

# SUTRO DUNES

A PLACE OF REFUGE AND RELAXATION AT THE EDGE OF OUR CITY AND NATION.



photo by Tom Kuhn

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND APPLICATION

September 22, 2010

Submitted by FRIENDS OF SUTRO HEIGHTS PARK & THE COALITION TO SAVE OCEAN BEACH.

Tom Kuhn DDS - executive committee member



## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND

A Program of the 2008 Clean and Safe Parks General Obligation Bond

### Project Overview

Please submit 10 (ten) hard copies of your application and attachments (as described in the Application Checklist) to: ATTN: Community Opportunity Fund San Francisco Recreation and Parks 501 Stanyan St. San Francisco, CA 94117. E-mail and fax will not be accepted. Applications and all copies must be received by **4pm September 24, 2010**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Project Information				
Park Name	SUTRO DUNES		Park Address	GREAT HWY & BALBOA
Neighborhood	OUTER RICHMOND/OCEAN		District	DISTRICT 1
Brief Project Description (1-3 Sentences):				
THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF PLACING 4 BENCHES STRATEGICALLY LOCATED ALONG AN EXISTING WALK WAY. PADS OF COMPATIBLE TREX MATERIAL IS NEEDED. 2 SIGNS AND 30 STONES ARRANGED IN 5 GROUPINGS REQUESTED.				

Applicant Information			
Applicant	FRIENDS OF SUTRO HEIGHTS PARK & COALITION TO SAVE OCEAN BEACH		
Contact Person	TOM KUHN		
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Daytime Phone	415 751 6925	E-mail	TOM@TOMKUHN.COM
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Funding Request	
Project type	<input type="radio"/> Menu (\$100,000 max request) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Custom (\$250,000 max request)
TOTAL Funding Request from Community Opportunity Fund	\$ 20,600.
TOTAL Funding Commitment (in-kind and cash) from Applicant	\$ 20,250.

The signatory certifies that s/he is authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant group and the information in this application accurately and fairly represents the goal, scope, and details of the project, and commits to honoring the applicant match.

Name (please print) TOM KUHN

Signature

Tom Kuhn

Address

546 48TH AVE.  
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94121

Date

9-22-10

Phone

415 751 6925



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## Budget and Match Commitment Form

- Volunteer labor hours are calculated at \$12/hr. Professional Services donation of time is calculated at \$70/hr.
- All work accomplished with power tools or heavy machinery to be accomplished by RPD Staff or RPD Contractor. RPD Policy prohibits volunteers from using power tools.
- Attach letters of commitment for donation of materials, labor, and funding to this form.

Proposed Item / Improvement	Funding Request	Applicant Commitment			Total Item Cost	Notes
		Materials	Labor (installation, design, etc)	Cash for materials purchase		
4 BENCHES	\$8000.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
4 PADS	4000.					TREX TO BLEND W/ PATH
30 COASTAL STONES	8000.					5 GROUPINGS ARTFULLY BLENDING
2 SIGNS	600.					OUR GROUP PAID FOR 1ST. - ARTISTS.
TOTAL	\$20,600.	\$	\$	\$	\$	

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**MATCHING COMMITMENT OF LABOR AND MATERIALS** (conservative estimate)

Volunteer hours (per quarter) since January 2003 - includes on site and off site volunteer labor, planting, cleanup days, meetings, printing, supplies, exclusive to project - as many as 20 or more per volunteer day

40 hrs/quarter X 27 quarters = 1080 hrs X 12.00 = \$12960.00

Volunteer hours from 1973 to 2003 - Letters and meetings, flyers, postage exclusive to project:

18 hours per year X 29 yrs = 290 hrs X 12.00 = \$6264.

One official Sutro Dunes sign on location donated by group with 2nd one to follow. \$600.

Application Costs, Photography, Printing, Layout, \$450.

Total \$20,250.



