	SF	3.5	\$ 8,750.00
MASONRY:				
Natural Stone Wall	650	FF	75	\$ 48,750.00
PAVING:				
Concrete flatwork	186	SF	12.5	\$ 2,325.00
Decomposed Granite	1000	SF	8	\$ 8,000.00
IRRIGATION:				
Irrigation	1	allow	6000	\$ 6,000.00
Subtotal				\$ 70,425.00
Contractor's profit and overhead 25%				\$ 17,606.25
ESTIMATED BID				\$ 88,031.25
Project Contingency 10%				\$ 8,803.13
TOTAL:				\$ 96,834.38

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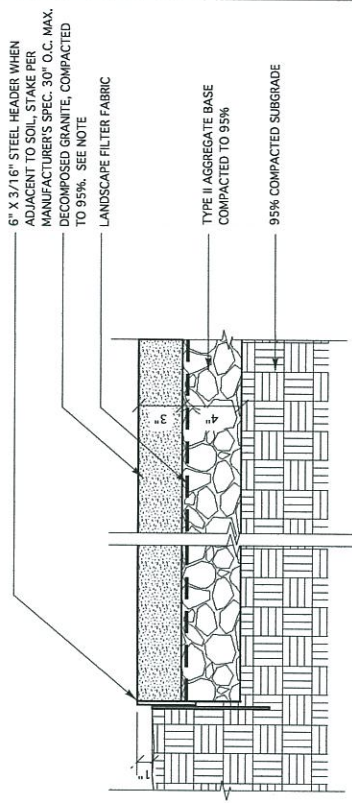


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DATE	3/9/12
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PROJECT NO.	L 4.0

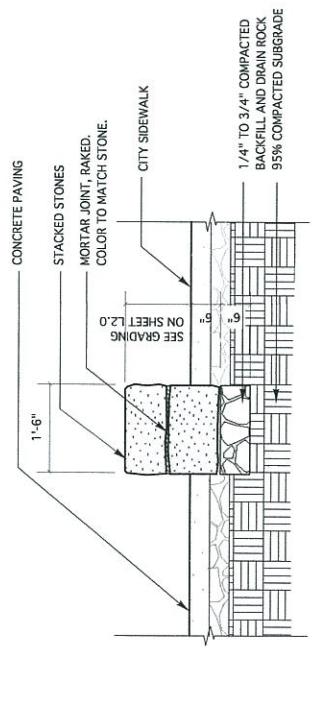


1 CONCRETE PAVING
 SCALE: 1 1/2" = 1'-0"

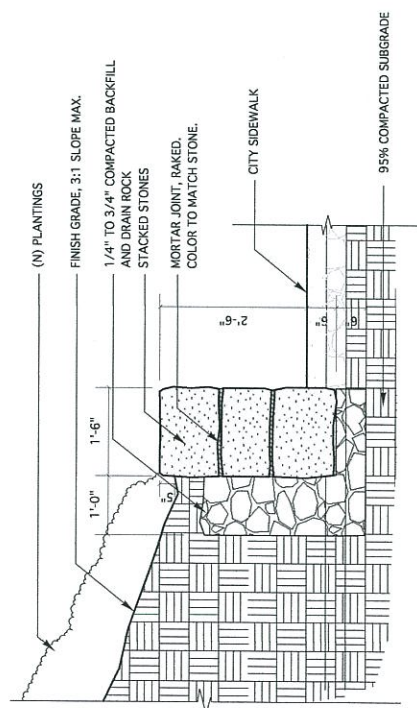


2 DECOMPOSED GRANITE PAVING
 SCALE: 1 1/2" = 1'-0"

NOTE:
 1. STEEL EDGE TO BE 'DURAEDGE' BY JD RUSSEL PRODUCTS.
 2. DECOMPOSED GRANITE TO BE 'CALIFORNIA GOLD'.



CONDITION: ADJACENT TO CONCRETE PAVING



CONDITION: ADJACENT TO PLANTING SLOPE

NOTE:
 1. STONE TO BE THREE RIVER WALL ROCK. MORTAR TO MATCH STONE COLOR.

3 STONEWALL TYPICAL
 SCALE: 1 1/2" = 1'-0"

Internal Revenue Service

Date: January 29, 2005

SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST INC
501 STANYAN ST
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94117

Department of the Treasury
P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Person to Contact:
Mr. Mason 31-07424
Customer Service Specialist
Toll Free Telephone Number:
8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST
877-829-5500
Fax Number:
513-263-3756
Federal Identification Number:
23-7131784

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the amendment to your organization's Articles of Incorporation filed with the state on July 21, 2004. We have updated our records to reflect the name change as indicated above.

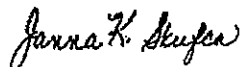
In October 1971 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that your organization is also classified as a public charity under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records indicate that contributions to your organization are deductible under section 170 of the Code, and that you are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



Janna K. Skufca, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services

OCT 26 2011

RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SAN FRANCISCO PARKS ALLIANCE

The undersigned certify that:

1. They are the president and the secretary, respectively, of San Francisco Parks Alliance, a California corporation.
2. The Articles of Incorporation of this corporation are amended and restated to read as follows:

I.

The name of this corporation is SAN FRANCISCO PARKS ALLIANCE.

II.

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public purposes. The specific purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

- (a) To develop and cultivate a wider public interest in recreation and parks and related leisure-time activities; to contribute to their support; to further recreation, education and participation;
- (b) To provide leadership and support of San Francisco park users through community-driven stewardship, planning and research; to educate the general public, government officials, community groups and the press about park-related issues; and to advocate for a superior, equitable and sustainable park and recreation system in the City and County of San Francisco, including parks, open spaces and other public areas;
- (c) To encourage appreciation of parks, open spaces, other public areas and the preservation of land within the City and County of San Francisco, as essential to a healthful urban environment and to give assistance to recreational, horticultural, musical and cultural support of leisure-time programs and activities of an educational character;
- (d) To engage generally in such other activities, related or unrelated to those described above, of a scientific, charitable or educational nature as its directors may from time to time authorize or approve, provided that any such activities are permitted to tax-exempt organizations under the authority of a published ruling of the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Treasury Department or a ruling of said Service specifically granted to this corporation; and
- (e) To have and exercise all of the powers conferred upon nonprofit corporations by the laws of the State of California now in effect or as hereafter amended.

III.

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for public purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) (the "Code").

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

IV.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director or officer of this corporation, or to the benefit of any private person.

V.

This corporation elects to be governed by all of the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1980 not otherwise applicable to it under Part 5 of Division 2.

VI.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established and maintained its tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or to the Recreation and Parks Commission of the City and County of San Francisco (the "Commission"), provided that the Commission is permitted to receive such assets under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

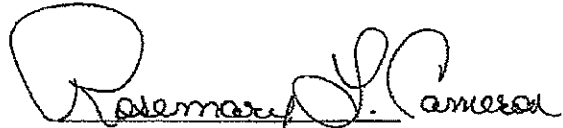
VII.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

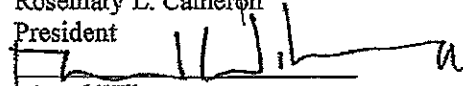
3. The foregoing amendment and restatement of the Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the board of directors.
4. The corporation has no members.

We further declare under penalty and perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of our own knowledge.

Date: October 14, 2011



Rosemary L. Cameron
President



Marcel Wilson
Secretary



I hereby certify that the foregoing
transcript of 3 page(s)
is a full, true and correct copy of the
original record in the custody of the
California Secretary of State's office.

OCT 27 2011

Date: _____

Debra Bowen
DEBRA BOWEN, Secretary of State

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Board of Directors 2011-2012

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Glenn Snyder	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
Isabel Wade, Ph.D.	Founder, Neighborhood Parks Council
John Ware	Volunteer, Japanese Tea Garden - Golden Gate Park



Operating Budget October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012	
Revenues	
Fundraising Events	\$530,000
Contributions	\$290,000
Membership	\$275,000
Administrative Fees	\$275,000
Foundation Grants	\$195,000
Government Grants	\$175,000
In-Kind	\$125,000
Interest and Dividends	\$96,000
Corporate Grants	\$89,600
Program Fees	\$40,000
Other Income	\$15,000
Total Revenues	\$2,105,600
Expenses	
Salary and Benefits	\$1,373,003
Outside Services	\$330,900
Operating	\$205,575
Consultants	\$108,000
Travel, Conferences & Staff Dev.	\$32,250
Other Expenses	\$25,500
Banking	\$22,000
Total Expenses	\$2,097,228
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$8,372

SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

**IZABAL, BERNACIAK & COMPANY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

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SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
San Francisco, California

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of San Francisco Parks Trust, Inc. as of June 30, 2011 and the related statements of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of San Francisco Parks Trust, Inc. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of San Francisco Parks Trust, Inc. as of June 30, 2010, were audited by other auditors whose report dated October 28, 2010, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provided a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of San Francisco Parks Trust, Inc. as of June 30, 2011, the changes in its net assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Isabel Bernaciak & Co. CPAs

San Francisco, California
August 19, 2011

SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2011 and 2010

ASSETS	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,975,097	\$ 1,346,616
Accounts receivable	71,317	50,612
Prepaid expenses	19,748	28,742
Inventory - Conservatory of Flowers	31,226	17,500
Investments	3,417,492	3,170,536
Property and equipment - net	<u>4,748</u>	<u>6,670</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$5,519,628</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,620,676</u></u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 454,403	\$ 252,239
Deferred revenue	<u>198,755</u>	<u>17,795</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>653,158</u>	<u>270,034</u>
 NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Designated by the board for specific purposes	819,504	708,823
Designated for Conservatory of Flowers operations	63,006	58,417
Undesignated	<u>421,433</u>	<u>4,972</u>
Total unrestricted net assets	<u>1,303,943</u>	<u>772,212</u>
Temporarily restricted	<u>3,562,527</u>	<u>3,578,430</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>4,866,470</u>	<u>4,350,642</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u><u>\$5,519,628</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 4,620,676</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>2011 Total</u>
Contributions	\$ 520,142	\$ 7,436,964	\$ 7,957,106
Admissions and sales	860,496	-	860,496
Memberships	257,713	-	257,713
Administrative fees	253,492	-	253,492
Program Fees	2,046	-	2,046
Revenue from special events	472,216	-	472,216
In-kind donations	182,146	-	182,146
Interest and investment income	96,908	4,838	101,746
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) from investments	281,021	(2,766)	278,255
Other income	71,095	-	71,095
Net assets released from restrictions	7,454,939	(7,454,939)	-
Total support and revenue	<u>10,452,214</u>	<u>(15,903)</u>	<u>10,436,311</u>
EXPENSES:			
Program services:			
Park Partners Programs	7,461,079	-	7,461,079
S. F. Recreation & Park Department Programs	325,644	-	325,644
Conservatory of Flowers	1,111,903	-	1,111,903
Supporting services:			
General and administrative	184,528	-	184,528
Development	837,329	-	837,329
Total expenses	<u>9,920,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,920,483</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	531,731	(15,903)	515,828
NET ASSETS at beginning of year	<u>772,212</u>	<u>3,578,430</u>	<u>4,350,642</u>
NET ASSETS at end of year	<u>\$ 1,303,943</u>	<u>\$ 3,562,527</u>	<u>\$ 4,866,470</u>

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SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>2010 Total</u>
Contributions	\$ 614,139	\$ 6,318,733	\$ 6,932,872
Admissions and sales	779,480	-	779,480
Memberships	278,202	-	278,202
Administrative fees	227,344	-	227,344
Program fees	116,926	-	116,926
Revenue from special events	225,985	-	225,985
In-kind donations	112,825	-	112,825
Interest and investment income	88,541	5,286	93,827
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) from investments	120,547	(372)	120,175
Other income	36,825	-	36,825
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>6,131,024</u>	<u>(6,131,024)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>8,731,838</u>	<u>192,623</u>	<u>8,924,461</u>
EXPENSES:			
Program services:			
Park Partners Programs	6,422,323	-	6,422,323
S. F. Recreation & Park Department Programs	403,831	-	403,831
Conservatory of Flowers	907,036	-	907,036
Supporting services:			
General and administrative	294,429	-	294,429
Development	<u>488,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>488,449</u>
Total expenses	<u>8,516,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,516,068</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	215,770	192,623	408,393
NET ASSETS at beginning of year	<u>556,442</u>	<u>3,385,807</u>	<u>3,942,249</u>
NET ASSETS at end of year	<u>\$ 772,212</u>	<u>\$ 3,578,430</u>	<u>\$ 4,350,642</u>

