

The Trust for Public Land

Meeting Summary

900 Innes and India Basin Shoreline Park Concept Design Meeting #1

Meeting: Wednesday, May 4th, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Joseph Lee Rec Center, 1395 Mendell St, San Francisco, CA 94124

Re: **900 Innes and India Basin Shoreline Park Concept Design**

Meeting Goals

1. Present 3 concept designs
2. Receive community feedback

Agenda

Notes from Questions and Comments Period

- Vote yes on Measure AA!
 - And fill out your ballot from the bottom up!
- Vote yes on Measure B
- There will be a traffic calming plan to facilitate safe access to the park
- The design has areas for *potential* fishing, however a risk assessment needs to be completed to make sure fishing is safe
- The design of structures are not outlined yet
- The process of assessing the site and gathering feedback from the community has been going on for more than a year- but tonight is the first concept design meeting
- Keep meetings consolidated and focused
- Design has a space for future/potential concessions (to create jobs)
- The remediation strategy will depend on the concept design
- Some funding from the EPA has already been secured, currently waiting to hear back about additional EPA funding
- The city and other funding sources will fill in any gaps in financing the site clean up
- Eric Scove of AECOM has done the testing of the site:
 - 900 Innes is the main site that has been studied: identified as a brownfield
 - A “targeted brownfield assessment” was done
- Region 9 EPA funding to continue evaluation

- The studying of the site for toxicity has been going on for more than a year
- Marie Harrison of Greenaction can host Eric Scove at her task force meeting to continue the discussion on toxicity and testing
- Rocks at 900 Innes belong to SF Rec & Park (not the navy)
- Rocks on site were placed there in 2002
- All materials on site will be tested
- Mitigation strategy for toxicity will be thorough!
- Pollution and contamination has caused tremendous and horrific health problems and fatalities to the people of the Bayview
- There are monthly meetings at shipyard CAC with representatives from the department of public health
- Another meeting will be held to continue the conversation about contamination
- The next meeting will be held in a larger space
- Sea level rise is being taken into account for this design
 - The soft edge in the design will be adaptive to sea level rise
- Victorian garden could be difficult to maintain (SF RPD has limited resources)
 - Alternatively Victorian garden could create jobs as it requires maintenance
 - Good historical reference (authentic)
- Grass is good
- Too much open grass creates hot spaces, need trees also
- Non-irrigated lawns turn into dirt, dirt turns to mud, mud means no soccer :(
- Kayaking is not an activity that many people from this community take part in
 - This may change with more free kayaking programs
 - The India Basin Neighborhood Association hosts a free kayaking day annually which always fills up
- Less is more
- Support for turning the shipwright's cottage into a commerce space / community space
- Engage local schools and seniors about design and aesthetics
 - Currently planning an internship for local youth
 - Will have focus group(s) with seniors as well
- 20 years of advocacy went into protecting 900 Innes
- Example park on Potomac river in Virginia → old boatyard turned into carpentry/boat-building learning park (park planners worked with the union)
 - Something similar could turn into a cool summer camp opportunity at India Basin
- Boat building classes
- Boat structure for kids to play on
- Need to balance active space with nature space
 - Keep basketball and views, playground and birds

- Exercise equipment desired
- Safety is key- what is the plan for this?
- History and authenticity are critical to successful design for this site
- There will be a community activation for the site which will involve capturing/recording people's stories; stories from the community
- Desire for a design that acknowledges pre-fill / pre-boat history: wetlands! Design in line with the spirit of measure AA
- Keep it as a space for nature, not just an active space
 - Older people need respite space, not playgrounds
- Play spaces that trigger/evoke children's imaginations!
 - welcome/safe/fun/adventurous
 - Likes the nature-play features: chances to take risks that are safe and fun
 - Create future nature stewards by giving kids an opportunity to connect with nature
- Visually drawn to design concept number 1, likes access of 2 and 3
- Design for wind! Site can be very windy
- What will happen to the park at night?
 - We will delve into this at the next meeting
- On weekends and holidays parks fill up- need more bbq spots
- Bike path needs activation and programming for safety
 - Bike class, bike racks, bike loop
- Hilltop park has a skatepark
- Program to remove invasive species
- Park will be ADA accessible
 - Path on Hudson, ramp by cottage, pathways coming down from 700 Innes
- Local teens need safe and legal space for dirt biking / motor biking
 - SF Rec and Park needs to find out if this is a possibility on this site
 - Would need to get community buy-in for this (loud activity, disruptive to wildlife)
- Restroom placement is up for discussion
 - Currently shown near playground
- Please share your comments!

