



# Hing Hay Park

## Design Meeting for the Community (2 of 3)

### NOTES

Tuesday, January 21, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

The following notes were taken during the small group breakout session.

#### Group 1 – Ching

Comments:

- More Cultural (old fashioned)
- Bad luck with sharp edges – for elderly
  - As well dangerous to children
- Stage/open area may not be tall enough for performance
- What's the meaning of the structures?
- Need better transition between the existing park and the new park

#### Group 2 – Tom

Comments:

- Trash – how is it going to be dealt with
- Provide low maintenance for the park
- Need bright colors
- Need lighting – with bright colors
- Dual purpose areas
- Keep memorial, mural, and pavilion
- Tourist attraction

Support:

- Poles with vines

New ideas/Missing

- Build a central garbage collection area for the neighborhood at the location
  - Hide it. Place it underneath the other functions of the park.
- Sheltered area – due to the rain
- Evergreen plants, plants that are around all year long

- Restrooms
- Garbage receptacles that are well designed

### **Group 3 – WILD**

#### Alternatives:

- Garden Courtyard
  - A lot of uses, gaming area
  - Flexible space
- Stacked Terraces
  - Represents a lot of Asian heritages

#### Comments:

- Smooth Terraces
  - More relaxing
  - Green Plants
- Want lots of colors
- Flexibility of spaces
- Gathering space
- Room for larger groups
- Pebbles good/gravel bad
- No long grass – hide trash
- Clear view of the whole park
- Mix and match the new park and current park

#### New ideas/Missing

- Rain shelter/covered walkway
- Massage rock path
- Wi-Fi
- Fixed picnic tables
- Covered stage
- Bathrooms

#### Priorities

- Covered spaces
- Power outlets
- Water feature – fountain
- Chess board

## Group 4 – Melanie

Comments:

Flag Pole

Alternatives:

- Performance, cat's cradle
  - Red
- 1a smooth \_\_\_\_\_(?)
- 2A Lower courtyard – likes complexity
- 2A more open, fewer vertical elements
- Poles with wisteria –courtyards
- Grass/open area/courtyards
- Concern with maintenance – too much expense
- 1a – the lighting in evening; concern with cat's cradle and pigeons; likes red and o\_\_\_\_(?)tens
- Gingko tree
- High grass and safety
- Open area and grass (lawn)

Question 2:

- 1a/b – like organic flow, likes cat's cradle design. Pickup Chinatown symbols, phoenix etc.
- 2a – like edge seating
- Likes wisteria plantings
- Wisteria structure – prow (immigration), courtyards and flexible.
- 1b – Like Gate - different size courtyard, night lighting, flexibility
- 1a, 2a – Simple gate, courtyard paving, a lawn like edge seating, could combine – path
- Wooden clock that runs through the site
- 1b – more open, less congested
- Frame pavilion

Question 3

Priorities

- Cat cradle, deck courtyard
- Wood ramp, bamboo
- Built on time
- Asian \_\_\_\_\_? (influence???), \_\_\_\_\_?, security and visibility
- Cat cradle, gingko, knee high grass
- Stage movie screen
- Greenery, different textures
- Terraces, deck, cat's cradle, technical lighting, LCD

- Terraces deck, cat's cradle
- Courtyard, lawn
- Flexible spaces, clear pathways

#### Question 4

- Flagpole
- Maintenance
- Wi-fi
- Safety
- Filipino kiosk
- Espresso cart
- Ping pong
- Water feature
- Teahouse
- Bird proofing
- Non-allergenic grass

#### **Group 5 – Mandarin #1 group**

##### Big Ideas

- 1<sup>st</sup> design, open space
- More flexible space
- More natural plantings
- Concern with structure withstanding elements and people climbing it
- Create non-enclosed spaces
- Choice of vegetation
- Movie theater space is good but needs dark background

##### Details/Preferences

- Natural trees (not fake)
- 2b – structure seems too large
- Prefer structure in 1a and 1b, but simplify
- Simple color scheme
- Need wood (for ramps) to withstand elements and wear/tear
- Make boardwalk less dense; open it up
- Make park more open
- Willow trees – rocks around vegetation with plaques/art
- Keep old pathways

##### Priorities

- Keep ping pong table

- Real trees
- Gateway
- Boardwalk

What's missing

- Badminton
- Water fountain

### **Group 6 – English, back table**

Comments on alternatives

- 1a – flow and deter transients
- 1a – stairs to sit on
- 2b – most open space
- 1a or b – more meandering and flow
- 2a – youth have most recreational spaces and flexibility
- Colorful lighting
- Nature – feel
- Light from below to illuminate trees up
- 1b – curves, easy to maintain, visibility

Missing

- Demo trees between parks
- Irrigation, bulbs
- Vegetation has colors of the seasons
- Anchor/concession
- Night time draw
- WI-FI
- Built in sound system
- Activate the surrounding edges
- Asian motif to edges and plantings

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

BIG IDEAS

- Courtyards

DETAILS

- Red Stairs
- Cat's Cradle

- Lighting
- Wi-fi
- Lightness of vegetation
- Hypoallergenic grasses
- Maintain sightlines
- Bamboo
- Lawn – low maintenance
- Connect old and new park (take out trees between)
- Water feature
- Asian motif
- Night market
- The more lighting, the better
- Reflect historic/traditional aspects – planting, icon/gateway

#### PRIORITIES

- Space – large!
- Wi-fi
- Covered spaces
- Gateway as tech hub

#### MISSING

- Restroom
- Market
- Draw in people
- Youth-run espresso
- Thin out trees on King St.
- Appropriate lighting
- Flag Pole
- Moving Kiosk – improve for multi community groups
- Trash receptacles

#### **Additional Written Comments on Cards**

- Bamboo boarder can lead to bad activities such as drug dealing as it has happened in the children’s park before. Unexpected activities can occur since at night things cannot be seen behind bamboo boarders.
- The Monument of Veterans should stay instead of just adding on trees because it’s a respect for a lot of elders.
- Cats cradle may become a pigeon/bird waste cradle: please make sure the design doesn’t promote “bird squatting”. How will you clean underneath?
- Red creates a sense of Asian aesthetic. The more red the better, as in 1-A

- Security – make sure all/most areas visible from street level, limit hiding spots for transients, drug dealers, etc.
- Night time lighting idea is good. Warm.
- Great work! Love the 1A – cat’s cradle, gingko, short grass and terraced seating. Yea!

