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People—Existing	<ul> <li>Children like to play on the fitness equipment</li> <li>Enjoy the natural feel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Children and families are too afraid to use the park due to the free range of dogs.</li> <li>Families are generally uncomfortable at this park and will choose not to come here. The amount of dogs make children feel unsafe.</li> </ul>	Future growth surrounding the park means more dogs and more children will be around.
Extension of park to 20 <sup>th</sup> St	<ul> <li>Activate the street</li> <li>Pedestrian-only street</li> <li>Connects to empty retail space</li> <li>Opportunity for a design that complements Living Alley across the street</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current street is not well used</li> <li>Empty storefronts</li> <li>Worries about closing down the entirety of 20<sup>th</sup> street to cars.         Difficult circulation patterns in the neighborhood already.     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Street closure and extension onto 20<sup>th</sup>         St was part of original park plan</li> <li>Consider fire access. Perhaps use of bollards?</li> <li>Likelihood to be able to close down 20<sup>th</sup> st?</li> </ul>
Park path	<ul> <li>One pedestrian-friendly path to serve as circulation around the park and the block</li> <li>Use of permeable paving</li> </ul>	Duplication of external sidewalks and internal park paths	<ul> <li>Is it possible to take away sidewalk?</li> <li>Keep the exercise spots and walking trail</li> <li>Have running trail all around the park</li> </ul>
Pedestrian-scale lighting	Would like to see lower,     pedestrian-scale lighting around     the park for evening use	Current street lighting is high up and meant for vehicle traffic.	Investigate self-contained solar lighting
Picnic Area	Existing location and use is great		Place picnic area at opposite end from dog area (e.g. storage area)



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Plazas	<ul> <li>Like the idea of entry plazas to formalize the entrance of the parks.</li> <li>Would like the entrance to complement the Dogpatch Arts Plaza and Living Alley.</li> <li>Seating for people to buy takeout nearby and sit/eat at the park.</li> <li>Northeast corner needs a path into the park. Perhaps mimic other plaza entrance on a smaller scale.</li> </ul>	The entry at the northeast corner of the park is unwelcoming. Must step over mulch pile to enter the park.	<ul> <li>No need for a large plaza; extend the dog area over the plaza area as there will be other plazas nearby</li> <li>No programming</li> <li>Do not duplicate amenities; coordinate with surrounding development</li> <li>"Acknowledge the future Dogpatch Arts Plaza on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Indiana. Hardscape plaza areas within the park can be minimized due to this extra amenity coming soon to the neighborhood"</li> </ul>
Play Areas	<ul> <li>Rocks, boulders for children to climb—natural play elements to complement the natural feel of the park</li> <li>General informal play space for people to play (e.g. throw ball or Frisbee around)</li> <li>Would like the whole place to be playable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not want new children's play structures, especially plastic and colorful play structures—         "McDonald's" type</li> <li>CPA would be too small. A play structure would also take away from the lawn space for other active play uses.</li> <li>Should not confine children to one area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Keep open areas for Frisbee and ball thrawing</li> <li>What does a "natural play area" mean? Will it be paved?</li> <li>Use natural objects or sculpture</li> </ul>



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Adult Fitness Equipment	<ul> <li>Currently used frequently by adults</li> <li>Upgrade the equipment and improve the surfacing—softer and not concrete</li> </ul>	Concrete pad—lack of safety surfacing has caused injuries, especially kids who use it as play equipment.	Keep the perimeter paths, especially on the north side of the park.
Topography	<ul> <li>English garden feel—use of topography to reveal natural areas as you walk in</li> <li>More vertical elements on the Southeast corner. Currently has a lot of sun.</li> <li>Like existing vertical elements on the Southwest corner</li> </ul>	Trees/plantings lost over time. The feeling of an English garden is lost.	
Storage	Idea—move storage to a parking space (would need encroachment permit from DPW and/or MTA)		
Landscape and Vegetation	Existing nature walkway and paths, large trees, magnolia on south end of park	<ul> <li>Dying trees</li> <li>Loss of trees/vegetation over time</li> <li>Dog urine affecting tree health</li> <li>Remove some trees on the south side to open up sun spots.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Need to hire an arborist to confirm poor health of trees in redwood grove</li> <li>"Build Public has a tree survey of the Park. They can provide the tree survey for planning purposes – if needed, contact them."</li> <li>Maintain the "forest" feel.</li> </ul>
Community Garden	Existing location and use is great	Not appropriate for this park—too many dogs in the area	



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Dogs Existing	Dog owners love being able to let their dogs off-leash.	<ul> <li>Dog urine kills trees</li> <li>Dogs run free throughout the entire park.</li> <li>Southwest corner smells bad</li> <li>Some dog owners refuse to leash their dogs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Park currently does not have a designated off-leash dog play area.</li> <li>Park is advertised as so on Yelp and other dog-friendly websites.</li> <li>No dogs in Esprit Park</li> <li>The entire site functions as a dog park with little room for children.</li> </ul>
Dog Run - Proposed	<ul> <li>Use artificial K9 turf. Can be cleaned/irrigated.</li> <li>Potentially put on 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Maybe close down half the street but still allow vehicular access.</li> <li>Dog fitness equipment</li> </ul>	Dog run on 20 <sup>th</sup> St may not be appropriate fronting potential retail shops/restaurants	<ul> <li>Avalon already has a dog run proposed, to be open in 2018 (though not legally agreed upon, it was promised as a community benefit. Currently the site is used for construction staging; will probably be the last element of the project to be constructed.)</li> <li>Minimum size of 10,000 sf but ideally at least 30,000 sf</li> <li>More room for dogs, make the dog run area bigger (one big area instead of three small areas by each development</li> </ul>



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		•	Just split in half for off-leash dogs and
			half for no dogs
		•	Acknowledge the future dog run being
			built on 20 <sup>th</sup> Street stub, west of
			Indiana. This facility will help to serve
			the dog needs in the neighborhood as
			<u>well.</u>
		•	The dog run area indicated on the
			diagram from 5/22/2016 seems too
			small.
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		•	The plaza or hardscape shown in the
			conceptual diagram in the Park off 19 <sup>th</sup>
			is not necessary. Use this area to
			expand the off-leash dog area.
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		•	The dog run should be an elongated
			space rather than square.

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Separation of Dogs and People- Proposed	<ul> <li>Use topography; large berm that isolates the dogs into its section on the northern end of the park</li> <li>Mimic Duboce Park with a walking path that bifurcates the park into two sections; define the dog play area clearly with fencing</li> </ul>	Existing general agreement in the neighborhood is not working out. (Northern end for dogs, Southern end for people)	<ul> <li>From RPD Dog Policy:</li> <li>What is RPD's requirements for dog fences?</li> <li>"Where fencing is required it will be 4 feet high."</li> <li>"To the extent possible, RPD will advocate for non-fence alternatives."</li> <li>"Boundaries of dog play areas will be identified with physical enclosures. All barriers will strive to be aesthetically pleasing using landscape features such as shrubs and vines."</li> <li>Also see boundary requirements for smaller parks 0-10 acres in dog policy.</li> <li>"Do not replicate the fencing used at Duboce Park to separate the Dog Area. Design a nice enclosure."</li> </ul>