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SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	Program Services				Supporting Services		Total
	Park Partners Programs	Recreation & Park Dept Programs	Conservatory of Flowers	Program Services Total	General and Administrative	Development	
Salaries and wages	\$ 544,320	\$ -	\$ 398,384	\$ 942,704	\$ 92,636	\$ 297,825	\$ 1,333,165
Benefits and payroll taxes	116,845	-	75,416	192,261	23,710	48,600	264,571
Consultants	91,568	-	79,072	170,640	34,806	54,995	260,441
Contractors	5,762,675	159,744	133,049	6,055,468	-	17,353	6,072,821
Program material and supplies	538,781	165,885	81,200	785,866	21,819	73,970	881,655
Office expenses	46,339	-	37,223	83,562	5,983	47,482	137,027
Postage and shipping	10,764	-	6,575	17,339	723	38,303	56,365
Printing and publication	49,594	-	30,228	79,822	1,507	14,429	95,758
Travel, conferences and meetings	26,997	-	13,336	40,333	2,886	15,883	59,102
Insurance	3,034	-	-	3,034	1,379	4,221	8,634
Publicity	7,228	-	82,972	90,200	56	7,022	97,278
Outside services	20,745	-	33,295	54,040	48	202,069	256,157
Interest	-	-	-	-	(6)	-	(6)
Administrative fees	208,618	-	44,874	253,492	-	-	253,492
Credit card fees	5,056	-	11,666	16,722	622	11,214	28,558
Awards	21,133	-	1,400	22,533	-	-	22,533
Miscellaneous	5,902	15	82,801	88,718	(131)	1,375	89,962
Total expenses before depreciation	7,459,599	325,644	1,111,491	8,896,734	186,038	834,741	9,917,513
Depreciation	1,480	-	412	1,892	(1,510)	2,588	2,970
Total expenses	\$ 7,461,079	\$ 325,644	\$ 1,111,903	\$ 8,898,626	\$ 184,528	\$ 837,329	\$ 9,920,483

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SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Program Services				Supporting Services			Total
	Park Partners Programs	Recreation & Park Dept Programs	Conservatory of Flowers	Program Services Total	General and Administrative	Development		
Salaries and wages	\$ 502,327	\$ -	\$ 368,182	\$ 870,509	\$ 114,466	\$ 280,464	\$ 1,265,439	
Benefits and payroll taxes	109,470	-	72,610	182,080	24,123	50,843	257,046	
Consultants	68,008	350	80,531	148,889	53,319	18,902	221,110	
Contractors	4,891,120	49,228	11,568	4,951,916	-	2,213	4,954,129	
Program material and supplies	506,860	352,579	66,139	925,578	28,261	1,690	955,529	
Office expenses	35,914	-	33,044	68,958	35,560	41,581	146,099	
Postage and shipping	6,154	-	5,314	11,468	3,985	41,645	57,098	
Printing and publication	7,901	-	45,741	53,642	3,097	21,064	77,803	
Travel, conferences and meetings	26,753	-	12,587	39,340	2,682	7,356	49,378	
Insurance	-	-	-	-	8,488	-	8,488	
Publicity	4,188	-	57,920	62,108	34	6,991	69,133	
Outside services	58,780	1,282	25,804	85,866	-	13,121	98,987	
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	
Administrative fees	180,114	-	38,924	219,038	-	-	219,038	
Credit card fees	2,679	-	10,367	13,046	9,677	1,599	24,322	
Awards	20,204	-	2,250	22,454	-	-	22,454	
Miscellaneous	1,851	392	74,194	76,437	6,937	26	83,400	
Total expenses before depreciation	6,422,323	403,831	905,175	7,731,329	290,635	487,495	8,509,459	
Depreciation	-	-	1,861	1,861	3,794	954	6,609	
Total expenses	\$ 6,422,323	\$ 403,831	\$ 907,036	\$ 7,733,190	\$ 294,429	\$ 488,449	\$ 8,516,068	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.
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SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
JUNE 30, 2011 and 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 515,828	\$ 408,393
Adjustment to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	5,209	6,610
Net realized and unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(278,255)	(120,175)
Decrease (Increase) in:		
Accounts receivable - trade	(20,705)	84
Unconditional promises to give	-	12,205
Prepaid expenses	8,994	59,020
Inventory	(13,726)	(2,743)
Increase (Decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	199,806	102,348
Deferred revenue	180,960	17,795
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>598,111</u>	<u>483,537</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments	749,378	798,407
Purchase of securities	(689,527)	(1,507,447)
Contributed securities	(28,331)	(16,754)
Reinvested dividends	(102)	(523)
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,048)	-
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>30,370</u>	<u>(726,317)</u>
 NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	 628,481	 (242,780)
 CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	 <u>1,346,616</u>	 <u>1,589,396</u>
 CASH AT END OF YEAR	 <u>\$ 1,975,097</u>	 <u>\$ 1,346,616</u>
 Supplemental data:		
Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>
 Noncash investing activities		
Contributed securities	<u>\$ 28,331</u>	<u>\$ 16,754</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

Note 1: ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

San Francisco Parks Trust, Inc. (SFPT) is dedicated to enhancing and protecting parks, open spaces, and recreational activities that are vital to the physical and mental well being and happiness of the City's residents. SFPT also values and respects the vital role our parks and open spaces play in preserving San Francisco's natural environment and are committed to ecological and wildlife stewardship.

Through collaboration, advocacy, and education, the organization seeks to increase the recognition of the value of parks in daily life and to ensure that San Francisco's parks and green spaces are open, accessible, clean, safe, and fun. SFPT raises funds to improve and preserve parks, advocates for the importance of supporting parks, and maintains accountability in how resources are used.

Founded in 1971, the organization we know now as San Francisco Parks Trust began as the volunteer-run San Francisco Friends of the Recreation & Park Corporation. Some of the earlier programs, started in the 1970's, continue to this day. These include the annual Opera in the Park, Park Partners programs, and Park Guides, which conduct tours of Golden Gate Park. Since its founding, SFPT has raised millions of dollars from foundations, corporations, individual donors, and members to sustain parks.

SFPT's Board of Trustees meets on a regular basis to set policy and oversee the administrative functions of the organization.

The descriptions of the major programs of SFPT are summarized as follows:

San Francisco Recreation and Park Development Projects

SFPT serves as fiscal sponsor and partner for a number of San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department (RPD) projects that receive private philanthropy, such as the restoration of the Murphy Windmill and campaigns to raise funds for targeted projects.

Conservatory of Flowers

SFPT headed the campaign to restore the Conservatory of Flowers, the national historic landmark owned by the City's Recreation and Park Department. In an arrangement with the City and County of San Francisco, SFPT raised approximately \$12 million of the estimated \$19.2 million project costs through private donations. The project was completed in September 2003 and SFPT had an agreement to operate the Conservatory of Flowers through June 30, 2009. SFPT's current agreement to operate the Conservatory of Flowers expire on October 31, 2011 and a new memorandum of understanding is under development.

SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1: ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES (continued)

Park Partners

The Park Partners program provides operational support and capacity building for approximately 65 organizations ranging from all-volunteer community groups to nonprofit groups with small staffs. Many Partners focus on improving their neighborhood park or recreation center, others on arts and cultural programming, and some on greening and beautification. All of them benefit from SFPT's infrastructure and expertise, which enable them to make a significant contribution to improving recreation opportunities and parks, and to add green space throughout the city.

SFPT is committed to forming strong community partnerships and maintains ongoing collaborations with a range of local organizations, including the Visitacion Valley Greenway, Friends of Noe Valley Recreation Center, San Francisco Tennis Coalition, Friends of Alta Plaza, Friends of McLaren Park, SFGRO, Kids in Parks, Plant*SF, Friends of Boedekker Park, Bay Area Open Space Council and City Guides.

Through an array of community-based projects, SFPT positively impacts thousands of people of all ages – youth, teenagers, adults and seniors – fostering community building and leadership skills and creating a healthier population. SFPT programs also serve as models for future community-initiated recreation activities and park renovations. Through fiscal sponsorships, project management and mentorship, neighborhood park groups gain from San Francisco Parks Trust's vast experience as well as partnerships with both San Francisco's Park and Recreation Department and the San Francisco Mayor's Office. SFPT acts as the liaison with community groups and public offices, focusing on the goals and aspirations of community leaders and putting their highlighted priorities into action. SFPT's involvement in community projects plays a role in bridging the City's budget gap through targeted fundraising initiatives, creative programming and community partnerships maximizing San Francisco's public resources for all residents.

SFPT is especially vulnerable to the inherent risks associated with revenue that is substantially dependent on public support, and contributions. The continued growth and well-being of SFPT is contingent upon successful achievement of its long-term revenue-raising goals.

SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows:

Basis of Accounting

SFPT uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized in the period earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Basis of Presentation

SFPT reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets and temporarily restricted net assets.

Revenue Recognition

Contributions are recognized as revenue when they are unconditionally communicated. Grants represent contributions if resource providers receive no value in exchange for the assets transferred. Contributions are recorded at their fair value as unrestricted support or temporarily restricted support, depending on the absence or existence of the donor-imposed restrictions as applicable. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Donated professional services are recognized when received if such services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require special skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not donated. The value of these contributed services is included in the accompanying financial statements because of the required specialized skills. Although SFPT significantly benefits from services provided by volunteers, the nature of these services does not meet criteria for recognition in the financial statements.

Promises to Give

Unconditional promises to give are recognized as revenue or gains in the period received. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash is defined as cash in demand deposit accounts as well as cash in hand.

Cash equivalents are short-term (initial maturity dates of three months or less from the date of acquisition), highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash.

SFPT has funds on deposit with a single financial institution. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000.

Accounts Receivable

SFPT records an allowance for doubtful collections based on a review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information, and existing economic conditions. Management believes the receivables at June 30, 2011 will be fully collected. Accordingly, no allowances for doubtful accounts were recorded.

Inventories

Inventories consist of items held for resale and are valued at the lower of cost or market and are determined by the first in first out method.

Investments

SFPT maintains accounts with several stock brokerage firms. SFPT invests in publicly traded securities consisting of mutual funds, corporate bonds, certificates of deposit, and equity securities which are carried at their estimated fair trade value based on quoted market prices. All debt securities and equity securities are valued in accordance with *Fair Value Measurements*. Public stocks, subject to considerable price fluctuations, are valued at the closing market price on the last day of the fiscal year. Gains and losses that result from market fluctuations are recognized in the period such fluctuations occur as part of unrestricted net assets. Realized gains or losses resulting from sales or maturities are calculated on an adjusted cost basis. Adjusted cost is the estimated fair value of the security at the beginning of the year. Dividend and interest income are accrued when earned. Balances are secured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

Investment Income and Gains

Investment income and gains restricted by donors are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions are met (that is when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction accomplished) in the reporting period in which the income and gains are recognized.

**SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Concluded

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost of acquisition, or fair value if donated. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to expense as incurred. Depreciation is computed based on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. SFPT's policy is to capitalize furniture and equipment purchases over \$1,000.

The projects completed by SFPT are not owned by the organization; therefore, none of these expenditures is capitalized on these financial statements.

The useful lives of the assets are estimated as follows:

Office equipment and furniture	3 years
Computer equipment	3 to 5 years

Tax Status

SFPT is exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and California Revenue and Taxation code Section 23701(b). Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the accompanying financial statements. In addition, contributions to SFPT qualify for the charitable contribution deduction and SFPT is classified as an organization other than a private foundation under Section 509(a).

Management believes the Organization has no uncertain tax positions as of June 30, 2011.

Functional Expenses Allocation

The costs of providing program services and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and statements of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs are allocated among program services and supporting services based on estimates of employees' time incurred and on usage of resources.

