

San Bruno Avenue – 17th Street – Vermont Street Improvement Project

Potrero Gateway Park Meeting
17th San Bruno Vermont Project
120 Rickard Street, August 14, 2012 at 10am

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review of history of project (p2 of this doc) and Dec 6, 2011 meeting (below)
3. Brief look at a few ideas from Berkeley Landscape Students contest (p5,6,7)
4. Discuss elements of designs that committee has selected and record comments (p3,4)
5. Possible Funding Sources:
 - The Environmental Enhancement And Mitigation Program (Caltrans & SFMTA)
 - Community Challenge Grant
 - Local businesses and neighbors
 - Other?
6. Things that can be done now:
 - Add additional fence at edge of freeway on San Bruno side in anticipation of removing current one.
 - On Vermont side add fence from sound wall to freeway bridge in anticipation of removing current fence.
 - Fill in the areas directly under the freeway that are not used as homeless apartments
 - Raise up shrubs on Vermont so bottom is clear

Supplementary background material:

- SFMUNA Summary for UCB Professor Hood.pdf (just to see what the issues are)
- Fulcrum-presentation-sm.pdf (just for reference. This is not our plan)

Minutes December 6, 2011 Meeting

Attending: Larry Stringer (DPW Director for Operations), Sandra Zuniga (DPW Community, StreetParks program), Julia Brashares (SFParksAlliance, StreetParks program), Angela and Anthony Bolland (MUNA/San Bruno Ave), Carlos Aguilar (Caltrans), Karin Bauer (MUNA/Mariposa), JR Eppler (MUNA/Utah), Jean Bogiages (MUNA/Utah)

Short Term Plan

- Larry and Carlos will coordinate with Sue Lavin, the Hot Team, Caltrans and the SF Police to increase the effort to make the area free of homeless encampments. **(DONE)**
- Carlos will get Caltrans resources to raise up the shrubs along San Bruno Avenue so that the bottom of the area will be clear. The purpose of this is to make it harder for anyone to hide in the bushes. **(DONE)**
- Carlos and or Larry will work on getting more lights in the underpass on 17th Street between San Bruno and Vermont. **(DONE)**

Long Term Plan

- MUNA 17th-SanBruno committee will work with Julia and Sandra to engage a landscape architect to work with the neighbors to design a solution that will beautify the area and will make it safer. **(Ideas from UCB Competition)**
- MUNA 17th-SanBruno committee will work with Caltrans Landscape architects to make sure the plan meets Caltrans requirements.
- Once the plan is complete, MUNA 17th-SanBruno committee will search for funding for the project, with SFParksAlliance as fiscal sponsor.
- MUNA 17th-SanBruno committee will work with DPW StreetParks program to get an encroachment permit for upgrading and maintenance of the Caltrans property.
- MUNA 17th-SanBruno committee will work to engage local businesses to join the neighbors in maintaining the new park and landscaping by scheduling clean-up work days.

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Next Steps

- Meet with DPW, Caltrans and SF Parks Alliance to be sure we are all on the same page
- Committee Interviews with landscape architects and encourages RFP
- Select RFP and search for funding

Progress to Date

- 7/17/2012 Committee voted to name project "Potrero Gateway Park"
- 6/30/2012 Met with Supervisor Cohen and reviewed ideas
- 6/2012 Phone interviews with potential landscape architects
- 6/4/2012 Committee Meeting to decide on features from UCB competition that we would like to see in our project
- 5/12/2012 Committee Attends Progress Park Opening
- 4/26/2012 Reviewed Thomas Church Memorial Competition entries
- 4/12/2012 Rejection letter from SFMTA
- 2/29/2012 Made presentation at the Potrero Boosters Meeting – Vermont Neighbors joined project
- 2/2012 Sent Letter to Professor Walter Hood, UCB asking for help
- 1/23/2012 Sent Traffic Calming Request to SFMTA
- 1/20/2012 Met with Pastor Dumanovsky, Russian Gospel Church
- 1/19/2012 Committee Meeting
- 12/6/2011 Met with Caltrans, DPW, SF Parks Alliance and became part of the Street Parks Program
- 10/19/2011 Met with Supervisor Cohen

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June 5, 2012

Suggested Improvements to Intersections of Vermont, San Bruno, 17th, Mariposa, and Utah Streets and 101 right of way open space

Red- SFMTA
Blue-CALTRANS
Green-MUNA

Add signage requiring that the intersection be kept clear

Add a bulb out at on the east side to protect parked cars (not shown)

Add a retaining wall under the freeway to extend the sidewalk. Create an exciting place with light, landscaping and art. Integrate it with the parks on Vermont and San Bruno.

Landscape the area along the compressed granite walking path. Remove trees & stumps that are not growing correctly, clear the lower branches of trees. Bottom branches of the trees should be 6 feet from the ground.

Remove chainlink fence and replace with new fence close to freeway

Compressed granite walking path from Mariposa & Vermont all the way to Mariposa & San Bruno

Institute traffic calming by adding a speed bump, and a speed limit sign at Mariposa & San Bruno, removing parking where San Bruno is narrow and adding perpendicular parking where San Bruno is wide (not shown)

Add trees along the new fence on San Bruno from 17th to Mariposa in order to block freeway noise and dirt, but not block the city view.