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### **Application Checklist**

- ☒ Project Overview Form
- ☐ Menu Form (if applicable)
- ☒ Budget / Match Commitment Form
- ☒ Project Narrative (Menu: 1 page max / Custom: 3 page max)
- ☒ Map / Site Design
- ☒ Park Service Area Manager Review Form

Name (please print)

TOM KUHN

Signature

Tom Kuhn

Telephone

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Date

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c/o Selection Committee

San Francisco Recreation and Parks

501 Stanyan St.

San Francisco CA 94117

Dear Selection Committee:

Thank you for considering this very needed and worthwhile project:

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SUTRO DUNES - at the GREAT HIGHWAY & BALBOA**

Four Benches are needed. Three with backs - & one backless bench. Two additional informational signs would give people a more detailed sense of the history of this land. We would also like to place some coastal stones and boulders in 5 areas that would not only serve as visual accents, but also as protection for certain native plants that flourish in their shadows. Placements would be subtle and blend well. We want to make it clear that this could be deferred in favor of the much needed benches if the stones would delay the project.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Friends of Sutro Heights Park (FOSHP) and The Coalition to Save Ocean Beach (CSOB) have met for nearly four decades and continue to do so. We welcome new members and are regularly asked to include new people on our email list. We have been involved in developing master plans for Parcel 4 (now Sutro Dunes), Sutro Heights Park, Sutro Slope, as well as taking an active interest in Golden Gate Park, Ocean Beach, and projects that include traffic safety around the parks, bird and wildlife habitat preservation, public transportation to our parks, and ongoing park cleanup projects.

The saving of Sutro Dunes has involved volunteers attending city agency meetings for nearly 40 years. I personally got involved in 1971 when a developer proposed 800 condominiums. The wildly unacceptable idea would have cost our city the stunning views from one of its best parks. Our letters, meetings, and appeals over the years have brought on timely cooperation from Department of Parks and Recreation, the SFPUC, and National Park Service and have finally ensured preservation of this 3.3 acre remnant of San Francisco's once expansive dune geography. The cooperation between our group, the NPS, Coastal Conservancy and the city continues to be very strong with representatives regularly attending all of our meetings. (Latest meeting notes from 9/13/10 are enclosed as illustration).

Still owned by the city, the NPS has agreed to take the lead on its weekly maintenance and cleanup with the assistance of our very active volunteers. The views are spectacular and it is a place of refuge to contemplate and relax. A walkway is in place, but there is no place to sit. Well placed benches will truly transform the experience for many - especially seniors and mothers with infants who like to come here. Your help now would top off the years of work and efforts of so many.

Cordially & Very Sincerely Yours,



Tom Kuhn DDS, FOSHP/CSOB





BALBOA STREET ENTRY - Bench 4 with views toward ocean, seal rocks, Sutro heights, Cliff House.



GREAT HIGHWAY ENTRY - All benches are visible as one enters here, giving a sense of destination to the walk through. Entry sign paid for with donations. 3 Additional signs also to be financed by our fundraising efforts.