Note 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts Receivable consists of the following as of June 30:

	2011	2010
Project reimbursements	\$ 69,882	\$ 16,779
Salary reimbursements	-	11,220
Other	1,435	22,613
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 71,317	\$ 50,612

**SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
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Note 4: INVENTORY

The inventory consisted of the following amounts, as of June 30:

	2011	2010
Gift shop merchandise and books – Conservatory of Flowers	\$ 31,226	\$ 17,500

Note 5: LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

Investments, which are stated at fair market value using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (all Level 1 measurements), consist of the following at June 30, 2011:

	Cost	Fair Market Value	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Mutual Funds	\$ 1,360,872	\$ 1,434,589	\$ 73,717
Stocks	451,393	493,285	41,892
Non U.S. securities	32,970	34,969	1,999
Certificates of deposit	658,881	661,747	2,866
Government obligations	254,927	263,676	8,749
Corporate obligations	518,354	529,226	10,872
Total	\$ 3,277,397	\$ 3,417,492	\$ 140,095

Investment return for the year ended June 30, 2011 is summarized as follows:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Interest and dividend income	\$ 96,908	\$ 4,838	\$ 101,746
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	281,021	(2,766)	278,255
Net investment returns	\$ 377,929	\$ 2,072	\$ 380,001

Fair values for investments are determined by reference to quoted market prices and other relevant information gathered by market transactions.

**SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST, INC.
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Note 5: LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS - Continued

Investments, which are stated at fair market value using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (all Level 1 measurements), consist of the following at June 30, 2010:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 864,692	\$ 752,756	\$ (111,937)
Stocks	481,206	449,560	(31,646)
Non U.S. securities	6,565	5,534	(1,031)
Certificates of deposit	955,006	957,768	2,762
Government obligations	254,927	272,948	18,021
Corporate obligations	746,133	731,970	(14,163)
Total	\$ 3,308,529	\$ 3,170,536	\$ (137,994)

Investment return for the year ended June 30, 2010 is summarized as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest and dividend income	\$ 88,541	\$ 5,286	\$ 93,827
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	120,547	(372)	120,175
Net investment returns	<u>\$ 209,088</u>	<u>\$ 4,914</u>	<u>\$ 214,002</u>

Note 6: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2011, and 2010 were \$2,970 and \$6,609 respectively.

The original cost and accumulated depreciation for the property and equipment were as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2011</u>	<u>June 30, 2010</u>
Computer equipment	\$ 131,036	\$ 143,776
Furniture and fixtures	8,551	8,551
Total	139,587	152,327
Less: accumulated depreciation	(134,839)	(145,657)
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 4,748</u>	<u>\$ 6,670</u>

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Note 7: BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

Unrestricted net assets include the following amounts that have been specifically designated by the Board of Directors for the following purposes:

	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2010
McLaren Fund – long term projects	\$ 744,943	\$ 642,998
Japanese Tea Garden	34,032	33,890
Visibility Campaign	8,190	8,190
Park Partners Innovator Awards	32,339	23,745
Total	<u>\$ 819,504</u>	<u>\$ 708,823</u>

Note 8 TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are for the following purpose or periods:

2011				
	June 30, 2010	Contributions	Releases From Restrictions	June 30, 2011
Park Partners Programs	\$ 3,138,707	\$ 6,991,909	\$ (7,005,704)	\$ 3,124,912
S.F. Recreation & Parks Dept. Programs	439,723	187,398	(189,506)	437,615
Conservatory of Flowers	-	259,729	(259,729)	-
Total	<u>\$ 3,578,430</u>	<u>\$ 7,439,036</u>	<u>\$ (7,454,938)</u>	<u>\$ 3,562,527</u>

2010				
	June 30, 2009	Contributions	Releases From Restrictions	June 30, 2010
Park Partners Programs	\$ 2,769,628	\$ 6,132,347	\$ (5,763,268)	\$ 3,138,707
S.F. Recreation & Parks Dept. Programs	616,179	150,376	(326,832)	439,723
Conservatory of Flowers	-	40,924	(40,924)	-
Total	<u>\$ 3,385,807</u>	<u>\$ 6,323,647</u>	<u>\$ (6,131,024)</u>	<u>\$ 3,578,430</u>

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Note 9: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through August 19, 2011, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. A description of the major subsequent event is as follows:

SFPT and Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) have been the two primary nonprofit organizations serving the needs of San Francisco parks and park users. The lack of adequate public funding and the corresponding decline in park conditions and amenities highlighted the need for one strong, high-profile nonprofit organization to facilitate the collaboration between residents and the City of San Francisco ("The City") to improve parks and raise the visibility of parks and recreation as a vital public service. The City also needs a strong, independent partner to engage in on-going planning and policy development related to public lands and to bring best practices and solutions into the public dialogue on parkland. Within this context of increasing demand for services and scarcity of resources, both SFPT and NPC realized the importance of ensuring that volunteerism, civic engagement, advocacy, and philanthropy are coordinated and leveraged for the best possible outcome for parks and park users. Discussions by representatives of the two organizations began about creating a new organization, based on some of the best practices of both organizations and those around the country, to ensure that the needs of parks and all park users would be equitably met. A combined entity would also eliminate duplication of efforts and achieve economies of scale, while working efficiently and with inspiration toward an enduring vision for San Francisco parkland for generations to come.

In February 2010, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of SFPT approved a Letter of Intent with NPC to explore a potential strategic transaction between the two organizations. A joint negotiating committee (the "JNC") was formed, consisting of equal members of directors of SFPT and NPC. The JNC explored the shared mission of the two organizations, examined the operations, history, and financial position of each with the assistance of consultants and experts engaged by the JNC. The SFPT JNC Members reported back to, and received instructions from, the Board. The JNC then negotiated a binding term sheet that set forth a proposed transaction in which a new organization would be created, and NPC would be merged with, and into, SFPT. SFPT would be the surviving legal entity, but a new governance structure including new bylaws and a new board of directors would be effected after consummation of the merger. As part of the agreement, the new organization would be called, San Francisco Parks Alliance.

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Note 9: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS – Continued

In their regular board meetings held in June 2011, SFPT and NPC Board members agreed to the proposed merger. In July 2011, at SFPT's annual meeting, members voted in favor of the merger and a new, board driven, governance structure so that SFPA would be set up to utilize the best communication and outreach methods available for the present and the future. San Francisco Parks Alliance is expected to begin operations in October 2011. The mission of the new, independent, nonprofit organization will be to inspire and promote civic engagement and philanthropy that protects, sustains, and enriches San Francisco parks and green open spaces. The Organization will be dedicated to fulfill a vision of parks that acknowledges and supports their critical environmental functions while striving to ensure that they are accessible, beautiful, safe, clean, fun, and managed in a manner that makes them accountable, open, and welcoming to all.




Certificate of Honor

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The Office of Assessor-Recorder of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution of the Certificate of Honor in appreciative public recognition of distinction and merit for outstanding service to a significant portion of the people of the City and County of San Francisco by:

Neighborhood Parks Council

In recognition of thirteen remarkable years under the resolute leadership of Dr. Isabel Wade and with the inspiring selection of Meredith Thomas as your new Executive Director, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Neighborhood Parks Council. Your ability to build vibrant coalitions that create demonstrable improvements in our community exemplifies why the Neighborhood Parks Council is a foundational organization in San Francisco. In recognition of your tireless work, The Office of the Assessor-Recorder conveys its highest appreciation and extends best wishes on all future endeavors.



Phil Ting
Assessor-Recorder of San Francisco
September, 11 2009



May 2010

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Friends,

Warmer weather is upon us and so it is time to plan more park workdays and community events! Please let the staff of NPC know if we can help you get your park group moving on some fun summer plans. Don't forget to let us know what you are up to so we can put your park events on our calendar! Thank you again for all you do to improve our parks!

Meredith Thomas
Executive Director

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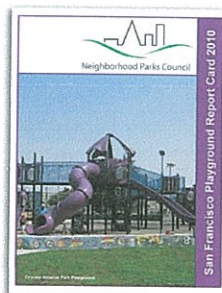


Volunteer of the Month



[Harmonie Wexler from Friends of West Sunset Playground](#)

2010 Playground Report Card Released at Play Day



April 8, 2010, San Francisco: The [2010 San Francisco Playground Report Card](#) was released at Play Day at McLaren Park. The report grades the 130+ public playgrounds in San Francisco for safety and maintenance. Local playground advocates Meredith Thomas, NPC Executive Director, Phil Ginsburg, General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department, and Supervisor John Avalos joined community volunteers and local children at Play Day to celebrate the new Report Card. [Click here for photos from Play Day!](#)

"The Playground Report Card is a wonderful communication tool that helps us all understand how well we are meeting the needs of young children and families in San Francisco," said [Meredith Thomas, NPC Executive Director](#). "At the Neighborhood Parks Council, we believe that every child deserves a playground near their home where they can play safely and make friends. The Report Card helps us prioritize [our advocacy and organizing work](#) so that we can direct resources to the playgrounds that need the most attention."

- [Click here to download the report.](#)
- [Click here for a map of the 2010 playground grades.](#)

Visit sfnpc.org/playgrounds to read more about our playground work.

I Love My Park

Another Failing Playground is Replaced!

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[Read an interview with three swimmers at Aquatic Park](#)

Lincoln Park Playground reopens after renovation



Lincoln Park Playground received an F grade in NPC's [2006](#) and [2008 Playground Report Card](#). The playground had simply lived out its lifespan. Swings chains were rusty, the metal slide bed was corroded, the wooden equipment was worn and the sand was dirty. The [Playground Initiative](#) and the [Friends of Lincoln Park Playground](#) held [two workdays](#) at the site in 2008 to keep the playground safe and clean until the Friends' dream of a complete renovation could be realized.

On Friday, April 23rd, the newly renovated Lincoln Park Playground opened to the public. Recreation and Park Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg and Supervisor Eric Mar joined the Friends of Lincoln Park Playground and hundreds of local children and parents for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Congratulations to all those who advocated for the playground and made this incredible transformation possible!

Featured Video



[A Tale of Two Playgrounds](#)



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May Events

[See NPC's May Calendar](#)

5/1: [72 Degrees: the Dolores Park Summer Warm-up](#)
10:00am

5/8: [NEN Clean & Green Summit 2010](#) 8:00am

5/12: [17th and Folsom Park Design Charette](#) 4:00pm

5/15: [Tastes of the Sunset Fundraiser](#) 6:00pm

5/19: [Blue Greenway Planning and Design Guidelines](#) 5:30pm

5/23: [Sunday Streets](#) 10:00am

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Spring Cleaning with NPC and Community Thrift Store

Ready to clean out your closet?



Found a shirt that you probably bought for a 70s theme party that you don't think you'd ever wear again?

Transferred all those cds onto your mp3 player and want to get rid of that clutter?

Just moved and you just can't fit that table in your room anymore?

Take all your gently used goods to [Community Thrift Store](#)! Located at 623 Valencia, the donation door is open everyday from 10am to 5pm.

When dropping off your items, remember to mention Neighborhood Parks Council (code number: 142) as your charity of choice. When your item is purchased, Community Thrift Store will donate portion of its sales to our work.

NPC Hosts Coalition Meeting on Park Safety

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On Thursday, April 29th, NPC hosted a coalition meeting on Approaches to Park Safety. Panelists from the Recreation and Park Department (RPD), San Francisco Parks Trust, SF Safe, Trust for Public Land and the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) discussed both park design treatments that enhance safety, as well as existing enforcement and information-sharing procedures, and how those might be improved.

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Blue Greenway Update

Blue Greenway Planning and Design Guidelines

The Port of San Francisco will be hosting its first in a series of community workshops to discuss the Blue Greenway and the development of the **Blue Greenway Planning and Design Guidelines**.

The meeting will be used to provide an overview of the planning process and schedule, existing conditions, opportunities & constraints and to discuss potential program uses for the various open spaces.

