
Mayor's Office on Disability



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Resolution #2011 – 03

Mayors Disability Council Resolution To Recommend Priorities for Accessibility in the Design proposed for the San Francisco, Recreation and Parks Department's Mission Dolores Park Improvements

HEREAS it is the policy of the City and County of San Francisco to promote full and equal access for all citizens and visitors alike;

WHEREAS the Mayor's Disability Council's (MDC) mission is to advise the Mayor of San Francisco on disability issues, work with the Mayor's Office on Disability to ensure ADA Compliance and to provide a public forum to discuss disability issues.

WHEREAS, at the request of the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) and the Mayor's Office on Disability, the Mayor's Disability Council's Physical Access Committee held a publicly noticed meeting on April 8 and September 9, 2011 to provide public comment on the accessibility provisions contained within the proposed project;

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of San Francisco approved the 2008 Clean and Safe Parks Bond program, a \$13,200,000 project to improve recreational, accessibility and infrastructure improvements at the Mission Dolores Park;

WHEREAS, RPD presented the MDC Physical Access Committee and public participants a current design for the park which is undergoing further public review and development through community groups and individuals with dearly vested interests in the Parks recreational heritage;

WHEREAS, MDC Physical Access Committee and public participants developed a list of priorities and strong support for accessible provisions in the design for the project as follows:

1. The current conceptual design presented to the MDC Physical Access Committee on September 9, 2011;
2. Maintaining an accessible route within the Park that connects the intersections of 18th and Church Street and 18th and Dolores Street to the park's new Helen Diller Playground, which has an accessible route from Dolores Street;
3. Creating accessible points of entry into the Park from the intersection of 19th and Dolores Street and mid-block on 18th street;

4. The development of an accessible overlook at the intersection of 20th and Church and creating a portion of the walkway along the J-Church line to provide access to the upper portion of the southwestern off-leash dog play area;
5. The inclusion of two new restroom buildings, including a family restroom in each building, one to be located at the children's playground and the other to be located near the 18th and Church park entrance, as a priority over deletion of one of these proposed restrooms for relocation into the existing club house;
6. That these new pedestrian paths connecting these accessible elements be 5 feet minimum width and that they be sized to meet RPD's operational and maintenance needs;
7. The inclusion of the accessible tennis courts, other hard surface recreation courts and the provision of access to the informal gathering and celebration spaces, including the off leash dog play areas;
8. That a "soft" landscape material buffer or edge be developed between the southwestern, off-leash dog play area and the accessible paths around the children's playground; and
9. That at least one on-street, accessible parking space and/or loading space be provided at each wheelchair accessible entry point to the Park.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Mayor's Disability Council wished to express its appreciation for the design team and the community's efforts in creating a vibrant and accessible refurbishment of Mission Dolores Park which respects its recreational programs, topography, and environmental conditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Mayor's Disability Council hereby adopts the MDC Physical Access Committee's recommendations, conveys these to the Recreation and Parks Department's project team, and encourages the team to convey these recommendations at its community meetings.

September 16, 2011

Mayor's Disability Council – ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Jul Lynn Parsons, Harriet C. Wong, Denise Senhaux, Tatiana Kostanian, C. Wendy James, and Roland Wong

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