The three intersections: 17th & Utah, 17th & San Bruno, 17th & Vermont need to be made pedestrian friendly

Fenced in dog park



Add trees along the new fence

Add trees along off ramp as shown) and reduce width of off ramp.

Add a bulb out at the west corner of Vermont and Mariposa (not shown)

Institute a traffic calming element by putting an island on Vermont Street as suggested in the 2008 Potrero Hill traffic calming plan

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	Traffic Calming - SFMTA	
1	The three intersections: 17th & Utah, 17th & San Bruno, 17th & Vermont need to be made pedestrian friendly. All corners need curb cuts and all intersections need crosswalks.	
2	Institute a traffic calming element by putting an island on Vermont Street as suggested in the 2008 Potrero Hill traffic calming plan. Separating the traffic exiting at Vermont into two lanes, one going down Mariposa and one turning left onto Vermont. The east lane on Vermont should only be accessible to folks traveling west on Mariposo or traveling north on Vermont.	
3	Add a bulb out at the west corner of Vermont and Mariposa to protect parked cars and to reduce speed off the freeway.	
4	Institute traffic calming on San Bruno by adding a speed bump, and a speed limit sign at Mariposa & San Bruno and removing parking where San Bruno is narrow and adding perpendicular parking where San Bruno is wide.	
5	Add signage on the road at 17th & Utah requiring that the intersection be kept clear if the traffic is backed up.	
6	Add a bulb out at San Bruno and 17th on the east side. This will integrate with the improvement along 17th street.	
	Work that Caltrans Could be asked to do	
7	Add a retaining wall under the freeway along 17th on the south side of the street in order to extend the sidewalk. Create an exciting place under the freeway with landscaping and art. Integrate it with the parks on Vermont and San Bruno.	
8	Remove chainlink fence that touches the sidewalk and insure freeway access is prevented by adding a different fence	
9	Remove tree stumps. Remove trees that are not growing correctly, clear the lower branches of trees. Add trees when defective ones are removed. The bottom branches of the trees should be 6 feet from the ground.	
	Work that could be done by neighbors or a contractor	
10	Add a compressed granite walking path from Mariposa & Vermont all the way to Mariposa & San Bruno	
11	Create a fenced in dog park on Vermont	
12	Landscape the area along the compressed granite walking path with drought resistant native plants that do not require heavy maintenance.	
13	Add trees along the new fence (fence close to freeway not to San Bruno sidewalk) on San Bruno from 17th to Mariposa in order to block freeway noise and dirt, but not block the city view.	
14	Landscape the area along the San Bruno sidewalk with hearty drought resistant plants like lavender, Ceanothus, etc.	
	Work that could be done by DPW	
15	Extend the San Bruno sidewalk from where it ends, all the way to Mariposa. Enable folks to walk all the way up San Bruno on the East side.	

Committee Members

Karin Bauer, Mariposa St.	Angela & Tony Boland, San Bruno Ave	Maria Tong, San Bruno Ave	John Haymaker, Vermont St.
Diane Bates, Vermont St.	J R Eppler, Utah St.	Sheldon Tribble, Mariposa St.	David Wurtman, 17 th St.
Jean Bogiages, Utah St.	Umesh Bhandary, Vermont St.	Mary Gooseff, San Bruno Ave	Jeff, Vermont St.

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From the FULCUM Project:

- Activate the space below the freeway with public art, cutting-edge lighting technology supported by neighboring tech businesses, and mobile food vendors



FREEWAY UNDERPASS SECTION

Cutting into the slope to provide more usable space under the freeway creates a space for art, technology and food



17th STREET
activated freeway underpass

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From the Harnessing Motion Presentation:

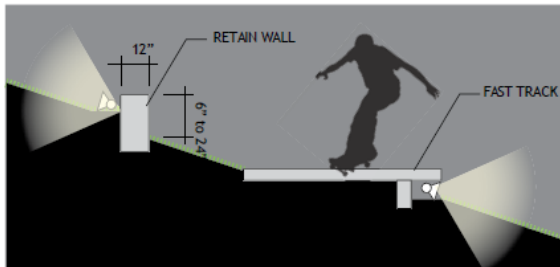
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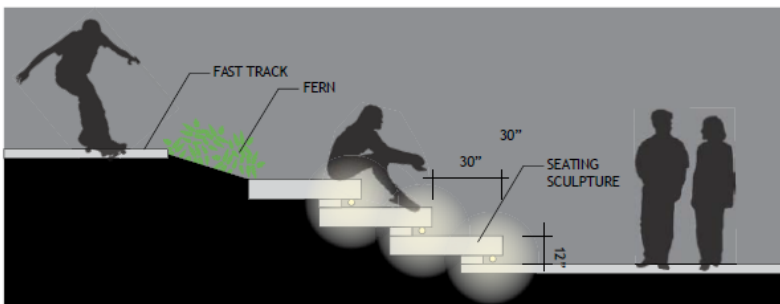
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Fom the Land Hugs Presentation



LINEAR ILLUMINATED ELEMENTS
ADD INTEGRITY TO THE SITE

FAST TRACK 1/4"=1'



CIRCULATION + DETAILS

SEATING SCULPTURE 1/4"=1'