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7.1 MAJOR PHASE 1 CP PARKS & OPEN SPACE

The first major phase of development at Candlestick Point includes the development of 10.2 acres of parks and open space. This includes:

- Alice Griffith Neighborhood Park (1.0 acres) – A neighborhood park with a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities, including picnic areas, children’s play areas, basketball court, community gardens, open lawn area, shaded seating, and dog run. Due to construction of the adjacent parcels, 1.0 acre of Alice Griffith Neighborhood Park will be constructed in the first major phase and the remaining 0.8 acres will be constructed in the second major phase.

- Wedge Park Plaza (0.8 acres) – This plaza is the southwest extension of the larger Wedge Park. Surrounded by retail, and mixed use buildings, the Bus Rapid Transit system, and central cycle route, this plaza provides respite in the urban “heart” of Candlestick. Views extend to the large Wedge Park towards South Basin and Hunters Point. The remainder of the Wedge Park (3.1 acres) will be completed in the second and third major phase.

- Jamestown Walker Slope (4 acres) – Planting enhancements on the slope will focus on native species and habitat.

- Bayview Hillside Open Space (3.6 acres) – Following the recommendations of the Bayview Hill Natural Areas Plan, this open space area will be enhanced with new native plantings to increase that habitat value of the site and to help to create a better habitat link between Bayview Hill and the Bay.

A summary of all parks and open space areas connected to the Major Phase is shown in the adjacent map and table (see also APPENDIX C).

### Table 7.1 - Major Phase 1 CP Parks and Open Space Acreages

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Figure 7.2 - Wedge Park / Bayview Gardens Concept Rendering (extension beyond the 1 CP Area)
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7.2 ALICE GRIFFITH NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Background
This Schematic Design for Alice Griffith Neighborhood Park is based on a refinement of the Concept design developed between 2007 and 2010. The Concept plan included input from community and neighborhood residents gathered through community workshops, presentation to the Bayview Hunters Point Project Area Committee, Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee, as well as the City Recreation and Parks Commission. The Schematic Design provides additional details and updates the location of features based on further analysis of sun, wind, and the adjacent street and land use context. This Schematic Design submittal will be followed with a Design Development process which will gather further input from the community before the design of the park is finalized and constructed.

Design Concept: Neighborhood Commons
Alice Griffith Neighborhood Park is designed as a neighborhood commons – a place for neighbors to get to know each other, socialize and celebrate their commonalities and differences. Extending in length northeast-southwest, the park reaches toward the existing Bayview neighborhoods, inviting existing neighborhood residents to use this open space to connect with their new neighbors.

The park is designed as a series of “outdoor rooms” organized along a promenade – creating places for people of varied ages and interests to be in each other’s presence but not in each other’s way.

Activities & Program
The “outdoor rooms” provide for a mix of both specialized and flexible uses, including:

1. Picnic Pavilion – At the center of the park, the Picnic Pavilion supports group picnicking and barbecuing. An iconic shade structure creates a memorable identity and central focal point for the park while providing shelter from the sun. A restroom and storage building may be incorporated into the pavilion structure.

2. Children's Play Area – Children’s play area includes areas for pre-school and school-age children with play equipment and poured-in-place decorative resilient surfacing.

3. Basketball Court – A full basketball court, with perimeter fencing and seating areas from which to watch the game-play.

4. Community Garden & Flower Garden – A community garden with fruit trees, garden plots, and tool shed will serve as a replacement for the existing Alice Griffith Community Garden. The garden is located to maximize sun and to be near planned senior housing. The Community Garden will be protected by decorative, artistic fencing – the design of which may reflect the variety of community cultural traditions related to gardens and food. An ornamental Flower Garden with seating areas surrounds the Community Garden forming a manicured garden buffer between the Community Garden and the street.
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Open Lawn – A broad, open swath of lawn provides a flexible space for informal play and picnicking. The lawn can also support gathering for organized events such as neighborhood movie nights.

