

MEMORANDUM

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TO: MEMBERS, PORT COMMISSION
Hon. Willie Adams, President
Hon. Kimberly Brandon, Vice President
Hon. Leslie Katz
Hon. Doreen Woo Ho

FROM: Elaine Forbes
Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: Informational presentation by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department on India Basin Open Space Planning and the interagency coordination between Recreation and Parks, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), the Port, PG&E and Build Inc.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Only - No Action Required

SUMMARY

In August 2014, the City of San Francisco (the "City") acquired the 900 Innes property, which is adjacent to the Recreation and Parks Departments (RPD) India Basin Shoreline Park, and India Basin Shoreline Open Space. The City and RPD envision a new park on the 900 Innes Avenue site, which will fill a gap in the Blue Greenway. This new park site, creates an opportunity to develop an India Basin waterfront park and open space system that leverages the benefits of existing open spaces including the Port's Heron's Head Park and RPD India Basin parks along with future open spaces including the North Side Park in the Hunters Point Shipyard, the Build Inc. Big Green and the PG&E Shoreline open spaces into a world class park system for the Bayview Hunters Point community, City and region (*see Exhibit 1, India Basin Parks and Open Space Plan Area*).

RPD working with each of the land owners, the Coastal Conservancy, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and San Francisco Parks Alliance have established a work program and Task Force to develop a concept plan for 900 Innes Avenue and how to best integrate the existing and future open spaces into a system that is enjoyable and cohesive to existing and future patrons. The Planning process includes an ideas competition, which ultimately will be used to select a park design team to complete a concept plan.

Port staff is participating in the process as a member of the task force and in interagency coordination to make certain future improvements respond to the Port and its stakeholder's needs.

Planning Process Overview

The 900 Innes Avenue site is approximately 2.4 acres in total of which 1.8 acres is land and the remaining is submerged. The site is midway in the ultimate system of India Basin open spaces which include:

1. The Port's Heron's Head Park
2. The PG&E Shoreline (a portion of the former Hunters Point Power Plant)
3. India Basin Shoreline Park (RPD)
4. India Basin Shoreline Open Space (RPD)
5. The Big Green (700 Innes - Build Inc.)
6. Northside Park (Hunters Point Shipyard, Lenar)

Each of these parks is a component of the Blue Greenway, Bay Trail and Bay Area Water Trail.

The Recreation and Park Department ("RPD") plans to develop a new park on the 900 Innes Avenue site for the community, providing residents local access to open space and new recreational opportunities. The site has scenic views, waterfront access, cultural and natural resources.

RPD was awarded a Coastal Conservancy grant in the amount of \$500,000 for 900 Innes/India Basin Shoreline Park Planning. RPD has contracted with TPL to: a) conduct public outreach to the India Basin and Bayview communities, as well as citywide and regional stakeholders; b) prepare a site analysis and environmental studies; and c) prepare a conceptual park plan with cost estimates and strategies for the possible implementation of future park improvements. TPL has retained WRA Environmental Consultants ("WRA"), Moffat & Nichol engineers ("Moffat & Nichol"), Page & Turnbull, Langan Treadwell Rollo, BKF, and Meridian for the technical studies necessary to support the design.

RPD and the community believe there is an opportunity to collaborate with adjacent landowners to develop an India Basin waterfront parks, trails and open space plan that integrates and connects the various open spaces within the basin. A central goal of the Plan is to ensure that all seven properties eventually look, feel and operate as an integrated parks system.

The scope of the Plan includes specific proposals for public programming, access and circulation, habitat restoration, ecological and sea level rise strategies, public-private funding and stewardship proposals, and public signage and branding.

A Task Force of over thirty Bayview Hunters Point community organizations and City agencies has been convened to help guide the Plan and ultimately the future development of this extraordinary network of new and renovated shoreline parks (see

Attachment 2, Task Force members). Outreach regarding the Plan has taken the form of informational and participatory booths at the Bay View Hunters Point Sunday Streets, the Black Love Festival at Heron's Head Park and through participation in over a dozen Bayview Hunters Point-based public meetings.

In December 2015, RPD along with TPL established an Ideas Competition for the 900 Innes Avenue property to be used as the basis for selection a qualified Landscape Architecture firm and team to develop a concept design for the 900 Innes and India Basin Shoreline Park properties. Teams from around the United States were invited to submit qualifications. Task Force members reviewed submittals and selected five teams to advance in the design ideas competition. Finalist teams included:

- AECOM
- Gustafson Guthrie Nichol
- Surface Design
- SWA and Stanley Saitowitz/Natoma Architects
- Tom Leader Studio

Each of these teams prepared design concepts, which were displayed publicly for comment at the Port's Eco-Center at Heron's Head Park for four weeks. The finalists presented their submissions publicly at a SPUR lunchtime forum and at Bret Harte Elementary in the Bayview Community. A panel representing two Task Force members, a community representative appointed by Supervisor Cohen, a Recreation and Parks Commissioner and three industry professionals reviewed the proposals, attended the presentations and interviewed the finalists. They then ranked the finalists and chose a winner to enter into a contract for concept design.

Port and Community Coordination

The Port is working collaboratively with RPD and TPL and also participates on the India Task Force. Since Heron's Head Park is completed and is fully operational, the Port's role in the Plan is to make certain that new open space programming in each of the future India Basin open spaces is compatible with the program of Heron's Head Park and that future amenities are integrated appropriately. Coordination may include making certain pathways are interconnected, signage and site furnishings are complimentary and to determine if there are opportunities for operational and management collaboration with RPD or other land owners. The Port is also assisting in stakeholder outreach to make certain its constituents are well informed of the planning process.

The program defined to date through the Task Force for the 900 Innes Avenue and India Basin Shoreline Park sites includes:

- A continuous Bay Trail, a trail extending from India Basin Shoreline Park through 900 Innes and connecting to India Basin Open Space.
- A continuous Class-I bike lane to provide a safe, high-speed route for commute and recreation bicyclists of all ages.

- New pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access to the shoreline.
- Retention and restoration of the historic Shipwright's Cottage at 900 Innes. The cottage will be restored and repurposed for use as a cultural and educational center, as well as a concession space.
- A new park at 900 Innes that will give residents access to open space, parkland resources and new recreational opportunities.

The Current schedule to complete concept design is outlined in *Exhibit 3, India Basin Parks and Open Space Plan Schedule with completion happening in fall 2016.*

Additional information about the planning and design process can be found at <http://ibwaterfrontparks.com/>

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