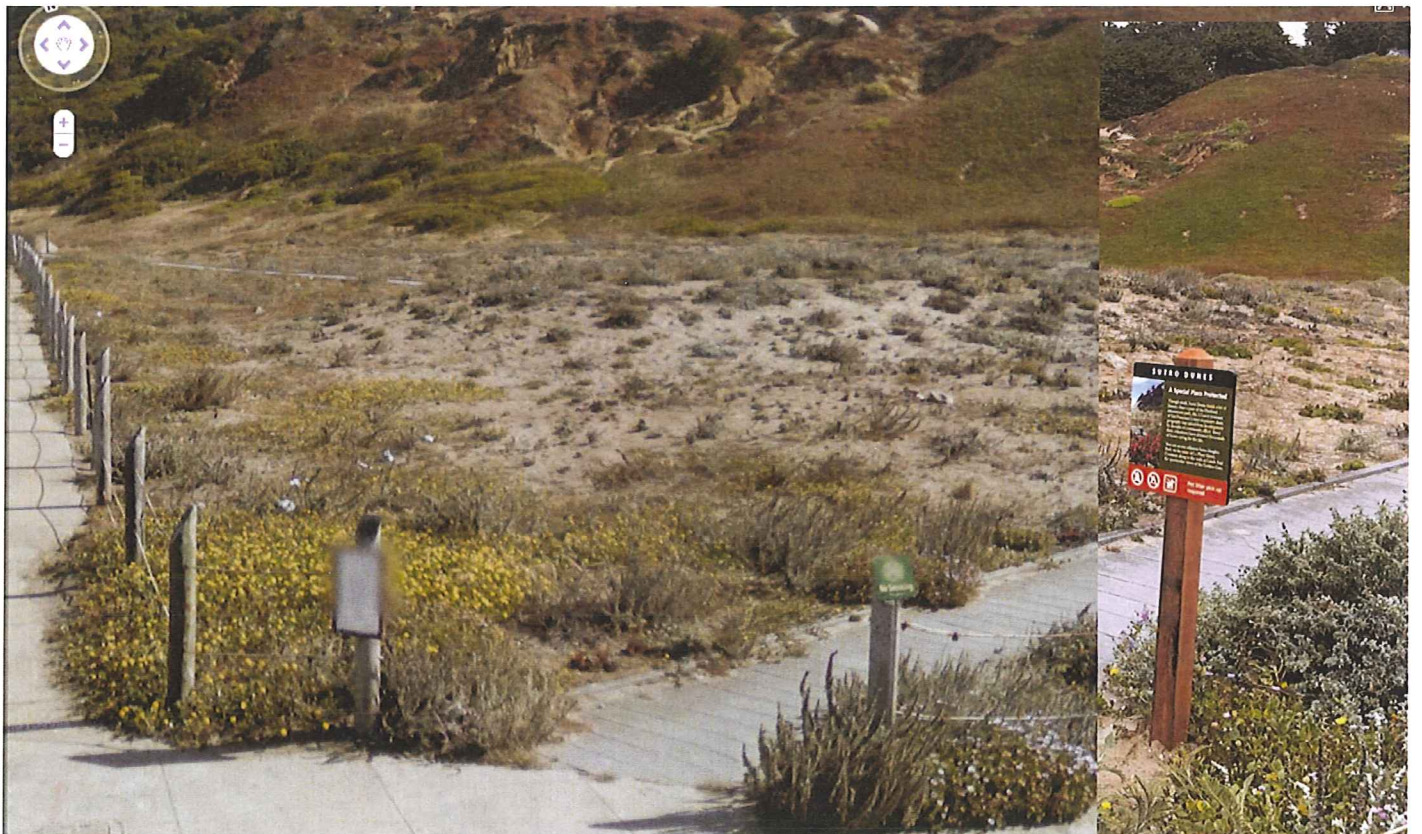


## AERIAL VIEW - SUTRO DUNES

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**AERIAL VIEW - SUTRO DUNES** Red X's show proposed rock locations.