East Entry Plaza – The east entry plaza provides a tree-shaded meeting and sitting area adjacent to the community Gardens and Open Lawn. This plaza is flexible with the ability to install temporary stage or screen for occasional organized events and gatherings at the Open Lawn.

West Entry Plaza – The West Entry Plaza provides seating and meeting areas between the Dog Run and Basketball Court.

Promenade – The park is linked by a broad promenade on the north side of the park. Deciduous trees provide shade in summer and allow for sun in winter. Along the promenade are a variety of seating areas, including small tables for games such as checkers or chess.

Dog Run – At the west end of the park, a fenced, natural-surfaced dog area provides an off-leash dog area. The dog area is softened by a perimeter buffer that includes natural plantings, stormwater gardens and low, decorative fencing.

Access & Circulation

Park entrances are highlighted at each intersection with enhanced pedestrian crosswalks, signage, and entry plaza spaces including benches, ornamental plantings, and shade tree groves. While the north side of the park has the primary pedestrian promenade, the south side of the park also includes a walk and connecting pathways, providing a variety options for strolling though and around the park. The east and west ends of the park are marked by plantings, signage, and provide opportunities for public art to serve as gateways into the Alice Griffith Neighborhood.

Sustainability Features

- Community Garden provides opportunities to grow local food and connect with neighbors.
- Rain gardens filter stormwater and demonstrate ecological methods to reduce the impacts of development.
- Native and drought tolerant plantings
- Weather-responsive irrigation controllers, efficient spray heads, subsurface drip irrigation, reclaimed-water ready system
- Bicycle parking

Figure 7.4 - Alice Griffith Neighborhood Park - Section 1

Figure 7.5 - Precedent images: promenade, play area, community gardens and tool shed, public art/screen fence
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7.3 BAYVIEW HILLSIDE OPEN SPACE / JAMESTOWN WALKER SLOPE

Background
Two hillside sites at the base of Bayview Hill will be improved within the project boundary near the reconfigured roadways of Harney Way, Jamestown Avenue, and Arelious Walker Boulevard.

Jamestown Walker Slope – This site is the existing hillslope between Jamestown Ave. and the existing Candlestick Park Stadium road. The Candlestick Park Stadium road will be replaced with a new street, Arelious Walker Boulevard.

Bayview Hill Southeast Slope – At the southeast edge of Bayview Hill, this site has been significantly graded with quarry faces and terraces with thin, rocky soils over bedrock. This site includes stands of non-native, invasive blue gum eucalyptus and French broom. The lowest portions of the site contain parking areas along Jamestown Avenue and Harney Way.

Above the project site, Bayview Hill contains a diverse array of habitats such as grasslands, shrub- and tree-dominated areas, and a large number of sensitive plant species. The area provides wildlife habitat for a variety of resident and migratory bird species, as well as reptiles, mammals, and amphibians. It is also home to one of only a few populations of the endangered Mission blue butterfly. Bayview Hill has been identified as an important natural area and is managed under the SF Department of Parks and Recreation’s Natural Areas Program.

Design Concept: Natural Connections
These two sites will be re-vegetated to enhance habitat value and improve the connection between the hilltop habitats and the habitats of Candlestick Point State Recreation area and the bay.

Revegetation and Habitat Improvements
1. Existing Vegetated Hillslopes will be improved through removal of non-native, invasive species, stabilization of eroding slopes, and re-vegetation with native species that improve habitat values including food, nectar, and larval host plants.
2. Coast Live Oak Woodland softens interface with adjacent buildings and privately owned parking lot, screens views of quarry-faces and increases the area of this historic habitat type at Bayview Hill.
3. Native Grassland at the toe of Bayview slope provides open vistas and connects and provides continuity with the State Recreation Area’s predominant grassland vegetation type.
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Coast Live Oak Street Edge – Coast live oaks planted just beyond the back of sidewalk will grow to eventually create a majestic tree lined Jamestown Avenue, incorporating this tree native to the hill with the urban form of the city.