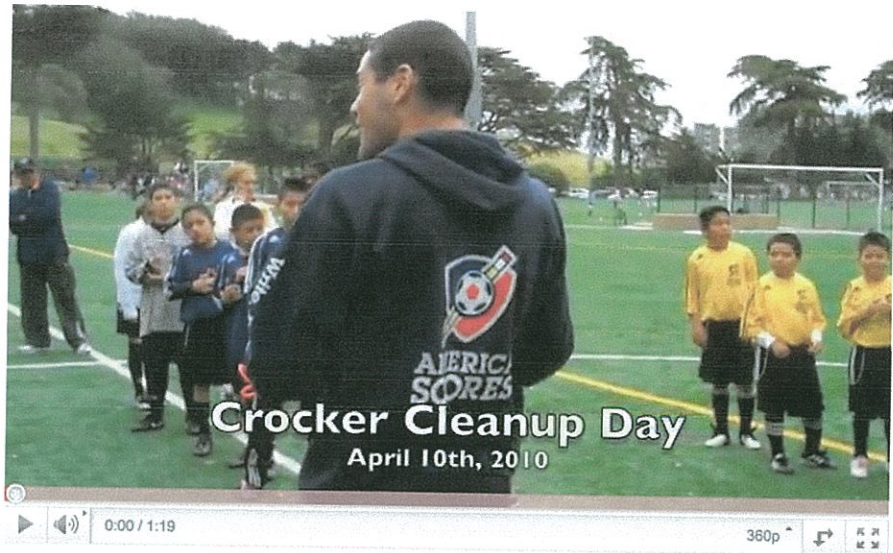
The meeting date is **Wednesday, May 19th from 5:30 to 8:00**, on the second floor at the **Mission Rock Resort**, 817 Terry Francois Boulevard (near Mariposa Street). Prior to the meeting (probably on Monday, May 17th), the Port will post a document on the Blue Greenway web site (below) that will present the information that will be reviewed at the community workshop.

More information about the Blue Greenway can also be reviewed on the Port's Blue Greenway web site at: www.sfport.com/bluegreenway

Continue Reading about the Pier 70 Master Plan, and Sunday Streets on the Blue Greenway

[Read More](#)

Second Annual Crocker Cleanup Day with SCORES



On Saturday, April 10th, over 100 youth helped cleanup Crocker Amazon Park's playfields. As part of Global Youth Service Day, these youth picked up litter, and spread the example of good stewardship to everyone at the park. This event was organized in partnership with [Bay Area SCORES](#) , and the [San Francisco Unified School District](#).

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The Neighborhood Parks Council and San Francisco Parks Trust are now one, combining the best in advocacy and philanthropy to grow, sustain, and enhance parks and recreation for all.

LAUNCH PROGRESS mouse over to pause

MARCH 2011

Organizations jointly release the Green Paper, a shared vision for a more effective organization able to meet the challenges parks face.

APRIL 2011

Organizations solicit feedback through a series of public meetings. Volunteers, advocates and City agencies overwhelmingly support the vision.

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San Francisco's parks and green open spaces are deserving of a world-class, independent nonprofit organization. **Neighborhood Parks Council** and **San Francisco Parks Trust**, SF's preeminent organizations serving parks, have joined forces to create the San Francisco Parks Alliance (SFPA).

San Francisco Parks Alliance's mission is to inspire and promote civic engagement and philanthropy to protect, sustain and enrich San Francisco parks and open green spaces.

SFPA's launch began October 3rd, 2011. We are building a new website, assessing our slate of programs, and creating new ways for you to engage with parks. Through this process we will emerge as not just the sum of our parts, but

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a stronger, more effective voice for parks in San Francisco.

Please visit this launch progress page periodically for information and updates, and to track our progress. In the interim, you may continue to use the **NPC** and **SFPT** websites as well as current contact information for staff. Programming and services will remain the same during this launch period, and all NPC and SFPT donor and membership benefits are unchanged.

The new San Francisco Parks Alliance combines 55 years of experience toward a common goal—to engage citizens in improving their public spaces and providing healthy, safe recreation for all.

Join us!

To learn more about the impetus to form the San Francisco Parks Alliance, please download the Green Paper here.

For comments or suggestions, please send your thoughts to feedback@sfparksalliance.org



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New Nonprofit Parks Support Organization for San Francisco

Introduction

San Francisco' parks and green open spaces are deserving of a world-class, independent nonprofit organization which holds the vision for our parks, aligns community needs and civic engagement with accountable City government management, and supports parks improvement through philanthropic investments.

Currently, the San Francisco Parks Trust ("SFPT") and the Neighborhood Parks Council ("NPC") are the two primary nonprofit organizations which strive to meet the increasing needs of San Francisco parks and park users. The lack of adequate public funding and the corresponding decline in park conditions and amenities highlight the need for a nonprofit organization which can facilitate the collaboration between residents and the City to improve parks and raise the visibility of parks and recreation as a vital public service. Increasingly, the City is also in need of a strong, independent partner to engage in on-going planning and policy development related to public lands and to bring best practices and solutions into the public dialogue on parkland.

Within this context of increasing demand for services and scarcity of resources, a vision has been building at both SFPT and NPC to more fully meet the City-wide needs of parks and park users. This vision is to ensure that volunteerism, civic engagement, advocacy, and philanthropy are coordinated and leveraged for the best possible outcome for parks and park users. Through coalition-driven policy and action, a new organization, based on some of the best practices of both organizations and those around the country, can better ensure that the needs of parks and all park users are equitably met. This new organization can eliminate duplication of efforts and achieve economies of scale, while working efficiently and with inspiration toward an enduring vision for San Francisco parkland for generations to come.

Mission Statement

The mission of the new independent nonprofit organization will be to inspire and promote civic engagement and philanthropy to protect, sustain, and enrich San Francisco parks and green open spaces. The Organization will be dedicated to fulfill a vision of parks that acknowledges and supports their critical environmental functions while striving to ensure that they are accessible, beautiful, safe, clean, and fun and managed in a manner that makes them accountable, open, and welcoming to all.

Specific Goals

- Establish the new organization as the principal nonprofit voice for parks, recreation and green open space in San Francisco.
- Lead advocacy efforts for parklands with a focus on promoting environmental and public health benefits of parks and recreation, the community building

benefits of volunteerism, and the economic benefits of parks in every neighborhood. We will work to ensure the RPD and other City departments remain collaborative, transparent and accountable to the public.

- Maximizing private resources for parklands by building strong relationships with foundations, corporations, individual major donors and supporters, and by linking philanthropy to advocacy and the organization's programs.
- Operate programs and provide services that address the needs of all parks and park users and promote healthy use and enjoyment of parks City-wide.

Core Strategies

Strategies of maximizing resources and advocacy will be interdependent and integrated in the new Organization. The new Organization will be an independent advocate and partner in promoting its mission, providing advice, research, community feedback and funding for the agencies we work with, including the Recreation & Parks Department of the City and County of San Francisco ("RPD"), as well as the Department of Public Works, Port Commission, Redevelopment Agency, and other City departments which oversee parks and open spaces.

- Advocacy. Through community organizing, advocacy, education, and public policy research, the Organization will seek to increase the recognition among residents and public leaders of the value of parks in daily life and to ensure that our City's parks and green open spaces remain accessible and usable. It will strive to foster innovation in the design and management of the City's parklands and the provision of environmental services and recreational activities. The Organization will support community groups focused on park maintenance and improvement; advocate for the diverse needs of communities Citywide; maintain an active "Parks Policy Committee" to address alignment of City policy, planning and operations with best practices, data analysis and stakeholder input; and frequently convene community groups, City officials and other stakeholders to assist RPD and other City agencies in realizing an enduring vision for San Francisco's parks and open spaces.

The new Organization's approach to developing public policy positions will be nimble and the positions will be clear. The Board of Directors will decide positions on significant issues of City-wide importance and long-term impact, while the Executive Director will develop and implement the Organization's position on public policy issues and interactions with RPD on day-to-day matters involving park maintenance, implementation of RPD policies and practices etc. In addition, the Organization will have a Parks Policy Committee, broadly representative of the voices of leaders of neighborhood park groups, districts, and parks activists. This Committee will develop advocacy and policy directions, act as the link to the grass-roots park advocates, park groups, and general public, and will provide the Executive Director and the Board grounded opinions on policy issues and advocacy priorities.

- Resource Development. The Organization will raise funds from private and public sources to improve and maintain City parks. It expects to have a large number of dues-paying members, to foster significant donations and underwriting from local individuals and companies, and to garner support from local and national foundations. These funds are essential to bridge the gap between government funding and the growing capital and infrastructure needs of the park system.

The Organization will work with RPD and other City agencies to ensure that philanthropic goals align with community and parkland needs, and promote effective public-private partnerships. Increased philanthropic support depends both on collaboration with – as well as independence from – RPD and other City agencies, in order to assure that private funds are spent responsibly and efficiently on projects and programs most sought after by the public.

The Organization will engage donors at all levels, develop sources of earned revenue, and position itself to attract broad support. For example, fiscal sponsorship, a sustainable funding stream, is one of the key ways the Organization will advance its mission.

Conclusion

In advocating for parks, **we advocate for San Francisco** – all people, all neighborhoods, all interests, our hopes and our dreams. A singular, new, focused and independent non-profit organization, representing grass-roots issues, advocating for good planning and policy and building the financial support to act on great ideas for parks' improvements is our vision. The needs are greater than those that public funding can support alone. The efficiency, effectiveness and singular vision of the new organization will build a coalition of all San Franciscans that will focus its efforts on promoting parks and recreation as an integral part of life.

To submit feedback regarding this paper, contact NPC at:

feedback@sfnpc.org

-or-

NPC, attn: Feedback
451 Hayes Street, 2nd Fl
San Francisco, CA 94102

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Further details will be shared with our stakeholders at sfnpc.org/feedback



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS COUNCIL

**Fiscal Sponsorship Grant Agreement
Between Urban Resource Systems, Inc.
(DBA Neighborhood Parks Council)
& Friends of Fallen Bridge Mini-Park, Committee of the Mariposa Utah,
18th Street Neighborhood Organization**

THIS FISCAL AGREEMENT is made as of 12/14/08 by and between Urban Resource Systems, Inc. (URS), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation doing business as (DBA) Neighborhood Parks Council (hereafter referred to as NPC) and **Friends of Fallen Bridge Mini-Park, Committee of the Mariposa Utah, 18th Street Neighborhood Organization** an unincorporated association ("Solicitor") with respect to the following:

- A. NPC has obtained recognition of its-tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), and is not classified as a private foundation under Section 509 (a) of the Code. NPC's charitable purposes include promoting the concept of urban self-reliance in the urban environment by various means, including promoting urban forestry, urban agriculture and solid waste management.
- B. Solicitor is an unincorporated association organized and operated for charitable purposes that engages in charitable and educational activities that support public parks.

WHEREAS, Solicitor is a neighborhood organization that is working with NPC to achieve the project described below; and

WHEREAS, the Project is consistent with the purposes of NPC; and

WHEREAS, Solicitor wishes to solicit the donation of funds to be used to implement the Project; and

WHEREAS, Solicitor wishes such funds to be received and held by NPC until such funds are expended for the implementation of the Project, or for another charitable purpose in accordance with this Agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual rights and obligations set forth herein, the parties to this Agreement hereby agree as follows:

1. Description of Sponsored Project: Friends of Fallen Bridge Mini-Park, Committee of the Mariposa Utah, 18th Street Neighborhood Organization will be coordinating park improvement projects including but not limited to petanque court, increased lighting and retaining wall.

2. In accordance with and subject to the terms of this Agreement, NPC agrees (i) to hold and disburse funds solicited by Solicitor, and (ii) in connection therewith, to provide to Solicitor the services set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

3. Solicitor shall solicit funds primarily, but not limited to, individuals, private foundations and local companies in the San Francisco Bay area. If Solicitor intends to solicit such persons or entities outside of the San Francisco Bay area, it shall coordinate with NPC prior to doing so.

4. Solicitor shall not solicit funds from any private or corporate foundation or charitable organization without the prior approval of an authorized individual at NPC.

5. Solicitor, and the persons set forth in Exhibit B, as may be amended from time to time in writing as set forth therein, must state to prospective donors the following words, or similar words which communicate the same meaning:

“Funds are being solicited on behalf of [insert name of organization], for the purpose of providing [insert purpose]; Neighborhood Parks Council is acting as a fiscal sponsor only for this purpose; however, in the event that NPC is unable to use all of the funds for such purpose, the funds shall be used by NPC, at its sole discretion, to support parks within the City and County of San Francisco.”

Solicitor agrees that the persons listed on Exhibit B are the only persons authorized to solicit funds on behalf of Solicitor pursuant to this Agreement.

6. Solicitor shall instruct prospective donors to make checks payable to “Neighborhood Parks Council” and the name of the Project shall be noted in the memo of the check.

