

# Joint Stakeholder Meeting

April 14, 2011



Thursday, April 14, 2011 6 – 8pm  
SPUR Urban Center, 654 Mission Street, SOMA

Within the context of increasing demand for services and scarcity of resources, a vision has been building at both SFPT and NPC to more fully meet the City-wide needs of parks and park users. This vision is to ensure that volunteerism, civic engagement, advocacy, and philanthropy are coordinated and leveraged for the best possible outcome for parks and park users. Through coalition-driven policy and action, a new organization, based on some of the best practices of both organizations and those around the country, can better ensure that the needs of parks and all park users are equitably met. This new organization can eliminate duplication of efforts and achieve economies of scale, while working efficiently and with inspiration toward an enduring vision for San Francisco parkland for generations to come.

**6:00 pm Welcome and Agenda Review**

*Meredith Thomas, NPC Executive Director*  
*Karen Kidwell, SFPT Executive Director*  
*Glenn Snyder, SFPT Board Chair*  
*Kelly Quirke, NPC Board Chair*

**6:15 pm The Vision: A New Parks Organization for San Francisco**

*Kelly Nice, SFPT Board Member*  
*Isabel Wade, NPC Founder and Board Member*

**6:35 pm Small Break-out Groups**

*SFPT/NPC Board and Staff will facilitate each group*

Each break-out group will brainstorm answers to share with all attendees during the “In-put Open House” immediately following this session. Please record your thoughts on sticky paper and staff will display them around the room.

- What are the characteristics of an ideal park support group? What are your hopes for a unified park, open space and recreation organization?
- What questions do you have about such an organizations?
- What are your concerns regarding a meta-park and open space organization?

**7:15 pm In-put Open House**

We invite all attendees to circulate the room to read what other groups discussed. Do you see similarities to your group’s lists? Are there ideas or topics that are new or different from anything you considered?

**7:45 pm Closing Remarks and Next Steps**

*Meredith Thomas, NPC Executive Director*

## **Meeting Ground Rules**

We treat each other with respect, even when we disagree.

We stay on topic.

We intend to develop personal relationships to enhance trust and open communication.

We value constructive feedback. We will avoid being defensive and give feedback in a constructive manner.

We emphasize open and honest communication - there are no hidden agendas.

We de-personalize discussion of issues - no attacks on people.

One person talks at a time; there are no side discussions.

We turn off cell phones.

We arrive on time.

We end on time.