

MEETING SUMMARY

HUNTERS VIEW COMMUNITY PARTNERS (HVCP) Meeting with HUNTERS VIEW RESIDENTS

August 22, 2007
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Hunters View Head Start, San Francisco, CA

The meeting began at approximately 5:40 p.m. Approximately 20 people were present (including 10 residents). The meeting was called to order by Tamika Trammell, Vice President of the Tenant's Association. Tamika welcomed residents of the community and stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss design.

Juan Monsanto welcomed San Francisco Housing Commissioner Jane Hsu.

Introduction for Design Discussion

Anne Torney and Dan Solomon introduced themselves and asked the meeting attendees if they would like a recap of the site plan. The attendees indicated that they did not feel like they needed a recap as all in attendance were familiar with the site plan.

Dan Solomon provided a brief summary of the San Francisco neighborhood design principles that the team is following, which includes:

- Inclusion of parks
- Maximization of views
- Building type appropriate to San Francisco
- Connections to broader community
- Stepping houses up the hill

Anne Torney indicated that tonight's meeting would focus on three possible areas of connectivity where it would be helpful to get resident feedback. The team would like to do a site walk of the three areas and then meet back together as a group to discuss the observations and comments. Anne Torney indicated that the three areas that would be observed include:

- 1) New Park Area and Street at Fairfax
- 2) Path at Cashmere Street
- 3) Innes Street by Youth Park

Anne Torney indicated that it would be great to have residents provide feedback on safety, views, connections, and the topographical challenges.

Question: A resident asked if a new park would only create a "dead" space on the site that was difficult to ensure was safe.

Response: Anne indicated that this is a valid concern and it is one of the reasons that resident feedback is important so that the team can design the safest and most secure park space possible.

Question: A resident asked what will happen to the existing buildings.

Response: Anne indicated that they will be demolished by phases as part of the revitalization.

Questions: A resident asked if the people currently living at Hunters View will be guaranteed a right to live in the new Hunters View units.

Response: Patrick Zak (who is part of the HVCP team) indicated that there are three primary guiding principles for the revitalization of Hunters View, which are:

- 1) First Right for current residents to occupy the new public housing units
- 2) One-for-One Replacement of all public housing units
- 3) Phased Construction to allow for on-site temporary relocation

Question: A resident indicated that if there were gates it might limit accessibility and not really make the site any safer.

Response: Anne indicated that the team would like to hear more about how residents think the new Hunters View can be safe.

Site Walk

Resident volunteers were requested to help with the site walk that would include the three areas identified by Anne and all meeting attendees departed Head Start to go observe the three areas. It was agreed that everyone would meet back at the Head Start at 6:45 to discuss the observations and feedback as a group.

Recap

After the Site Walk everyone met back at Head Start at 6:45 and ate dinner while sharing what they had observed and discussed on the Site Walk.

1) New Park Area and Street at Fairfax

Lisa Arnold (family member of Hunters View residents) shared the following feedback:

- The current route down the hillside is too steep, especially with kids and a stroller.
- The new park and connections down to Fairfax and Keith is a good idea
- This new connection would make it easier to get to Youngblood Coleman Park
- The homeowners on Bowman could use this new park also

- Maybe there should be stairs on the west side of the park also
- The street around the park should be one-way with parallel parking and maybe speed bumps
- Activities in the park could include barbeque, basketball, and activities for all ages
- Residents should be allowed to have birthday parties, barbeques, etc. at their homes, not just in common parks or community building (it was agreed that this issue should be discussed by the Managemeng/Operations Working group).
- Maybe there should be a fence around park
- Curfew for park should be at 11 pm

2) Path at Cashmere Street

Dorothy Peterson (Hunters View resident), shared the following feedback:

- A new connection at Cashmere Street would make it easier for residents to get to and from the #54 bus on Hudson
- Right now the path down to this connection is steep and unpaved
- The gate at the end of Cashmere is often closed
- Troublemakers hang out at the end of Cashmere and then can run into Hunters View where police can't follow
- The gate from Cashmere should be locked with a security code for Hunters View residents
- It's important to maintain a connection to the daycare during construction, even though this area is right on the border of Phase I and Phase II.

3) Innes Street by Youth Park

James Hamby (a Hunters View resident), shared the following feedback:

- The connection to Malcolm X school is used not only to get to the school but to get to buses for three other area schools that stop on Harbor in front of Malcolm X.
- The Community Youth Park used to be in much better shape, and used to have organized programming such as field trips, conga drums and macramé, etc. and it helped keep kids of his generation out of trouble and also served to as a place where kids from throughout the community could come together (James indicated that the park is currently in terrible shape and doesn't do much for kids).
- Discussed whether all the new programs should be focused on the new community center at Hunters View (James indicated that he felt that the Youth Park could help bring the greater neighborhood together in a way that would not be possible if everything was focused just at Hunters View).
- Resident currently go through fence at the end of Hare Street to get to Bob's (local store)
- Shoreline Park is safe and good place to take kids for fishing etc. during the day
- Indicated that the land to west of Hunters View should be included in the redevelopment (it was pointed out that this land is currently owned by PG&E, not the San Francisco Housing Authority).

- Pathway from Innes/Middle Point along the property line by Malcolm X/Youth Park is used by many to get to school and to apartments beyond; this is an important connection
- Should houses face onto a new walkway here? Yes, maybe, but only if their back doors, not their front doors, face the walkway.
- Residents often use bus stop at Innes/Middle Pt. instead of West Pt./Middle Pt. because they feel safer

Closing

Jumoke Hinton-Hodge (HVCP team member) thanked everyone for the great meeting and indicated that the next meeting would be on September 12th at Head Start and would be the kick-off meeting for the Working Groups. All residents who are interested in participating in one of the five Working Groups (Design, Operations, Environmental, Community Benefits, and Relocation). More information will be provided about this meeting, but residents should consider prior to that meeting if they have an interest in serving as a Facilitator for one of the Working Groups. Facilitators will have certain responsibilities that will be determined by the group and will also receive a \$25 stipend per meeting.

Jumoke indicated that the next all hands resident meeting would be held at the regularly scheduled time (4th Wednesday of the month) on September 26th at 5:30 and that the Working Groups would report back at that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.