



SIERRA POINT SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: January 12, 2023

To: Sierra Point Open Space and Parks Subcommittee

From: Noreen Leek, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Sierra Point Open Space and Parks Master Plan

Community Goal/Result

Community Building

Purpose

Develop the City's public spaces for community interactions, enhance connectivity, and provide additional opportunities for recreation through the master planning process.

Recommendation

Review 3 alternative master-plan-level concept designs for Sierra Point and provide input to the consultants prior to the public engagement process and the Task 03: Resolution, which will conclude in a single, master-plan level site plan for Sierra Point.

Background

The City has contracted CMG Landscape Architecture to develop an open space and parks master plan at Sierra Point. The master plan is a compelling opportunity to reinvigorate a remarkable section of the bay shore and Brisbane's waterfront for the next century of use: by creating a welcoming and resilient place to play and recreate, engaging with the outdoors, and fostering connections across generations and communities.

The project subcommittee consists of representatives from the Brisbane City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, Open Space and Ecology Committee, Complete Streets Safety Committee, IDEA Committee, and Public Art Advisory Committee. From now until Spring 2023, the Subcommittee will be working alongside staff to ensure the master plan guides future open space improvements while maintaining important goals: enhance the natural environment, create public value by supporting social and cultural life outdoors, and increase connection to the water.

Task 1 of the master planning process sought to complete a site analysis, reviewing various constraints, including the SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission's (BCDC) regulations regarding the shoreline, the need to preserve parking, and local weather/wind conditions. The Task 1: Discovery Report was reviewed by the subcommittee at the November 7th meeting. The document collates and presents results of CMG's preliminary engagement with stakeholders, review of project materials and resources, and site observations. Technical constraints, stakeholder ambitions, and open space improvement opportunities have been defined, and the conversation with stakeholders will continue as the process advances. Sequentially, a public engagement survey sought to understand how people currently engage with Sierra Point and their priorities for its future. The information collected in the

survey will be collated and published in the final Sierra Point Open Space & Parks Master Plan as part of the public engagement process summary and used to inform the content of the Master Plan document itself.


Discussion

The Task 1: Discovery phase has provided a foundation for the basis of Task 2: Exploration. Based on stakeholder input and best practices, preliminary concept designs will define a context specific, welcoming, and inclusive open space. Alternative concept plans incorporate a wide variety of flexible, multi-purpose elements such as a multi-use lawn and a plaza that can support City events, parking, food trucks, etc., for maximum community value, as well as unique, site-specific experiences.

CMG will present 3 concept plans that describe alternative character, program and experience scenarios for consideration. The overarching framework integrates a more “naturalistic” approach from north to south, with a primarily “functional” environment that captures the marina facilities, Harbor Master’s building and yacht club at the south. Common to each alternative concept is an approach to sea-level rise and long-term Bay Trail access, consolidated parking, a natural wetland edge along the water, and open space amenities at the southern end. Connections and open space relationships will be explored in relation to the impending adjacent development and the intersection with Sierra Point Parkway.

Attachments

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