



## Neighborhood Parks Council

### Muriel Leff Mini Park Community Meeting

February 8th, 2011 6:00 PM  
Javaholic Cafe

#### I. Introductions

- Marianne Bertuccelli, Park Service Area, Recreation and Park Department
- Sunya Ojure, Program Manager, Neighborhood Parks Council
- Ihsan Dujaili, Community Member
- Adam Hartzell, Community Member
- Bernadette Bardine, Community Member & SF Federal Credit Union Employee
- Laurie Halsey Brown, <http://www.senseofplacelab.org/>

#### II. Report Back on Research Completed Since Last Meeting in October

- “Doggy bathroom” (Adam)
  - i. There doesn’t seem to be a good option that would be low-maintenance
  - ii. Some of the options have synthetic turf that needs to be cleaned regularly
  - iii. Group: Maybe as people use the park more for other uses, dog owners will be more conscious of cleaning up after their pet(s). The doggy bathroom doesn’t seem to be a priority project for the group at the moment. Could be readdressed later.
- Solar lamp posts (Ihsan)
  - i. Found this link:  
[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/publications/pdfs/alliances/outdoor\\_area\\_lighting.pdf](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/publications/pdfs/alliances/outdoor_area_lighting.pdf)
  - ii. Will continue to reach out to vendors to get more information on these lamps
- When do path improvements trigger ADA codes? (Marianne)
  - i. If volunteers can do the work, than it probably won’t trigger ADA codes; however, pouring concrete or something like that would be more complicated and would need to be up to ADA code most likely.
  - ii. Suggests connecting the pathways with stones and using Gravel Lok. See <http://www.gravel-lok.com/> for more info.
    - Could be an art project if different stones were used.
      - i. Laurie has access to free concrete dye—something to keep in mind for the future.

#### III. Open Discussion

- **Solar Lights:**
  - i. If new lamps were purchased, would be ideal to have all new type for aesthetics, however, they could be gradually installed as money allows. Any vendor could be used if the community pays for it and gifts to RPD.
  - ii. Ihsan will continue his research.

- **Herb garden/fruit trees:**
  - i. Could be a great first project. Would be offering to community. May deter dogs. Would be pretty. Potentially could be donated from local nurseries. [CA Releaf](#) is a potential funder (they funded a project at Washington Square Park).
- **Wattle Fence:**
  - i. Type of natural fence that RPD staff knows how to create by weaving together tree bark. Could be a nice volunteer project.
- **Native Plant Garden in Sand Area:**
  - i. Need to check if it has drainage.
  - ii. Would be a neat place to put native plant garden
- **Hitching Post Bike Rack Concept:**
  - i. Draws upon history of site, could be collaboration with bikers and the SF Bike Coalition.

#### IV. Upcoming Funding Opportunities

- See <http://sfnpc.org/capacitybuildinggrant013011/> for a listing of some upcoming grants.

#### V. Next steps

- Park group members will meet again on **February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the park at 6pm.**
  - i. Goals for this meeting:
    - Talk more about improvement ideas, try to prioritize a bit more
    - Take measurements of park features so can get accurate cost estimates
      - i. Maybe see if Bruce McKay can help map the park in even more detail
    - Report back after meeting to Marianne (<mailto:Marianne.Bertuccelli@sfgov.org>) and Sunya (<mailto:sojure@sfnpc.org>).

These notes are also available at [sfnpc.org/meetingminutes2011](http://sfnpc.org/meetingminutes2011)