

Showplace Square Open Space Planning Process

Comments from Meeting #1A – July 21, 2009

This document represents a summary of the information received on the comment sheets and drawn on the posters, as well as emails received by the Department. The number in parentheses represents the number of times this comment appeared (if only once, there are no parentheses).

If you have any more comments, please send them to Steve Wertheim at steve.wertheim@sfgov.org.

A. Where could the City convert “excess” rights-of-way to parks and/or plazas?

- Berry Street (6)
- Widen Berry (in exchange for more of Channel) as part of land swap (3)
- Hooper Street
- Irwin Street
- 8th Street at 16th Street
- Wisconsin Street between 16th to 17th Street (2)
- Channel Street: Retain 50-foot wide right-of-way for vehicular access with parking.
- Carolina St. (3)
- Arkansas St. (2)

B. Where could the City convert entire streets into parks?

- Carolina Street (2)
- 8th Street
- Daggett Street
- Berry St (4)
 - Could be from De Haro to 7th
 - Could be just from De Haro to the 888 7th St. garage entrance
- Hooper (4)
- Irwin

C. Where could the City convert streets into pedestrian-oriented “Shared Public Ways”?

- Hooper (5)
- Berry (4)
- 8th Street
- Wisconsin Street (5)
- Arkansas Street
- Irwin

D. Where should the City investigate purchasing private land for open space?

Please note: these are comments received by members of the public and do not reflect, in any way, the intent of the City to pursue acquiring any of these sites at this time.

- “Norcal Triangular Corner Site” at Berry & 7th Streets (8)
- AT&T property on 8th Street (Behind Wolfe’s Café)
- Greyhound Site (2)
- Sand and Gravel company property on Berry (3)
- Henry Adams site on Division (Next to Townsend Circle)
- West side Carolina Street to enlarge Jackson Playground
- Triangle site (with rail right-of-way) south of Jackson Playground (fronting Mariposa) St.
- Rail right-of-way b
- Wolfe’s Café
- Axis Café site
- Portion of Daggett development at 16th and Hubbell
- Something in the north part of Showplace Area (2)
- Something in the middle of Showplace Area
- Portion of Concourse site where the parking lot currently is
- Existing parking lots

E. Other Comments

Comments reflecting the content of this meeting

- Exchange Norcal Triangle Site (Berry at 7th St) with City-owned stub of Channel Street at Carolina Street (6)
- Make Channel Street one way (4)
- Land swap is fine
- Opposed to land swap, as there are too many trucks
- Need design and land use improvements south end of Berry Street at DeHaro Street (2)
- Questions about propriety of how Berry St. used by industrial uses
- Don’t do land swap until sufficient open space identified in Potrero Hill
- Improve 7th Street – widen sidewalk and add greenery (5)
- Norcal should access its property from Berry St.
- Gravel company inappropriately uses Berry St. (2)
- Focus on northern Showplace (2)

Comments reflecting questions asked at the June 24, 2009 public meeting

- Keep the Townsend Circle without changing configuration. (6)
- Add fountain sculpture to the Townsend Circle
- Connector Street should be Hooper Street or Irwin Street to Wisconsin Street
- Connector: Hooper to 8th to Wisconsin to 16th to Connecticut
- Connector: Hooper to 8th to Arkansas

- Connector: use Connecticut, as the flattest street.

Comments about general improvements in Showplace

- Consider western portion Daggett development block as MTA Transit (bus) Hub
- Bike route from Mission to Mission Bay: Don't use 16th St. Use 17th and Mariposa, connection could be Pennsylvania. (2)
- Bike route on DeHaro
- Bike route on Wisconsin
- Bike route of Hooper
- Bike route on Mariposa
- Separate bike connection at Mariposa under the freeway
- Add Class 1 bike lane west side of 7th Street
- Calm traffic on 16th Street (5)
- Safer crossings of 16th Street
- Calm traffic on Kansas St.
- More sidewalks throughout Showplace
- Safer crossings at De Haro and Berry
- Don't need more trucks in the area
- Open up Mission Bay connection