Access to Nature

Proposed Future Hilltop Connection Path – San Francisco’s Recreation and Park Department’s February 2006 Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan shows a proposed trail starting at this project site and continuing up the hillside to connect with the existing Bayview Hill hilltop loop trail. Due to the steep rocky slopes and significant grade change, the trail would require significant stairway construction. Additionally, to complete the connection, improvements would be required outside of the boundaries of this project. As such, this proposed pathway connection will require further study and coordination with San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department.

Figure 7.7 – Bayview Hillside Open Space- Section 1
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7.4 WEDGE PLAZA

Background

The Wedge Plaza is the southern tip of the larger Wedge Park which links Candlestick’s urban retail core with the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area and views across the South Basin to Hunters Point. While the Park’s character changes along its length, from the harder, more urban character of the plaza, to the greener, formal gardens and open spaces at its middle, and the more open areas where it connects with the natural zones of the State Recreation Area, the park will contain elements that create a sense of continuity as a whole.

Design Concept: Social Hub

As identified in the Master Streetscape Plan, there are special moments throughout Candlestick Point. Well situated adjacent to the prominent “Spine,” the Wedge Plaza is one of these moments. The plaza is located at the keystone of three neighborhoods: the commercial development of Candlestick Center, and the residential neighborhoods of Candlestick South and Candlestick North. As such, it plays an important role in connecting these three characteristically distinct neighborhoods. Here, the Wedge Plaza is best situated to become a gathering space within the framework of these new neighborhoods.

There are several design guidelines that are important to maintain with the design of the Wedge Plaza. The first is to maintain unobstructed views from the plaza, over the Wedge Park, across Bayview Gardens, and out to the South Basin. Secondly, and complimentary to the first guideline, it is also important to have visitors maintain a cognitive connection to the San Francisco Bay. Both guidelines are met in the minimalistic design and details of the Wedge Plaza.

Inspired by traditional European pocket plazas, the Wedge Plaza is designed as a flexible space for commercial activity that boasts a fun and a small elevation change. Nicknamed “the bubble” plaza, the height of the plaza gradually rises up from the sidewalk, to crest at a central point of 2’-0” above the surrounding streetscape, providing a unique experience and open view corridor to the waterfront. The slope of the plaza allows for patrons of the adjacent commercial areas to sit slightly elevated from the surrounding shops and restaurants, resulting in a great place “to see and be seen.” By maintaining a 4.5% maximum slope of the plaza, and a 1.6% maximum cross slope of the walkways, the plaza remains ADA compliant, while giving visitors the unique experience of traveling to a higher elevation than their surroundings, with no effort.

The Wedge Plaza will be, a unique and central place to go, sit, talk, listen, eat, watch a performer, and meet up with a friend. Accessible by BRT, car, bike and foot, the Wedge Plaza is a gathering space optimized for both visitors and residents alike.
Plaza Components:

1. **Paving Pattern** – Conceptually the plaza should have a unique and distinct paving pattern to support its role as a special place in the plan. One idea is creating a special abstract botanic paving pattern inspired by sea anemones found in the San Francisco Bay, that will provide visitors with a cue as to where they are: a new commercial hub in San Francisco, just steps from the beautiful Bay. These unit pavers, installed in an ADA-compliant basalt cobble set configuration on the Wedge Plaza, will create an undeniably unique character to the space beginning right at the border of the plaza, different, yet complementary to its surrounding streetscapes.

2. **Trees** – Overhead, a lush and open canopy of Paperbark and “Swan Hill” Olive trees with provide both visual interest and shade.

3. **Benches** – Custom fixed benches in various lengths will be placed throughout the plaza, complimenting the flexible programming opportunities invited by this open concept space.

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**Figure 7.9 – Wedge Plaza - Section 1**

**Figure 7.10 – Wedge Plaza - Section 2**

**Figure 7.11 – Precedent images - Paperbark and “Swan Hill” Olive trees, ADA compliant paving pattern, custom designed benches, European pocket plaza**