7. Solicitor will forward such checks to the office of NPC on weekly basis.

8. NPC shall separately account for funds collected by and expended on behalf of Solicitor (the “Solicitor Account”) and will provide an accounting of all transactions on the Solicitor Account quarterly or as agreed in Exhibit D.

9. NPC agrees to produce checks for goods, services or reimbursements in furtherance of the Project as soon as possible, but no later than within five (5) business days of receiving a valid written request for disbursement of funds from the Solicitor Account, provided that adequate funds are available in the Solicitor Account. If at all possible, Solicitor shall make fund requests by the 15th and 30th of every month to coincide with NPC’s normal bookkeeping schedule. No funds will be advanced should the account balance be less than the amount requested. Solicitor also agrees to provide adequate documentation for these disbursements, including invoices, receipts and proof of payment on reimbursement requests. Reimbursements are only allowed for expenses made by Authorized Representatives of Solicitor (listed in Exhibit C)

10. Except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, all funds disbursed from the Solicitor Account shall be disbursed solely for the implementation of the Project. Funds shall be disbursed by NPC only upon the written request of the authorized signatories of Solicitor set forth on Exhibit C (the “Authorized Representatives”), as may be amended from time to time in writing as set forth therein. Any such written request shall state the payee of the funds, such other necessary payee information to identify the payee, the amount requested and the purpose for which the funds are requested. NPC is entitled to rely upon the written request of anyone purporting to be an Authorized Representative.

11. NPC may rely upon and shall not be liable for acting or refraining from acting upon any disbursement request believed by NPC to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall NPC be liable for special, indirect or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever, even if NPC has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

12. In order to offset administrative costs in connection with this Agreement and in consideration of the services provided by NPC hereunder, NPC shall charge an administrative fee of ten percent (10.00%) on all funds received in furtherance of the Project. Such fee covers the services described in Exhibit A attached to this Agreement. In the event Solicitor requires additional services, an additional charge may be assessed by NPC and agreed to in writing by the Solicitor.

13. If the Project is not implemented within two (2) years and this agreement is not mutually renewed, or any funds remain in the Solicitor Account upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, NPC shall disburse the funds for such other charitable purposes as NPC may in its sole discretion deem appropriate, in support of NPC's purposes set forth in the recitals hereto.

14. Except as otherwise provided herein, the term of this Agreement shall commence on the date hereof and continue for a period of five (5) years thereafter. If Solicitor fails to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement, NPC may immediately terminate this Agreement.

15. In the event that, during the term of this Agreement, the Solicitor becomes, or organizes an affiliate, that becomes tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), then, at the discretion and written request of the exempt organization, NPC shall transfer all funds held in the Solicitor Account to the exempt organization, and thereafter such funds shall be administered and disbursed by the exempt organization for any exempt purpose for which it is organized. Any such request for transfer of funds to the exempt organization shall be countersigned by one or more of the Authorized Representatives of Solicitor, and shall be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the exempt organization is qualified as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Upon transfer of such funds, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated and of no further force or effect.

16. The undersigned signatories for Solicitor each represent and warrant that they are authorized to sign this Agreement by and on behalf of each person within the group constituting Solicitor.

17. Solicitor and the undersigned signatories of Solicitor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless NPC, its directors, trustees, officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns, from and against any and all loss, damage, injury and liability (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising directly or indirectly from (i) either party's performance of this Agreement or (ii) NPC's following any instructions or directions from Solicitor or its Authorized Representatives, except to the extent that NPC's following such instruction is expressly forbidden by the terms of this Agreement. Such indemnity shall apply whether or not an indemnity was or is claimed to be passively, concurrently or actively negligent, and regardless of whether liability without fault is imposed or sought to be imposed on one or more of the indemnities; provided, however, that this indemnity shall not apply to the extent that such loss, damage, injury, liability or claim is the result of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of an indemnity. The parties agree that the foregoing indemnities shall survive the resignation or removal of NPC as fiscal sponsor or the termination of this Agreement.

18. Fiscal Sponsor will maintain a policy of comprehensive general liability insurance of \$1,000,000 in coverage, and such other bonding and liability insurance required by law or usual and customary practices with respect to the conduct of its activities, in amounts it has determined are reasonably adequate. All such insurance shall cover the Project activities, if such coverage is available.

19. Any notice to be provided hereunder shall be given in writing, either by personal delivery or by mail addressed to:

Executive Director
Neighborhood Parks Council
451 Hayes St, 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

Solicitor: Friends of Fallen Bridge Mini-Park, Committee of the Mariposa Utah,
18th Street Neighborhood Organization

Name: Jean Bogiages

Address: 550 Utah Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

Contact:

20. Any modification to this Agreement must be in writing and signed, on Solicitors behalf, by two Authorized Representatives, and on NPC's behalf, by either of the Executive Director, Deputy Director or the President of the Board. This Agreement shall not be assignable by either party without the other party's prior written consent, which, in the case of NPC, maybe withheld in NPC's sole discretion. This Agreement does not constitute and shall not be construed as constituting a partnership or joint venture between the parties. Neither party shall have the right to obligate the other in any manner whatsoever, and nothing herein contained shall give or is intended to give any right of any kind to any third person. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

21. This agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties. This agreement supercedes all the other oral or written agreements between NPC and Solicitor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by the parties hereto as of the date and year first above written.

SOLICITOR:

By: Jean M Bogiages

Name: JEAN M BOGIAGES

Title: CHAIR, Friends of Fallen Bridge Park Committee

Dated: Jan 10, 2009

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____

Neighborhood Parks Council

By: Isabel Wade

Name: Isabel Wade

Title: Executive Director

Dated: 1/12/09

**Exhibit B
Persons Authorized to Solicit Funds**

The following persons are the only persons authorized to solicit *funds* on behalf of Solicitor pursuant to this Agreement:

Name	Address	Telephone Number
Jean Bogiages	550 Utah St SE 94110	415 863-5109

The above designations of authorized soliciting persons on behalf of Solicitor may be amended or rescinded at any time hereafter by delivering a written statement in substantially the form set forth below, signed by an Authorized Representative.

For all purposes contemplated by the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement Dated Jan 10, 2009 by and between Friends of Tallahassee Bridge Park and Neighborhood Parks Council, as fiscal sponsor, Solicitor hereby [designates / rescinds the authority of] the following persons as authorized soliciting persons on behalf of Solicitor:

Name	Address	Telephone Number
Jean Bogiages	550 Utah St, SE 94110	415-863-5109

**Exhibit C
Authorized Representatives of Solicitor**

The following persons designated Authorized Representatives pursuant to this Agreement:

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Specimen Signature
JEAN BOGIAZZI	550 UTAH ST ST 9410	415 863 5109	<i>Jean Bogiazzi</i>

The above designations of Authorized Representatives of Solicitor may be amended or rescinded at any time hereafter by delivering a written statement in substantially the form set forth below, signed by an Authorized Representative.

For all purposes contemplated by the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement Dated Jan 10, 2009 by and between Friends of Fellen Bridge Park and Neighborhood Parks Council, as fiscal sponsor, Solicitor hereby [designates / ~~rescinds the authority of~~] the following persons as Authorized Representatives of Solicitor:

Name	Address	Telephone No.	Specimen Signature
Jean Bogiazzi	550 Utah St, 9410	415-863-5109	<i>Jean Bogiazzi</i>

POTRERO BOOSTERS
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
SERVING THE HILL SINCE 1926

March 12, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association, one of the oldest and largest neighborhood associations in the City, in support of the MUNA Friends of Fallen Bridge Committee, and their grant application for an important improvement to one of our vital neighborhood mini-parks.

The Potrero Boosters have been working on community planning and open space issues on the Hill and in the City's eastern neighborhoods for well over a decade. As such, we are strong supporters of the multiple neighborhood efforts to create and improve our local parks and mini-parks, with the Recreation and Parks Department and on our own. Now more than ever, it takes strong and organized efforts by community advocates to improve the many neglected open spaces in our part of town.

Fallen Bridge Mini-Park is a particularly deserving site for special attention; it was created by community volunteers 42 years ago and has never seen a capital upgrade from RPD. It's very gratifying to see the continued effort of many hardworking volunteers to support and improve the site. We strongly support MUNA's initiative in planning an activity court, a major – and desperately needed – park upgrade.

Please give MUNA's efforts to improve Fallen Bridge Mini-Park your highest consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

All best wishes, and looking forward,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TKelly', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Tony Kelly, President



Lanita Henriquez, Program Manager
The SF Community Challenge Grant Program
Division of the City Administrator's Office
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 453
San Francisco, CA 94102

March 8, 2012

Dear Ms. Henriquez:

I am writing to convey San Francisco Parks Alliance's (SFPA) ongoing support of the Friends of Fallen Bridge Mini-Park, a Committee of the MUNA Neighborhood Organization in Potrero Hill. This group has been one of our fiscal Park Partners for years and has constantly impressed us with their drive, follow-through and collaboration.

It is important that such well-organized and committed community groups are able to provide unique and meaningful improvements to our neighborhood parks in conjunction with the Recreation and Park Department and local funders.

As the fiscal sponsor for Friends of Fallen Bridges, we are committed to helping facilitate the execution of the creation of an activity court at the mini-park. This project will increase access for individuals of all abilities to recreational opportunities and will greatly enhance the beauty and character of the park. With the support from CCG, Friends of Fallen Bridge Mini-Park can create meaningful improvements to a public space for all users to enjoy.

For our parks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sunya Ojure". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sunya Ojure
Park Partner Account Manager

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Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

March 9, 2012

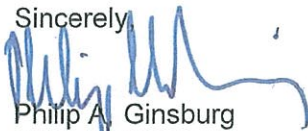
To Whom It May Concern:

I'm very pleased to express my support for the Fallen Bridge (18th & Utah) Mini-Park Activity Court project. This little park was established in 1970 by neighbors looking to transform a freeway right-of way property into a park. The area declined in the decades after the initial park construction until, in 2004, the neighborhood began work to improve the area. The addition of the activity court will provide the neighborhood with a well-designed, attractively landscaped area to engage in a variety of activities. From Bocce and Petanque to Tai Chi and keep-away, the court will encourage community engagement.

The neighborhood organization, MUNA (Mariposa-18th-San Bruno-Utah Street Neighborhood Association), that is sponsoring this park improvement has a history of working closely and well with the City, Caltrans and the Recreation and Park Department to improve the park and to help maintain it. Neighbors participate in park clean-up work parties every 2 months or so to weed, prune, plant and clean the area. This has contributed to reducing crime in the area and beautifying the park.

Now the neighborhood wants to go one step further and create an environment where the park is used by the neighborhood adults and children. The activity court will satisfy that objective by providing a safe and attractive area for play. I am pleased to support this project.

Sincerely,



Philip A. Ginsburg
General Manager



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CENTERED BODY PILATES POTRERO HILL

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Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

I was delighted to learn that you are planning to add an Activity Court to the mini-park on 18th & Utah. That park is only 2 blocks away from my studio and having it there will definitely encourage me to keep my business in San Francisco. Centered Body Pilates offers a Boot Camp program where we take our exercise routines into the street. Having the Activity Court will give us a great location in which to both enjoy nature and exercise.

I want you to know that you have my full support for such a wonderful project.

Sincerely,

Oona Nelson, Centered Body Pilates Owner

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March 5th, 2011

Fallen Bridge Park Project:

To whom it may concern:

This park plays a special roll in my life, as my Father put the plans and worked end less hours, together with all the neighborhood, to add this Park in our neighborhood back in 1960's. I have been living on this block (18th and Utah) for the past 53 years and support all the effort that continues with the neighborhood in making this Park a place for kids and adults.

I along with my family support all that is being done in making this park a beautiful place to be.

Sincerely,


Robin Talmadge

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----- Original Message -----

Subject:Re: [MUNA] - Gentler Reminder - Letters of Support Needed
Date:Tue, 13 Mar 2012 10:47:13 -0700
From:Peter.Shields@sfgov.org
Reply-To:Peter.Shields@sfgov.org
To:jean@woodwinds.net

Hi Jean,

I apologize for the delay with the letter...I just sent it out today and you should receive it no later than the end of the week.

Just wanted to let you know that I am no longer at Mission Police station. I have been re-assigned to Special Investigations in charge of hate crimes located at the main police headquarters. It is a very exciting change.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need in addition to the letter.