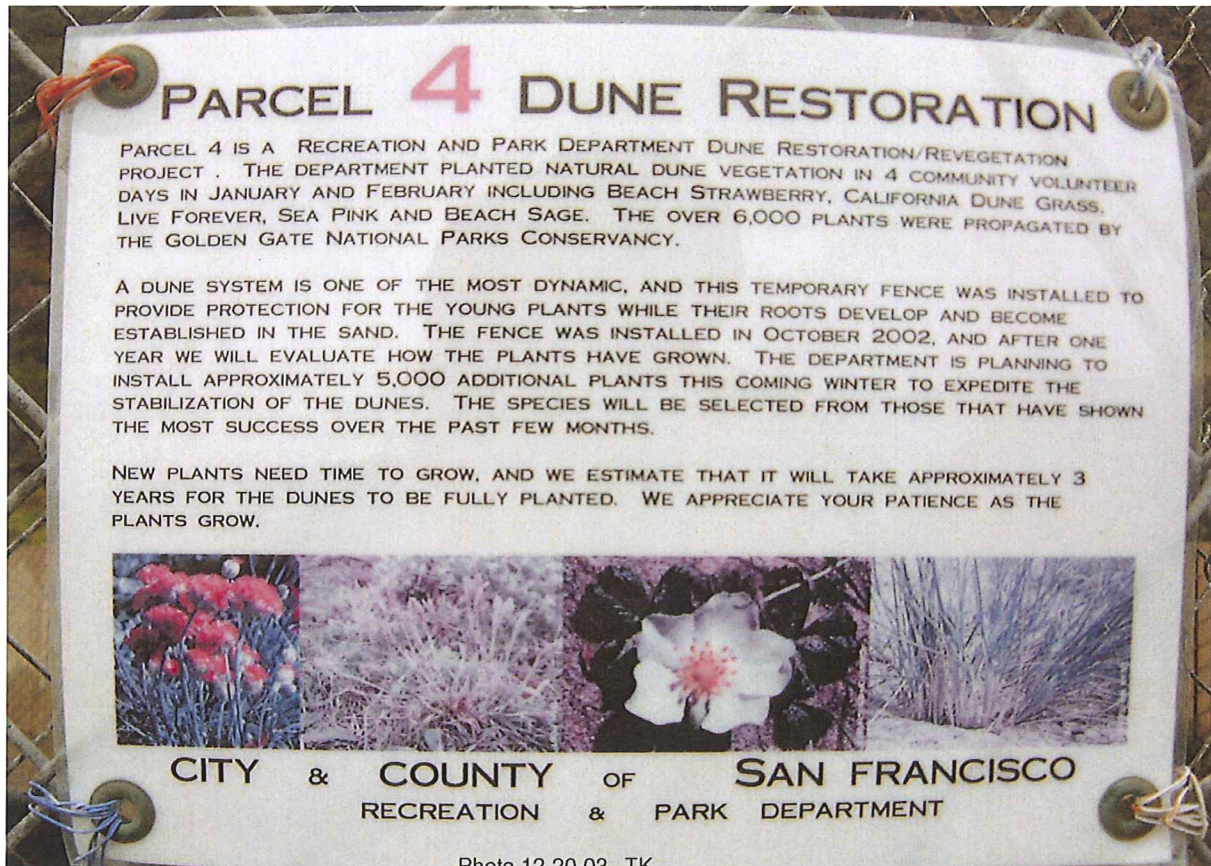


**New Sign was paid for by Friends of Sutro Park.**



## HISTORY OF VOLUNTEERISM AT SUTRO DUNES

MEETINGS and planning date back to 1971. PLANTINGS to restore and stabilize the site began prior to 2003. An additional 5000 plants were to be propagated for winter of 2003 as this **Rec & Park Dept 2003 Sign** describes. Photos that follow show volunteer days dating back to 2003.



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# Great Highway's last open space

BY MARSHA FONTES

At the north end of Great Highway, just below Sutro Heights, is 3.3 acres of rubble, weeds and trash.

This little triangle of unused land is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) although it has not been acquired and is still in the hands of private developers.

Head Ranger for GGNRA Ocean Beach, Doug Nadeau, said, "It is within our boundaries, and we have the authority to buy it but Congress has not allocated the funds."

GGNRA's fiscal year began Oct. 1, 1986, at which time Congress approved \$1 million for park acquisition—but not for San Francisco. According to Ed Haberlin, Chief Director of Land Resources for GGNRA, this is not the first year that Congress has dictated that all acquisition money be spent in Marin County.

