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Green Connections Concept Design in Visitacion Valley
Meeting #1, Visitacion Valley Library, Community Room
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The Green Connections team held a public meeting at the UCSF building (654 Minnesota Street) on Saturday November 17th. The goal of the meeting was to inform residents about the Green Connections Project and discuss what a Green Connection could look like connecting the Dogpatch to Potrero Hill.

Over the next few months the team will take the feedback we heard at the meeting and develop a conceptual design framework for what a future Green Connection could look like along 22nd Street from the Potrero Rec Center to Illinois Street, South on Illinois to 24th Street and 24th Street between Illinois and Warm Water Cove park. We will return to the present the conceptual design later this winter.



The following is a summary of what we heard at the Workshop.

Overall Priorities Exercise:

What improvements do you think are needed to transform a street into a Green Connection?

Place a dot next to your top 3 improvements

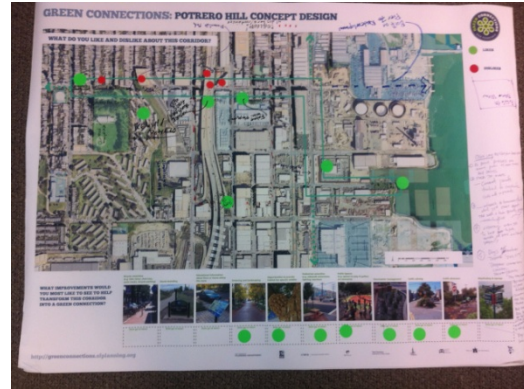
IMPROVEMENTS	NUMBER OF DOTS			TOTAL
	Grp 1	Grp 2	Grp 3	
Bicycle amenities (e.g. bike lanes, sharrows, cycle tracks, bicycle parking)		1	1	2
Branding				
Educational information about flora or fauna along the route			1	1
Greening and landscaping	1	1	1	3
Opportunities to provide habitat for specific wildlife	1	1	2	4
Pedestrian amenities (e.g. sidewalk extensions, lighting, benches)	1		1	2
Public Spaces (e.g. spaces to play & gather, art elements)	1	2	2	5
Stormwater management	1		3	4
Traffic calming	1		1	2
Traffic diversion			1	1
Wayfinding & signage				

Group 1

Group 1 Master Plan Poster:

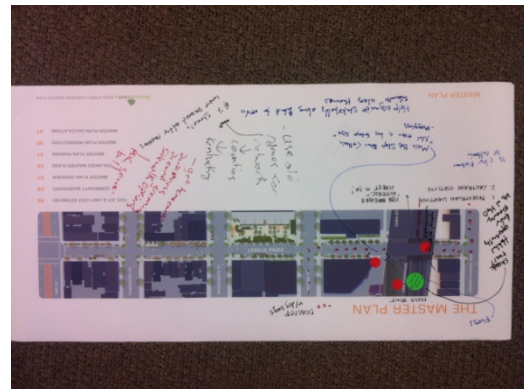
280 Overpass

- Focus Point.
- Frogs, watershed, skunks. Frogs. Skunk trail.
- Habitat Opportunity under freeway.
- Lots of H2O.
- Natural existing watershed.
- Pedestrian lighting.
- Caltrain station.
- No clear entrance to Caltrain.
- 1906 bridges "historic". Oldest in SF!
- Main bus stop from Caltrain "not even a bus stop sign". Muggings.



Dog Loop With Dog Bags:

- Indiana Street east to 22nd Street south to Pennsylvania Avenue east to ???
- Use old names for network; numbered streets used to be named for counties.



Comments:

- Get homeowner awareness around greening sidewalk options. PUC serve (?) Bill.
- Help organize stakeholders along block to redo sidewalk along them(?)

Dots:

- Red dots at 280 overpass; at 280 overpass and 22nd Street.
- Green dot at 280 overpass watershed, frogs, skunks.

Group 1 Corridor Concept Poster1:

Potrero Hill Rec Center:

- Existing stadium.
- Key.

Future Redevelopment:

- Rebuild Potrero.

Caltrain Station:

- Nature skunk trail, frogs, H2O.
- Possum (?)

Commercial Core:

- Future municipal playground.