For any additional assistance you may need with your neighborhood watch group or crimes in the area, please contact Ofc. Matt Freidman or Ofc. Alex Medina at Mission Station.

Best,

Sergeant Pete Shields #1924

Special Investigations Division
San Francisco Police Department
850 Bryant Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

415.553.1133

email: peter.shields@sfgov.org

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Email from CalTrans Landscape Engineer

Subject: Re: Proposed plan for mini-park at 18th and Utah Streets
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 2012 12:39:56 -0800
From: Betsy Barsamian <betsy_barsamian@dot.ca.gov>
Reply-To: betsy_barsamian@dot.ca.gov
To: <jean@woodwinds.net>
CC: Hani Romani <hani_romani@dot.ca.gov>, Ta-Wei Hu <ta-wei_hu@dot.ca.gov>, Ashok Das <ashok_das@dot.ca.gov>

Hello Jean,

Happy New Year! I finally located a copy of the old encroachment permit (February 16, 1970) between the "Division of Highways" and the City and County of San Francisco. This permit states clearly that, in the event of accidents, etc., the City and County shall "...save harmless the State of California ...", etc. That said, I would say the proposed "packed earth multi-use court" would be allowed.

All current Caltrans requirements shall be followed in the design of your upcoming encroachment permit. The submittal process for Phase II of your mini-park will be the same as that of Phase I. Since The City and County of San Francisco will be the Permittee, there will be no fees for review time. A fee for a Double Permit for your contractor may be required. Six sets of complete plans, specifications and details shall accompany the completed Standard Encroachment Permit Application.

Please contact me if you have any further questions regarding your future encroachment permit submittal. Good luck with securing funding for your project.

Best regards,

Betsy

Betsy A. Barsamian Teman
District 4 Encroachment Permits Landscape Architect/
Storm Water Coordinator
510-286-4420

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MARC MELVIN
DESIGN

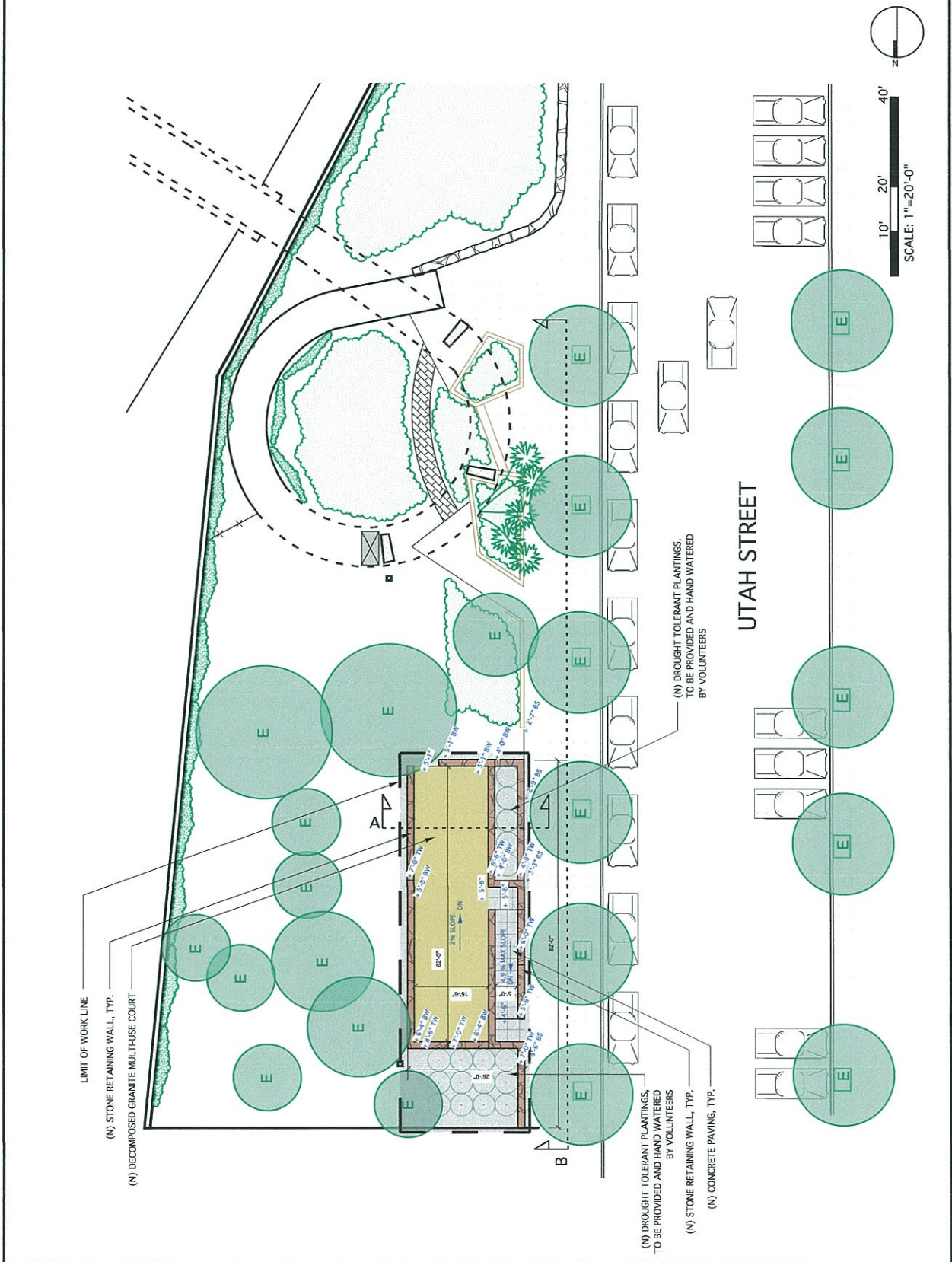
March 14, 2012

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

My name is Marc Melvin of Marc Melvin Design, we have an office across the street from the park. I was really happy to see the stone wall work done to the south part of the park it helped to clean up the area and to make my clients feel safe when they came to the office. Now that you are talking about finishing up the north end of the park I'd really like to express my support to this project. As a small business owner I like to feel the city is behind its goals of keeping San Francisco as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. As a designer it's all in the details, one part is done let's do the right thing and finish this park so that we who live and work here can enjoy the fruits of why we live here. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Marc Melvin



Letters of support from the Community received through email

Note: Sebastien is 8 years old

Subject: Fallen Bridge Project
Date: Sun, 11 Mar 2012 19:55:25 -0700 (PDT)
From: Sebastien Bachar <sebastien.bachar@yahoo.com>
To: jean@woodwinds.net

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

This letter is to express my support for the plan to upgrade the northern part of the park by adding an activity court constructed with the same stone wall material used on the southern part of the park.

The community will benefit from adding a court that can be used by everyone for recreation and exercise, making it a real park -- and a real space the community can use, share, and enjoy. I will definitely spend more time with my family at this park if it is upgraded in this wonderful way that is planned. I believe in the power of collaboration, and I regularly pitch in at park clean-up parties to keep our park and neighborhood beautiful (like I did this morning), and I will continue to do so!

I hope this project can get help and support in any way!

Sincerely,

Sebastien

Sebastien Bachar
500 Block of Utah Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

Subject: Support for Fallen Bridge Park project
Date: Sun, 11 Mar 2012 23:08:49 -0400 (EDT)
From: mizlee@mindspring.com
To: jean@woodwinds.net

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

I support the Activity Park improvement plan wholeheartedly! As a longtime resident of the area, I've seen this neighborhood evolve over the years, and I've seen how positive community-minded improvements can make a tremendous impact. This particular park used to be a neglected, unappealing weedpatch at the base of a dirty pedestrian bridge, inviting unsavory activities and making the bridge feel unsafe. The improvements that the MUNA neighborhood coalition have made over the years have transformed the park into a bright, clean, welcoming space, and I know many more neighbors now enjoy walking in the area, even opting to use the bridge on foot where they may have used a car before to travel between the Hill and the Mission.

This Activity Court will take these improvements one step further to become a destination spot for family play and relaxation for a broader swath of the neighborhood. MUNA is an excellent example of neighbors coming together to effect positive change to their neighborhood; they have worked hard to make this plan workable and deserve to see it happen. We will all benefit from it.

Regards,

Lee Cline
1113 Hampshire

Subject:SUPPORT for the Fallen Bridge Project!
Date: Sun, 11 Mar 2012 00:49:39 -0800
From: JD Beltran <jdbeltran@mac.com>
To: Jean Bogiages <jean@woodwinds.net>

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

This letter is to express that I ENTHUSIASTICALLY and unconditionally support the plan to upgrade the northern part of the park by adding an activity court constructed with the same stone wall material used on the southern part of the park.

The community will benefit from adding a court that can be used by adults and children for recreation and exercise, making it a real park -- and a real environment and space for the community to use, share, convene at, and enjoy. This project will definitely bond the neighborhood in the way that a shared park can. I deeply hope that this project can get help and support in any way!

Sincerely,

JD Beltran
531 Utah Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
Jdbeltran@mac.com
415.786.6906

Subject: Fallen Bridge Park Project
Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 23:38:38 -0800
From: David Adams <artmechano@netscape.net>
To: Jean Bogiages <jean@woodwinds.net>

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

Regarding Planned Upgrade to the northern end of Mini Park . Letting you know that I approve of adding an activity court . Making the look of the area in front contiguous by using the same stone material used at the southern end of Mini Park . The neighborhood will benefit, both young and old, easier to exercise & recreate .

Sincerely,
David B. Adams

Subject:Re: [MUNA] - Need help with CCG Application - PLEASE READ and RESPOND
Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2012 07:04:38 -0800
From: Frank Broz <frankbroz@gmail.com>
To: jean@woodwinds.net

Fallen Bridge Park Project,

Thank you for all your work so far on the park. The improvements have been fantastic, and I expect great things in the future! I am in full support of the plan to improve the wall on the northern side of the park. The wall between the park and the sidewalk is falling down and the stone wall used on the southern side would be much better for the park. I also think the gravel court would be great for people of all ages to gather in the park and enjoy it. Please let me know what I can do to assist these projects in the future.

Frank Broz
590 Utah ST #1

Subject:RE: [MUNA] - Need help with CCG Application - PLEASE READ and RESPOND

Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2012 18:30:12 +0000

From: Joseph Talmadge <joseph.t@heffins.com>

To: 'jean@woodwinds.net' <jean@woodwinds.net>

Hi Jean,

I'm 100% in support of the development of the north side of Fallen Bridge park. This has been a very underutilized space for the amount of foot traffic and neighborhood exposure this area gets. I truly believe the occurrence of graffiti and vandalism will curb to much lower levels as the space becomes more functional and open to the community. Our graffiti watch crew's efforts are great, but it would be much better to prevent this sort of activity in the first place. In addition, our community is becoming more engaged and there is a new generation of families w/KIDS! who would greatly benefit from having this space. Growing up on this block, I was warned about crack needles and dirty condoms across the street at this park. While it's not quite as bad as it used to be, it's still not where it should be, and I don't see any reason to have to warn our children about this in any capacity whatsoever. Making this space usable and inviting will greatly enhance the neighborhood.

Thanks,

Joe

50 Utah Street

Subject:letter of support

Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2012 21:46:45 -0800

From: Molly Watson <watson.molly@gmail.com>

To: jean@woodwinds.net

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

I just wanted to send a quick note saying that I whole-heartedly support the plan to upgrade the north end of the Fallen bridge Mini-Park. I would love to see the space turned into an area we can all use to play games. I think the open space of an activity court would do a lot to promote positive use of the park, but would also make it more difficult for negative and criminal activities to take place behind bushes and trees.

It would also be lovely to have the north end retaining wall, which is now rotting away before our eyes, replaced with a stone wall that matches the one on the south end. I never would guessed how much replacing the old fence with a stone retaining wall would transform the south end—it was like night and day! From what looked like an abandoned lot to a beautiful public space everyone enjoys—I hope to see a similarly spectacular change

on the north end.

Sincerely,
Molly Watson
500 block Utah St.