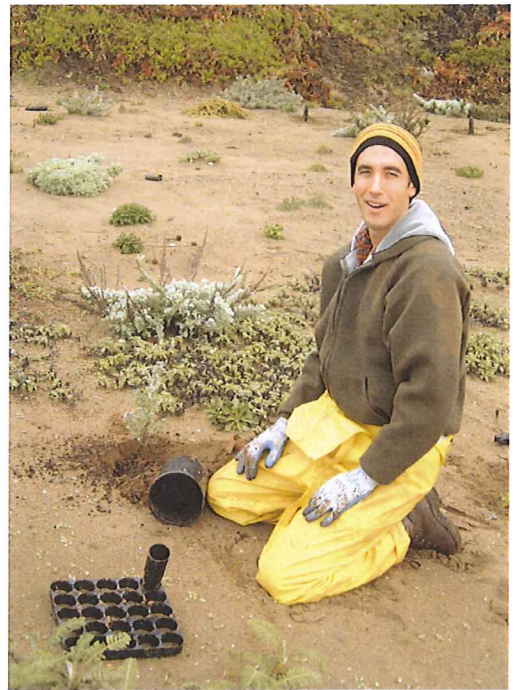
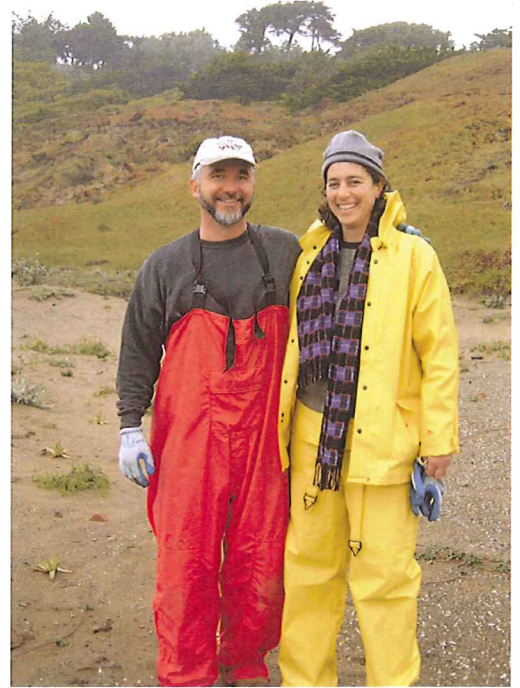


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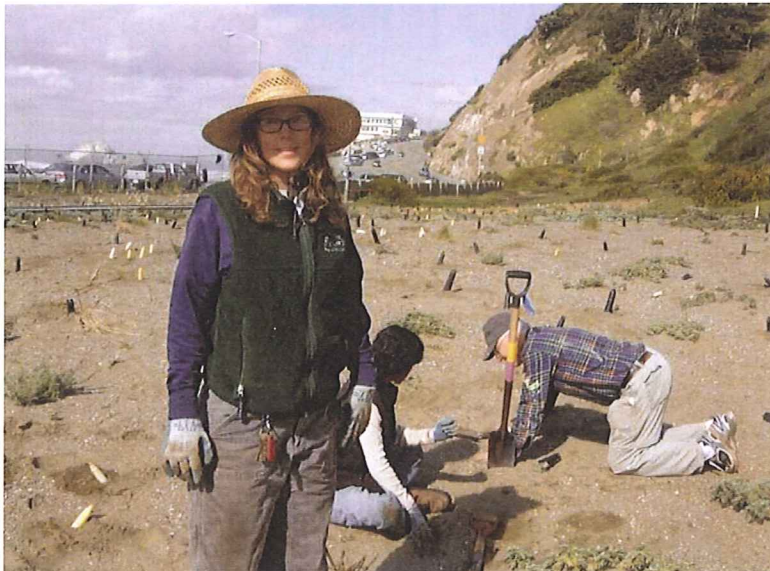
### VOLUNTEER HOURS

Thousands of seedlings have been planted since 2003 by scores of volunteers. Volunteer days have been complimented by unofficial cleanup and stewardship days that continue to this day.



