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India Basin Waterfront Parks One Step Closer to Reality

1.5 Miles of Bayfront Property to become Network of Parks

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SAN FRANCISCO--- A spectacular and seamless 1.5-mile-long network of public parks on the city's southeast waterfront is one step closer to reality as the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission approved yesterday a partnership agreement to develop parks and open spaces along the India Basin Shoreline.

The agreement between the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, The Trust for Public Land, the San Francisco Parks Alliance and India Basin Investment, LLC (Build Inc.), outlines a framework under which projects at 900 Innes, India Basin Shoreline Park, India Basin Open Space and the Big Green at 700 Innes would help create one of the largest contiguous waterfront open spaces in the city.

"This partnership paves the way for a fully integrated bayfront park system that will be an amenity-rich, thoughtfully programmed and well-maintained legacy park," said Phil Ginsburg, general manager of the Recreation and Park Department. "It's a key step in our effort to build the great parks of tomorrow to address population growth in high-needs areas and emerging neighborhoods."

The approval comes as a public-private planning process called the India Basin Waterfront Plan is underway to ensure that park properties being developed along the 1.5-mile shoreline eventually look, feel and operate as an integrated parks system.

The Waterfront Plan focuses on seven parks: Heron's Head Park (fully-developed SF Port property); Hunters Point Shoreline (a 100' shoreline zone owned and being remediated by PG&E); RPD's existing India Basin Shoreline Park; 900 Innes; RPD-owned India Basin Open

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Space; Build Inc.'s proposed Big Green Park located at 700 Innes; and the future Lennar-funded Northside Park (part of the Shipyard-Candlestick development plan).

To help guide the Waterfront Plan, Mayor Ed Lee, Supervisor Malia Cohen and Ginsburg launched a 30-member task force committee representing a diverse array of community and citywide stakeholders. The task force has met several times to begin establishing a framework for park design and will continue to represent the neighborhood interests as the designs progress.

India Basin neighbors support the effort, and are especially pleased with the conscientious and inclusive approach taken so far to create an iconic, water-accessible, expansive legacy park in the southeast sector of San Francisco.

Sue Ellen Smith, Chair of India Basin Neighborhood Association ("IBNA"), said: "IBNA knew the only way to achieve a regional park of this nature, one that the entire City could be proud of, would take a public-private partnership. We feel fortunate that we have such a partnership headed up by an innovative and civic-minded developer like Build Inc. With this partnership in place, we are confident that the open space and parks planned for India Basin will be extraordinary."

Michael Yarne, principal at Build Inc., said: "We initiated this collaborative effort because we are committed to the community and want to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated park amenity that will benefit the existing and future residents and workers in this neighborhood."

The park projects under the partnership approved yesterday will also close the final gap along the San Francisco Bay Trail around India Basin, connecting India Basin Shoreline and India Basin Shoreline Open Space, and complete a segment of the city's 13-mile Blue Greenway Project.

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