Subject:RE: [MUNA] - Need help with CCG Application - PLEASE READ and RESPOND
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2012 18:49:29 +0000
From: c fager-higgins <potrerohome@hotmail.com>
To: jean b <jean@woodwinds.net>, daniel FAGER-HIGGINS <dhiggins888@gmail.com>

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

I support the plan to upgrade the northern part of the park. The upgrade includes adding an activity court constructed with the same stone wall material used on the southern part of the park. The community will benefit from adding a court in the following ways:

- It can be used by adults and children for recreation and exercise.
- By having a defined activity for the area, it can draw in people who will use it for the intended purpose.
- In addition, it brings neighborhood people together, fostering a sense of community based on actually knowing and interacting with neighbors.
- This increases the safety factor for the entire area.
- This area will NOT need to be watered or weeded, which when neglected, decrease the value of the area/homes in that area. Less maintenance is a sustainability principle.
- Maintenance for this upgrade will cost less in the long run, as opposed to the costs for man hours for weeding, and water for sustaining plants.
- This upgrade adds value to the city of San Francisco, as it provides a service for people which does not cost the city money moving forward after completion.

Cheers,
C. Fager-Higgins
500 Utah

Subject:Upgrade: Fallen Bridge Mini Park
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2012 19:21:55 -0800
From: Paul Kos <paulkos@mindspring.com>
To: Jean Bogiages <jean@woodwinds.net>

To whom it may concern,

A few years ago, the south end of the Fallen Bridge Mini Park was given a new life, the ugly Cal Trans cyclone fence was removed and a rock wall and a mini garden of sustainable plants replaced this blighted area. The north side of this same park now portends a wonderful, neighborhood friendly, sun warmed activity court. A retaining wall made of similar quarried stone would frame the lower side, holding back a bed of decomposed granite, an ideal surface for Tai Chi, for neighborhood picnics, and for my favorite community sport, la petanque. Young and old, male and female, newbie and experienced could come together for even daily gatherings, if the weather permits, of this easy to learn game. Other communities, like Sonoma, San Raphael, Orinda, have found that one of the best deterrents to crime is neighborhood involvement. I am such an advocate that I would offer free lessons, use of my equipment and even form a club that might play against other such organized clubs, like La Boule D'or in Golden Gate Park. I have

personally constructed such terrains at the vacant lot owned by the San Francisco Arts Commission on Grove Street, another in Napa Valley, two courts at the University of Georgia in Athens, and last Winter at an indoor art space in San Francisco.

Without qualification, the Fallen Bridge Mini Park would become everyone's favorite backyard, a natural respite in an urban environment.

Sincerely,
Paul Kos

500 block of Utah Street
SF, CA

Date: Fri, 9 Mar 2012 17:35:38 -0800
From: April Ellis <lirpael@gmail.com>
Reply-To: lirpael@gmail.com
To: Jean Bogiages <jean@woodwinds.net>

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

I am very pleased to hear and am in full support of the proposed upgrades to the Northern part of the park. An activity court will enhance the park immeasurably and I know my family and I will enjoy it. It will benefit our neighborhood and the surrounding community, many will use and enjoy it. Thank you for proposing it and making it a reality.

Sincerely,
April Ellis
631 San Bruno Ave
SF CA 94107

Subject: letter of support
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2012 20:03:49 -0800 (PST)
From: Isabelle Sorrell <isorrell@yahoo.com>
To: jean@woodwinds.net <jean@woodwinds.net>

To whom it may concern:

If anyone looks at our park today, one would see the Northern part of the retaining wall bulging forward, just about to disintegrate and allow the soil to spill onto the sidewalk. If one looks a little longer, one will notice that the use of the park is quite exclusively that of people taking their dogs for a walk.

As a neighborhood, we have been working at maintaining our park, clean of weeds, graffiti and garbage. We, and people coming through our neighborhood have witnessed a tremendous change since the Southern tip has been re-designed and implemented. These changes are not only aesthetic, but also those of keeping graffiti, prostitution and drug dealing away.

When it comes to the dilapidated, Northern section of our park, I would love to see a rock retaining wall in the style of the Southern area. Eventually, something retaining the soil will become a necessary replacement project. It makes much sense to me that this should be done with the same material already used in the Southern section. As to the use of our park, I would love to see an activity court where the slope is graded, so that we'd have a flat user-friendly area. After speaking with the neighbors, a simple activity area will allow all of us to get out of our homes and enjoy the outdoors. We have discussed that the use of the activity court would span everything from Tai Chi, which I propose in the morning to

games played by children and adults. I am also confident that in bringing our frequent presence into the park, the remaining criminal activity, which we experience every so often on and near the pedestrian overpass would be kept at bay.

Isabelle Sorrell, 3/8/2012, 500 block Utah Street

Subject:RE: [MUNA] - Need help with CCG Application - PLEASE READ and RESPOND

Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2012 16:41:32 -0800

From: DANIEL <dhiggins888@gmail.com>

To: <jean@woodwinds.net>

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

I support the plan to upgrade the northern part of the park. The upgrade includes adding an activity court constructed with the same stone wall material used on the southern part of the park. The community will benefit from adding a court in the following ways:

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DANIEL FAGER-HIGGINS

500 UTAH ST. 94110

Subject:Re: [MUNA] - Need help with CCG Application - PLEASE READ and RESPOND

Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2012 18:09:29 -0500 (EST)

From: JTTREI@aol.com

To: jean@woodwinds.net

To Whom it may concern:

I am very supportive of the Fallen Bridge Park Project at Utah St. The plan to upgrade the northern part of the park for activities is a much needed resource for our area. I believe the whole neighborhood is very supportive of the effort to make our neighborhood more useable by providing recreational locations for activities for both young and old alike.

Sincerely,

Joe Treinen - co-captain San Bruno Ave. Neighborhood Watch
575 San Bruno Ave.

From: Scott Cole <coles@woodwinds.net>

To: jean@woodwinds.net

Date: Sun, 11 Mar 2012 17:24:30 -0400

Subject: Park Upgrade

I have lived in the neighborhood for the last 20 years. The park is something the neighbors share. Over the past 8 years it has been nice to have the neighbors work on the park. We regularly work weeding, cleaning and watering the park. The park includes the north end that is on a slope and could be improved. I understand there are suggested plans to landscape the north end by putting in a new low retaining wall and taking some of the area and creating an activity court. I think this would be a great idea. The park is very well liked by the people that live in the area and there is a lot of foot traffic that passes by to use the footbridge that crosses the freeway.

Scott Cole
550 Utah Street

Subject:Utah Street Neighborhood Park
Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 23:24:41 -0700
From: <aldo@aldovaldez.com>
To: jean@woodwinds.net

To whom it may concern at the Fallen Bridge Park Project,

My wife and I live directly across from the small sloped park on Utah Street (my address is 542 Utah Street). On a weekly basis, we visit the park with our baby and enjoy watching neighbors bring their dogs into the space. Our feeling about the northern part of the park is that it has great potential beyond being just a place to sit and walk through. The truth is, a large portion of the park is not put to it's best use and would better serve the community as an activity court. We would greatly appreciate and utilize the northern part of the park more if such an alteration and upgrade could take place. It would help optimize the space making it feel positive and fun and creative and attract other like minded citizens to enjoy and share the space. Ideally it would be constructed with the same stone wall material used on the southern part of the park, to keep the attractive aesthetic and cohesiveness the same. My wife and I both deeply support this plan and feel the community will greatly benefit from it. By adding an activity court, the park can be used by adults and children for recreation and exercise, become visually attractive, and also become inherently a safer public space that the community will have more attachment to and feel more invested in. Please help make this plan happen for us!

Sincerely,
Aldo Valdez
Jessica Berardi
542 Utah Street

Subject: Letters of Support
Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2012 12:08:21 -0700 (PDT)
From: Susan Chapman <suechap94110@yahoo.com>
To: jean@woodwinds.net <jean@woodwinds.net>

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to offer my enthusiastic support of this project. I am a property owner in the neighborhood and have lived around the corner from the park for over 20 years. As a city dweller, the park is like my own backyard. I walk my dog in the park and when my kids were small, I went through the park and over the bridge to walk them to and from school each day. While my children have now gotten a little big to be playing in the new improved park, I look forward to bringing my grandchildren there one day. We have felt so invited by the improvements at the south end of the park that improvements at the northern end would make it even better. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Chapman
2419 18th Street

Subject: Letters in Support of Fallen Bridge project

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2012 18:17:16 PDT

From: <jbullard@speakeasy.net>

To: jean@woodwinds.net

Dear Fallen Bridge Park Project,

I am writing in support of the proposal to improve the northern section of our neighborhood park. I use the park all the time and know how much nicer it became when we worked on the southern improvements.

While the regular neighborhood cleanups and our spring plantings have improved the northern section there is a lot more that can be done.

The southern stone wall is a great addition to the block and extending that concept would really help pull the park together.

Sincerely,

James Bullard
500 block of Utah St.
SF, CA 94110

Subject: Fallen Bridge Park Upgrade Endorsement

Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2012 11:17:12 -0700

From: Karin Bauer <kbaranaz@hotmail.com>

To: potrero <jean@woodwinds.net>

Hi Jean,

Thank you for working on behalf of our community and towards upgrading the Fallen Bridge Park on Utah Street. I am in favor of upgrading the park to encourage more use by our neighbors. Because of your work we know we have great neighbors and it would be nice to have a common sports area or other space where we can all get together from time to time.

I hope to see the Fallen Bridge Park upgraded and I look forward to continue to help the community maintain this area.

Thanks for all you do.

Kind regards,

Karin Bauer Aranaz
2200 Mariposa Street
San Francisco, CA 94110



MUNA

This document is to provide a brief overview and history of the Mariposa-Utah Street Neighborhood Association (MUNA).

Our Mission

Our goal is to provide a clean and safe neighborhood where all residents can enjoy a quality of life without fear of violence, robberies, graffiti, noise, and pollution. We want to live in a neighborhood where we know and look out for each other, where our children can play without fear of harm coming to them, where we can walk our dogs and not be witness to prostitution and other crimes.

Who We Are

We are ordinary neighbors comprised of couples, families, singles, roommates, and seniors who live primarily on the 4-500 block of Utah Street, the 2200-2300 block of Mariposa Streets, 18th Street between Potrero and Utah and San Bruno between Mariposa and 17th Street. We are homeowners, renters, and small businesses and have lived here anywhere from several months to over 40 years. Several of us are the children and grandchildren of people who have lived here during their lifetime.

Our History

Around 1997, several neighbors on Utah Street complained to one another that the block seemed to be plagued with more than our fair share of car robberies, prostitution, graffiti, drug use, and groups of truant teenagers hanging out in the mini park at the south end of Utah Street near 18th Street.

The few who complained decided that others might have an interest in solving this problem as well, so a flyer was created and delivered to each neighbor on the block and we met several times over the course of several months to figure out the best way to meet these challenges. At the time, we contacted the Mission and Potrero District Police Stations in order to enlist their help. (Both were contacted as the jurisdiction kept changing.) The outcome was that police drive by's increased, and eventually the crime appeared to decrease. Hence, the group became dormant once the neighborhood seemed safer. At this time, we were a group of neighbors who were concerned, but we had never formally organized ourselves.

In about October of 2004 the neighbors noticed the same elements again but this time a neighbor was robbed and sexually assaulted at knife point. This outraged and frightened the group into taking action and we decided to meet formally. Our first meeting was December

10, 2004 and Barbara Lin from the Safe organization moderated the group. The Safe organization is a community crime prevention program sponsored in cooperation with the San Francisco Police Department. The group met monthly and tackled both short term and long term goals. Approximately seven months later, the group became eligible for purchasing two Neighborhood Watch signs that are located in front of the mini park and at the 500 block of Utah Street. We decided to formalize the neighborhood group in the three block area described above and named ourselves "MUNA". We now organize regular neighborhood improvement projects and social events with the consistent mission of providing a health and safe neighborhood for everyone.

