



Neighborhood Parks Council
2010 Board of Supervisors Candidate Questionnaire

District 6- Nate Payne

1. In what ways do you feel parks contribute to San Franciscans' quality of life?

I would say parks provide relaxation of freedom with your pets and kids.

2. What park in your district do you use most and tell us what you like most about it.

I take my kids to play at Hayes Valley and the Yerba Buena Park.

3. Which park in your district appears to need the most help and what do you propose to do about it?

Boeddeker Park in the Tenderloin needs a major change and I would make the park safe for families and kids to play in but it's going to take the whole community to take back the park.

4. From your observations, what are the 3 most important issues facing recreation and parks in San Francisco? How will you begin to address these issues if you are elected?

Park and Rec. City layoffs, Clean and save parks and after school and summer programs for kids. I would do my best to raise private and public funds to hire the right park directors for who can fit in also relate to the community as a big brother or sister. Only use the money raise to invest back into the programs for the youth!

5. What is your view of the role of volunteer community park groups? What commitment do you make to working with these groups to improve our public open spaces?

We need as many volunteers as we can get to help out the improvement process with the parks. I sit down and talk to park directors how to improve the parks to make it safe for families.

6. ParkScan.org is a website that enables park users to report maintenance concerns to the Recreation and Park Department. If elected, how would you promote this tool?

I believe in using modern technology, social media websites and Parkscan.org to get the word out there for families and park goers.

7. NPC's Green Envy study identified many neighborhoods that lack playgrounds and neighborhood parks. How would you address these park and open space deficiencies?

I would like to see empty spaces used for small parks or community gardens.

8. Deferred maintenance of things like irrigation systems continues to plague the park system. With little funding available to fix these types of problems, what would you propose to improve park maintenance?

Smart irrigation is key to improve the parks with water flow and I seen a lot of water get wasted to water trees, plants and grass. Or park maintenance would leave tools or water unattended around the playgrounds when kids are around. We need to keep playgrounds safe and save water as well.

9. San Francisco currently has no citywide open space requirement for new development. In areas such as the Eastern Neighborhoods, which are already deficient in open space and could see a tripling in residential density in the near future, this oversight could create unlivable communities severely deficient in parks. Would you support a citywide open space requirement for all new residential development so that every neighborhood can have green space for play, exercise, and respite from urban life?

I would support a citywide open space and we need to have more playgrounds in the city which we are lacking in that department! There are more dog parks then they are children parks for my 4 kids to play in!