

## MINUTES

### California Place Park Sites Analysis

6-8pm, Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Hiawatha Community Center



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#### Meeting Purpose:

To present the background, history and inventory of the two sites on SW Hill St.

To gather community member's ideas and thoughts about the present and future opportunities, constraints, hopes and fears at two sites on SW Hill Street.

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#### Public Comment:

*Opportunities, Constraints, Hopes, Fears*

- Playscape not useful
- Triangle is unique, contemplative, beautiful
- Central Parkesque
- Keep large trees and canopy
- Proposed project is limited to a smaller demographic
- Park benches would be nice
- Leave as open area for running, playing football, throwing Frisbee
- There are safety issues due to proximity of busy street
- Would like to see planting beds
- No fence
- Like natural playscape i.e. logs, native plants, not plastic, not "jungle gym," no bright colors
- Make place for children of all ages
- Safety design, natural barriers
- Would like to see similar design for both sites
- Garbage cans
- CA too small of space to utilize as playscape
- Would need restrooms, if developed
- Pea-Patch Opportunity
- Do not add any new lighting
- Worried about noise pollution
- Need a place for children to play
- Worried about illicit activities
- Keep space open for safety reasons, do not create hiding spaces

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"Creating community through people, parks and programs."

- Children make places safer by nature of them being there
- Create low vegetation
- Already a park, make better for kids
- There are nearby places for children to play, i.e. Hiawatha
- Park already utilized and enjoyed as is
- Grass should remain
- Who will provide maintenance?
- If developed, will create more loitering and littering
- Vision: a place for people to be together of any age.
- Planting vegetation will impact tree root system
- Too much exhaust from cars and busses
- No change to 44<sup>th</sup> property
- No park benches at either property
- Other parks are too far to walk to
- Need more plants that encourage fauna
- CA park not really used destination, but rather as viewpoint
- Natural landscape for use by kids and others
- 44<sup>th</sup> property is an eyesore
- Not all people realize it is a Park
- Space can be developed for more useable space
- Sites currently do not have graffiti and/or vandalism
- 44<sup>th</sup> needs curbs and sidewalks

FANNA project goals:

Safe place

Entice children's imagination

Accommodating/welcoming

Thoughtful play

Natural playscape

Connection with 44<sup>th</sup>