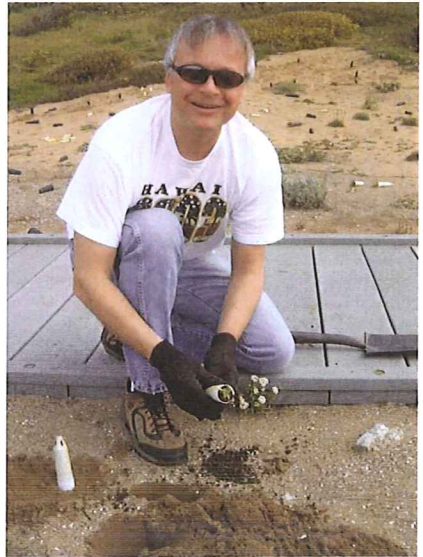
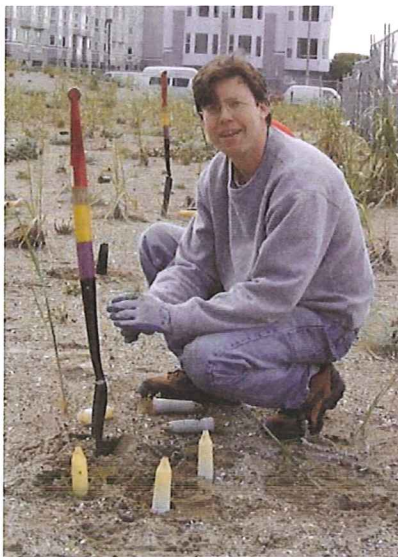
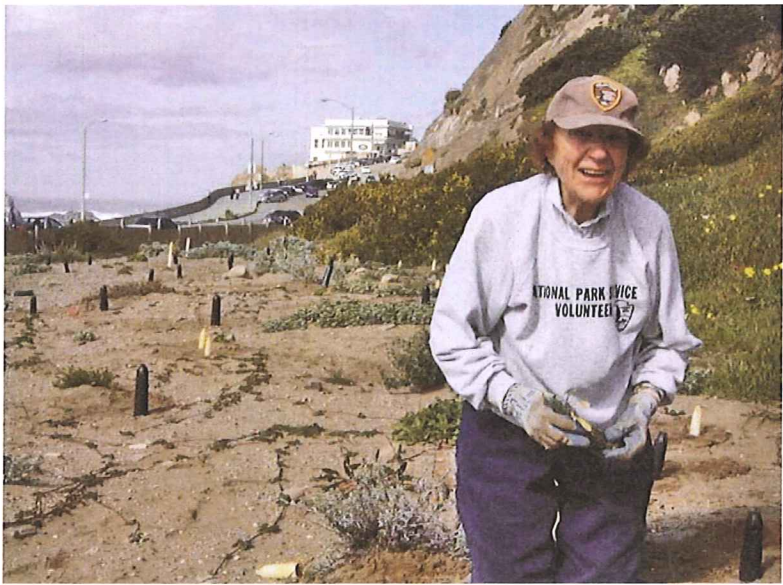


**FOSHP CSOB VOLUNTEERS WORK WITH NPS & COASTAL CONSERVANCY & GGNRA 8**  
**Stewardship of this land is very important to all of us.**





Volunteer Days bring out young and old to this special land





# Friends of Sutro Heights and The Coalition to Save Ocean Beach

9/13/2010

Meeting Notes Recorder Skot Jonz Facilitator Jason Jungreis

## 1. GGNRA – George Durgerian

- George thanked the group, especially Tom, for contributions to purchase an interpretive sign for Sutro Dunes. Anyone is encouraged to contribute to reimburse Tom, as GGNPC is providing funds for a similar sign in a second location. The appropriateness of a 3rd sign will be discussed later.
- About a dozen neighbors volunteered on National Day of Service at Sutro Slope and assisted with the removal of a large hanging tree, delineation of a trail leading down from the street, west side limbed up, and weeding around native plants that are doing well.
- Ocean Beach fire curfew now effective at 11pm. George reviewed the history of fires at Ocean Beach and believes the curfew is a good compromise, and in the best interest of the public to continue allowing beach fires but with restrictions.
- Coastal Cleanup Day is on September 25 and George invited neighbors to participate anywhere from Kelly's Cove to Fort Funston.
- No news on Louis' until end of the year.
- In response to questions about Great Highway at Sloat, George states that the matter is up to the City of San Francisco.

## 2. GGNPC – Jennifer Greene

- The next community meeting re: Visitor Center will be on September 28 at the Cliff House where preliminary drawings will be presented and community input is appreciated. Jennifer hopes people will come and she distributed a flier with more information.
- Work on USS San Francisco Memorial Parking lot continues with plans to reopen in December. Regarding an inquiry about making plans available for viewing online, Jennifer agreed to look into it and let everyone know.
- Jennifer introduced Drew McAdams of the Pacific Leadership Institute, of SFSU. Drew mentioned the walkabout scheduled for Saturday Oct. 23rd where Marin County Arborist will be discussing Ft. Miley trees and offering advice regarding backyard trees. Drew reviewed the Ropes Course that is held at Ft. Miley and discussed details of the tree assessment and removal of high-risk trees in the area. A letter was distributed from GGNRA Acting Superintendent Frank Dean elaborating on the hazard tree removal project. Drew added that the group is welcome to write an endorsement for a grant proposal, and mentioned that the 1st Sunday of every month the Ropes Course is open to 35 members of the general public.