Pier 70:

- Build on Pier 70 – Redevelopment.
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Progress Park:

1. Dog loop.

Comments:

- Trees on west side of Illinois Street between 23rd and 24th Streets.
- Dog loop! With dog bags and containers. Runs 22nd Street from I-280 east to Minnesota; north ½ block to apartments; east to Tennessee; south to 24th; west to Progress Park and Pennsylvania Street; north back to 22nd St. Formalize the path.
- Article in Potrero View.
- Overlay neighborhood plans.
- Rebuild Potrero Hill ?? plan with new streets and paths.
- Pier 70 maps...Current permits tracked to coordinate sidewalk improvements.
- Outreach to homeowners/??? Tree well and tree permits process—coordinate with FUF.
- Lighting under 280 to keep the path useable all hours and in changing seasons.
- Dogs are another theme “Dog City”. Dogpath commercial corridor, Dogway ??? Dog bag containers with path markers connecting the dog theme parks and name “Dogpatch”? And the history ??? an explanation to this path.

Dots:

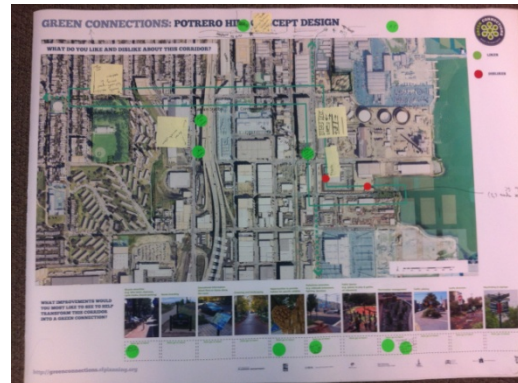
- Red dots along Corridor between Arkansas and Connecticut; between Missouri and Texas; and 3 red dots at I-280 overpass.
- Green dots along Corridor between Wisconsin and Arkansas; east of Potrero Rec Center; at Caltrain Station; at Commercial Core; at 23rd Street and Illinois; and at Warm Water Cove.

Group 2

Group 2 Corridor Concept Poster:

Potrero Hill Rec Center:

- Stairs drawn on south edge.
- Gravelly—beautiful, but needs improved paving for pedestrians (north side of Potrero Rec Center).
- Some ??? stairs(north side of Potrero Rec Center).



Caltrain Station:

- No more concrete, please.
- Landmark buckeye tree.
- Snakes and frogs.

Commercial Core:

- Potential connection.

Comments:

- Bike path along corridor at Illinois Street between 22nd and 23rd Streets.
- Sterile (Warm Water Cove).
- Use ½ space at Warm Water Cove for Green Connection.

Dots:

- Red dots along Corridor between at Warm Water Cove; between Missouri and Texas; and 3 red dots at I-280 overpass.
- Green dots at Esprit and Pier 70; along Corridor at 3rd Street “information about former coastline (design element)”; and at Caltrain Station along 280 “Landmark buckeye tree” and “snakes and frogs”.

Group 3

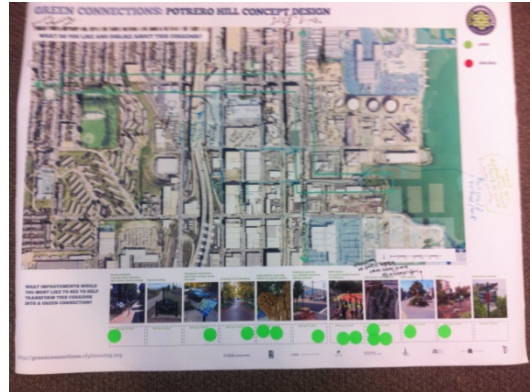
Group 3 Corridor Concept Poster:

Potrero Hill Rec Center:

- 1. Great.
- 2. Great. City engagement with developer.

Caltrain Station:

- Platform to street connection for bikes.
- Secure bike parking.
- Good lighting under I-280 overpass.
- Re-design.



Commercial Core:

- Muni shelters along Indiana Street.
- New connections with ???
- Affordable (?) housing.
- Lots of double parking at loading docks, butcher.
- Improve fence.
- P & E engagement. Better fences.
- No ???/ ambiguous.
- Could we make a separate, multi-use path along Corridor?

Warm Water Cove:

- No parking trucks in a row.
- Port could extend cove.
- Street art/design: should be funky, quirky like Dogpatch. Use local artists.

Comments:

- [There are 2 capital Gs—green space?—along Indiana Street near 25th St.]
- Trees/weekend calm trucking, too much trucks (Illinois Street).
- Jackson Playground/Park—orchard.

Dots:

- Red dot along Corridor at Caltrain Station. “Casual urban camping” and off-brand tax: parking; weeds and trash.