Past Projects

- Increased the group to include neighbors on Mariposa, San Bruno, and 18th Streets
- Improved the lighting in the mini park
- Worked with the city departments to remove the sand and rusted play structures from the mini park
- Cleaned, weeded, bricked, painted, and planted new plants in the mini park
- Created emergency contact phone trees
- Created email lists to inform and share information among neighbors
- Participated in "Operation ID" which engraves valuables for identification and recovery
- Participated with the Friends of the Urban Forest in planting trees in our area
- Petition of a sound wall
- Received CCG funding for an upgrade to the southern end of the park
- Joined with the San Bruno NE Neighborhood association to have work parties to clean the parks and bridges shared by the neighborhoods
- Held the first annual Easter Egg Hunt in the park in 2011
- Worked with SF Park & Rec for installation of a park bench

Current and Future Projects

- Continued applications for mini park funding and execution of park improvement projects
- Plan to improve the Caltrans area from San Brunot-17th-Vermont streets.
- Creation of By-Laws
- Creation of web site to further distribute information to neighbors
- Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Bi-Monthly Workdays cleaning the park with post-work potluck brunch or lunch

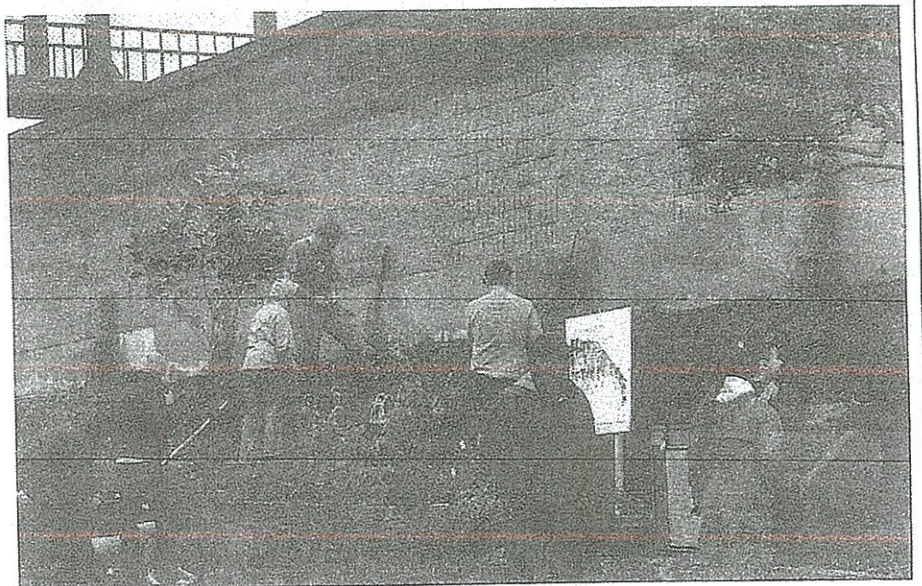
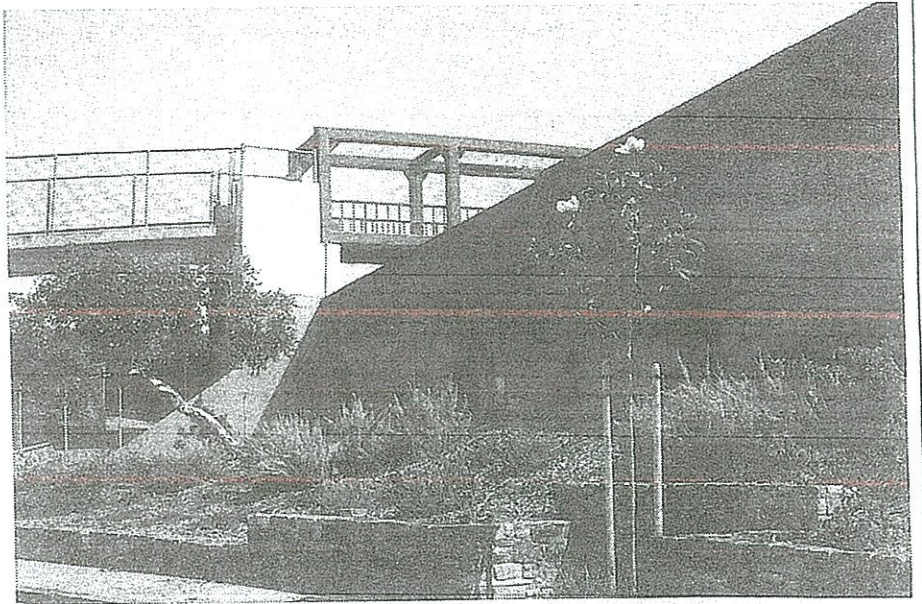
Fallen Bridge Mini Park Brightens 18th Street Pedestrian Bridge

By Steve Moss

Take a group of Potrero Hill neighbors, add organization and research, sweat equity, and a united effort, and – viola – you can transform a garbage dump into a lovely, landscaped park.

The slice of land surrounding the western entrance of the 18th Street Pedestrian Overpass has been called “Fallen Bridge Park” for decades. In the 1970s it sported a well-used children’s playground. Over the years, however, it fell into neglect and disrepair, was frequently marred with graffiti, and become a haven for drug users and the homeless. In 2004 the Utah Street Safety Awareness for Everyone (SAFE) group – renamed MUNA to include Mariposa, Utah, 18th and San Bruno streets – started a committee to improve the situation. The hope was that by creating an attractive park, dog walkers, pedestrians, and the neighborhood in general would be drawn to the space.

Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) manager Robert Watkins supported the effort, and worked with the neighbors to provide plants, mulch, and weed cover, which was laid-down with the help of numerous volunteers. A volunteer landscape architect designed



Volunteers worked to landscape Fallen Bridge Park in October.

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a beautiful spiral at the foot of the bridge. What was once a mess of broken glass, needles, and sand was transformed into a lovely garden. Bricks donated by a neighbor were used to create a walking path.

But there was more work to do. In 2007, the Miller Company, working pro bono, donated an ingenious landscape plan for a complete renovation, which was submitted to the City-funded Community Challenge Grant (CCG) program. CCG awarded MUNA a generous \$40,000 grant, which was accompanied by another \$5,000 from San Francisco Beautiful and \$1,000 from an anonymous donor.

Supported by RPD manager Steve Cismowski and the Neighborhood Parks Council, the first phase of this project was completed by MUNA in 2009. A beautiful stone wall was constructed leading up to the bridge, augmented by native, drought-resistant plants. The park committee continues their work with RPD through volunteer neighborhood park parties, weeding, removing trash, and watering the area regularly. Through this simple organization of like minds and willing hands, huge progress has been made. MUNA continues through volunteerism and grant-seeking efforts to transform and maintain what was a garbage-filled patch to a green gateway.

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Fallen Bridges Held Up by Community



Community members held a garage sale to raise money for Fallen Bridges Mini-Park last month. Top: David Adams and Jean Bogiages. Left: Sebastien Bacher, eight, sold some of his books and DVDS.

Photographs by Debbie Findling

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SAN FRANCISCO PARKS ALLIANCE

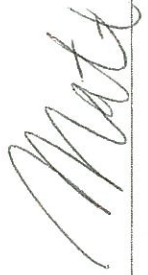
*Blue Greenway
Partner Appreciation Award*

Presented to

**Mariposa Utah Street
Neighborhood Association**

Awarded on January 19, 2012

*We honor you for your tireless effort and determination in bringing
your community together and revitalizing San Francisco's open spaces.*



Matt O'Grady, Executive Director



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**Potrero Boosters
Neighborhood Association**

Keeping Things Moving for the Long Haul Award

***Jean Bogiages and
San Bruno Neighborhood Group and MUNA***

*For her legendary dedication and advocacy
on behalf of that area's parks and open spaces*

This certificate is awarded this 31st day of May 2011



Audrey Cole, President

David Guber, Recording Secretary

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Senate

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Jean Bogiages *Potrero Hill*

Congratulations on being honored with a Community Award from Safety Awareness for Everyone (SAFE). I commend your leadership and commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our neighborhoods and the people who live there. It is through the efforts of dedicated individuals such as you that our communities thrive and become better places for all. Congratulations and thank you for all you do!



MARK LENO
Senator, 3rd District
May 26, 2011

Certificate of Honor

City and County of San Francisco Office of the Assessor-Recorder

The Office of Assessor-Recorder of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution of the Certificate of Honor in appreciative public recognition of distinction and merit for outstanding service to a significant portion of the people of the City and County of San Francisco by:

Jean Bogiages Potrero Hill-Mariposa-Utah Neighborhood Association

On this auspicious occasion, I am please to join SAFE to honor Jean Bogiages. In recognition of your legacy of improving the lives of residents of San Francisco and the Bay Area, the Office of the Assessor-Recorder conveys its highest appreciation and extends its best wishes on all of your endeavors.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Ting". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Phil Ting
Assessor-Recorder of San Francisco
May 26th, 2011

Assembly

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

JEAN BOGIAGES

2011 SF SAFE COMMUNITY AWARD HONOREE

Honoring exemplary public service and civic involvement through work with the Mariposa-Utah Neighborhood Association, a strong commitment to the neighborhood and the SAFE organization by demonstrating excellent citizenship skills through direction, support and leadership of community members, for taking an active role in the neighborhood, and creating a safe, spirited community, thereby benefitting all the people of the City and County of San Francisco and the State of California.



Assemblywoman

Fiona Ma

Speaker pro Tempore

Presented May 22, 2011



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In Recognition
of your outstanding contributions to
Community Organizing and Public Safety

San Francisco SAFE, Inc.
gratefully acknowledges

Jean Bogiages

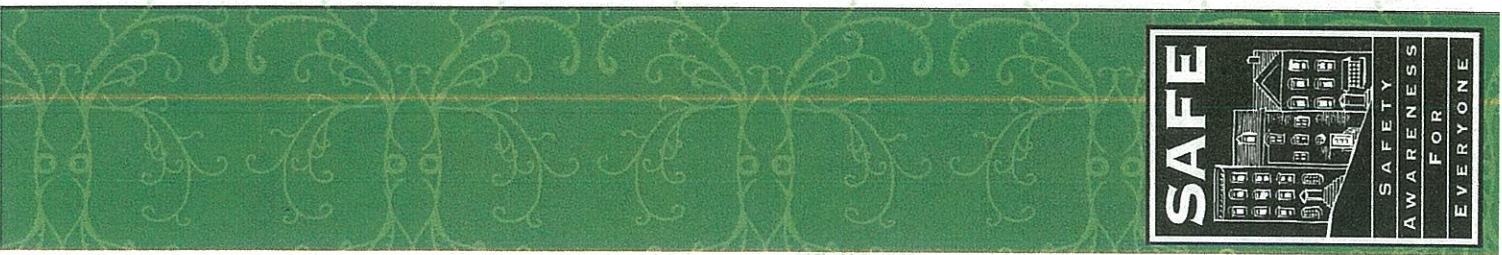
*Your commitment serves as an inspiration
to others working towards improving the
quality of life in San Francisco*



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Cindy Brandon
Cindy Brandon
Executive Director
San Francisco SAFE, Inc.

Greg Suhr
Chief Greg Suhr
San Francisco Police Department



Assembly

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Jean Bogiages

Parks and Community Summer Social 2009

In recognition of your outstanding volunteer work for the parks and communities of San Francisco, your work has inspired many people to give a helping hand to their community; and in deep appreciation of your dedication to the neighborhood parks and improving the quality of not only the communities, but of the community members as well.



Tom Ammiano
Assemblyman Tom Ammiano
13th Assembly District
July 8, 2009

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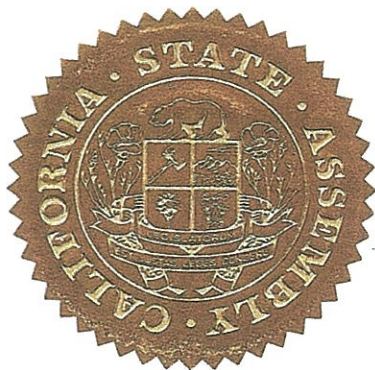
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JEAN BOGIAGES

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS COUNCIL

Honoring exemplary commitment to community service through the volunteering of time and hard work to maintain the outstanding level of cleanliness and safety within neighborhood parks, thereby benefiting all the people of the City & County of San Francisco and the State of California.



Assemblywoman

Fiona Ma

Majority Whip

Presented on July 8, 2009



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The City and County of San Francisco

Certificate of Honor

Presented To

JEAN BOGIAGES

JULY 8, 2009

WHEREAS, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I am pleased to recognize and honor Jean Bogiages for your work with the Friends of Fallen Bridge Mini Park, one of 129 park groups affiliated with the Neighborhood Parks Council. As part of the Neighborhood Parks Council Summer Social, the City would like to commend you for the countless hours you have dedicated to keeping your park clean, green, and safe. Your devotion and hard work have made a lasting impact in the community. Congratulations and best wishes on all your future endeavors!



THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Gavin Newsom
Mayor

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