

DE ANZA REVITALIZATION PLAN

WORKSHOP NO.1 – COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The following summary of themes was formulated from community feedback received at Community Workshop No.1. As part of the Community Workshop No.1 for the De Anza Revitalization Plan project, the project team provided information to the public on key aspects of the project and accepted comments regarding future uses and current concerns with the project. The project team was organized into groups which provided maps and information on the following: project overview, existing conditions, natural resources, transportation, economics, the Mission Bay Master Plan, Audubon-Rewild, and a station for visioning and future goals. Feedback from the public was noted on flip-charts, post-its, and comment cards to encourage civic engagement, giving everyone a voice in the process. A summary of the major themes and concepts are provided, below.

DISCUSSION THEMES

Themes from the community workshop are summarized below. The themes represent both topics of significant overlap in the discussion and critical insights for the planning process provided by individuals. Over 81 people provided feedback at the workshop, and additional public input from the project website and online forum has been incorporated into the summary of themes listed below:

Environment

Wetlands

- Expand and restore wetlands
- Follow Mission Bay Park Master Plan
- Use to restore ecological health of the area and improve water quality of Mission Bay

Rose Creek

- Use to improve health of water
- Expand habitat within the Creek
- Reduce the odor of Rose Creek
- Potential redirection of flow through project area

Sustainability

- Follow adopted Climate Action Plan for City of San Diego to plan for climate change impacts such as sea-level rise

- Promote renewable energy (i.e. solar panel parking, charging stations, recycled water)
- Design with future 100 years in mind

Recreation

Campland/Camping

- Expansion/and or reduction of Campland and/or new camping area
- Provide camping opportunities/activities for all age groups
- Offer various modes of low-impact and family camping (i.e., bike, tent)
- Provide camping as interim use during project development

Golf

- Alter size and/or shape of golf course and driving range
- Keep or get rid of course

Facilities

- Update and/or increase availability of sports fields and facilities
- Improve recreational beach amenities such as water sports, grass-courts, beach area
- Education/nature center and clubhouse
- Performance Venue or Amphitheater

Community

- Eco-tourism as foundation for recreation
- Organic community garden – long-term or as interim use
- Improve park space and provide dog park
- Establish more family swimming areas
- Running paths around project site connecting to surroundings
- Create fishing areas within the Cove and near Rose Creek

Transportation

Automobiles/Trucks

- Improve connection from I-5
- Improve traffic along Mission Bay Drive
- Parking should have different regulations for different times of day and during special events

Bikes

- Path in and around De Anza
- Separate Class I and Class II bike lanes
- Bike connection to surrounding uses through bike/pedestrian bridge
- Improve bike safety and existing bike lanes

Pedestrian

- Improve pedestrian accessibility through De Anza and along waterfront
- Pedestrian connection to surrounding uses through bike/pedestrian bridge

- Improve pedestrian safety

Alternative Transportation

- Mobility hub or transit center across freeway connecting to De Anza Cove
- Improve or eliminate boat storage areas and increase boat slips
- Aquatic taxis to travel around Mission Bay

Economics

Environment

- Provide Eco-tourism (use of marshland) to increase economic value of site
- Free access to Bay
- Project site should be an affordable destination for families
- Solar equipment and electric vehicle stations

Facilities

- Commercial/revenue generating sources such as restaurant/food trucks
- Provide beach and/or tennis club with memberships
- Provide utility services to all facilities
- Affordable use of facilities
- Outdoor performance venue

Transportation

- Potential for water taxis
- More Boat slips

Design

- Importance of public access to facilities via biking and walking paths
- Plan should serve as an affordable destination for families
- Incorporate ecological enhancement and environmental education
- Include diverse range of recreational opportunities including passive and active activities, as well as comments on existing amenities
- Sustainability should play a role wherever possible

Other

- Design with physical constraints in mind (geology, hydrology, etc.)
- Public wants to engage and collaborate with each other more
- Greater exposure and voice for public during the process
- Aesthetic cohesion with surrounding area but still be iconic
- Balance history of site with modern improvements