## 3. VAMC Update – Julie Burns

Julie mentioned that a lot is going on that impacts the neighborhood and NPS. She reviewed various items, including:

- 90-car parking garage, Clement @ 42nd Ave. The EA has been issued and commented upon. The FONSI has been issued. The project will likely be disrupted for six to nine months during construction. There are concerns regarding the location of staging of construction material.
- North Slope is sliding into the Lands End trail. EA open for comment until the end of September and is posted online. Dialog is ongoing between VA and NPS, and items are available for review on the PAR website. [www.sfpar.org](http://www.sfpar.org)
- Photovoltaic panels. EA is available for comment until October 13 on a 1.2MW proposed for seven buildings. It is evident that the project will be beneficial, but important to ensure that it is completed properly. Julie encouraged anyone interested to review and submit comments.
- East Fort Miley. A potential area for staging construction trailer and materials will make the



area unsuitable. It also brings up some issues regarding access and egress.

- No updates on Building 22.
- Building 16 activities are moving ahead, although downscaled somewhat.
- Regarding the Settlement Agreement and issues around the Master Plan, it has been extended to March 31, 2011. Julie distributed maps and drawings of the VA area projects and mentioned that the next VA & Community meeting will be October 16 at 6pm. She encouraged everyone to come as it is a great opportunity for two-way dialogue on various issues.

#### **4. Water Recycling Project GGP – Kathy Howard**

- Kathy reviewed the proposed Westside Recycled Water Treatment Plant Project in Golden Gate Park. She distributed an information sheet detailing specific concerns and noticing an EIR meeting scheduled for September 23
- More information may be obtained from the Golden Gate Park Preservation Association website at [www.goldengateparkpreservation.org](http://www.goldengateparkpreservation.org) or email [ggppa@earthlink.net](mailto:ggppa@earthlink.net)
- A Resolution was distributed for review and comment.
- This is not to be confused with a separate Groundwater Project which aims to tap the aquifer and introduce captured water into the drinking water system.

#### **5. Stow Lake Boathouse – Maxwell Szabo**

- Maxwell reviewed the latest development for the Stow Lake Boathouse, including plans for renovating the building. Food will be healthier, and provided by Fish & Farm, locally sourced and family friendly café, managed by Ortega Family Enterprises, the same company that runs Muir Woods trading post. Fifty new boats will be included.
- The TARGET store project previously planned for City Center Complex is on hold, primarily due to political issues and contributions to Prop 8. Another TARGET store is being proposed at the Metreon Complex.
- Petfood Express is receiving neighborhood support for plans to move into the building previously occupied by Hollywood Video at California and Presidio. This is not to be confused with the petition regarding PetCo.
- Regarding the Sit/Lie Ordinance, Maxwell encouraged everyone to vote Yes as there are similar laws in 60 other cities across the US, none of which are being used as a means to target homeless individuals. He also reviewed Measure M, which he claims does nothing to address resources for community policing and foot patrols and notes that the Police Chief is opposed to Measure M. More information at [www.civilsidewalks.com](http://www.civilsidewalks.com)
- Maxwell distributed information regarding proposals to change voting day to Saturday. More information may be found at [www.whytuesdaysf.org](http://www.whytuesdaysf.org)

#### **6. Clean Power SF – Jason Fried**

Jason reviewed current sources of energy and explained the City goal of increasing renewable sources, and to produce 30 megawatts of solar electricity. He explained the costs, pricing, and other aspects of the program mentioning that it will be possible to opt out. Jason distributed literature and noted that more information may be found at [www.cleanpowersf.org](http://www.cleanpowersf.org)

#### **7. MUNI Turnaround – Ilana Bar-David**

Ilana summarized the issue and distributed a handout outlining current status and possible solutions. It was agreed that she would continue pursuing an alternative by working with SFMTA as well as coordinating with GGNRA as plans develop with the Lands End Visitor Center. Unfortunately, the meeting was going late and, with insufficient time, further discussion on this matter was postponed until the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE/LOCATION TBA. WITH PROMPT START & END TIMES.