

ED Report

July 2023

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Ongoing Front Burner

20th St

- After much discussion and pleading, colleagues at Public Works have proposed a pathway to permitting of the plaza. The lengthy application has been assembled, submitted, and acknowledged. Awaiting the results of review.
- Communicating with Juan and Fletcher Studio about final design details so we can be ready to move if/when we, and Amazon, get approval to proceed.
- Meeting with Juan and other vendors to update the budget and schedule.
- An updated project budget needs to be submitted to the Community Challenge Grant administrator and a grant contract executed. I was able to extend our July 30 deadline two months to late September. This pushes back both the contract start date for the project and required completion date.

Gateway/ Vermont Greenway

- Working with Surfacedesign to finalize materials, general details and do material take-offs.
- Juan has mapped out the proposed plan on site. We met to look carefully at the hillside plan and discuss construction planning, schedule, and budget.
- Juan and I are inventorying available materials and investigating additional resources. Because the budget is very tight on the Vermont project, and we hope to begin work on the hillside as well as the greenway along the sidewalk, having low- or no-cost materials really helps.
- Meeting with a large equipment hauler to begin planning and budgeting the move of granite, cobblestones, and logs from the GBD yard to the project site.
- As we plan to use the salvaged granite curb for both Esprit Park and the Vermont project, we are pushing the Esprit contractor to complete the granite curb seat walls at the park so we know the quantity of remaining material available for Vermont.

2023 Dogpatch Music Series

- Completed the precontracting submissions the Avenue Greenlight grant. Awaiting the grant contract.
- Contacted preferred vendors for the 2023 Music Series planning.
- Working with the graphic designer on event graphics.
- Working with Omar Aran on finalizing performers.

Renewal

- We have successfully raised \$40k towards our \$100k goal, with an additional \$30k promised.
- Continuing to reach out to potential donors to raise the remaining \$30k.
- Prepared a deck touting GBD accomplishments, with before and after images of our projects, as part of the current donor outreach and in preparation for renewal promotional materials and this year's annual report.
- Working with the Renewal committee on budget, boundaries, next steps.

Iowa Street Garden

- Submitted final project accounting to CCG and filed for reimbursement of \$75,000.

IM Scott School

- Continuing discussions with the SFUSD about preserving the historic IM Scott building and finding opportunities for more neighborhood-serving uses at the site. SFUSD is very keen on the idea of the GBD applying for control of the asphalt area and making it more usable and available to neighbors.

Gears Meadow

- Executed a 3-year lease agreement with Caltrans

Board training

- Preparing for the board Brown Act training.

DOGPATCH

22nd St Sidewalk gardens

- Still no irrigation on the east end.

23rd Street

- Contacted Public Works regarding options for building the missing sidewalk section at the SW corner of 23rd and Iowa and relamping or other options for adding more light at that intersection.

25th St Garden & Path

- We continue to try to meet with the Rappaports regarding reconfiguring the Minnesota St encroachment area at 25th.

Angel Alley

- The lighting manufacturer is in contact with the electrical contractor who installed the Angel Alley lighting to determine the cause and fix for the water intrusion into some of the bulbs.
- The electrical contractor has submitted a \$27k bill almost 18 months after project completion. We disputed an earlier billing and he has not provided a revised invoice. An extensive review – and refutation of much of the bill – has been submitted to the contractor. Donovan is assisting in the negotiations.

Caltrain Station

- Infill planting is needed.

Esprit Park

- Attending project update meetings.
- Reviewing and managing design & engineering invoices and payments.

Gears

- Needs infill planting and irrigation.

IM Scott Native Plant Sidewalk Gardens

- All normal.

Minnesota Grove

- The contract for Minnesota Grove and the 23rd and 25th St sidewalk improvements has been signed by Public Works. We are awaiting news on a start date for construction.

Minnesota South Improvements

- As above.

Pennsylvania Avenue Garden & Path

- All good.

Progress Park

- When funding allows, the makeshift wood benches around the large olive tree should be replaced. A small amount of funds is proposed in the 23/24 budget towards repairs.

Progress Dog Run

- The bark chips are in dire need of replacement. Due to board budget directives, we will now have to raise \$4k to round out the replacement budget.

Tennessee St Trees & Path

- One of the planter boxes was damaged, perhaps by a vehicle. Juan will repair it.
- We have acquired a couple cans of the new paint for the building (now leased by MSP) to help control graffiti along Tennessee.
- I have filed a request with FUF to replace some of the dead/missing trees adjacent to Ryder Truck.

Tennessee St @ 25th

- All good.

Woods Yard Park

- We will do extra cleaning and power washing ahead of the music series.

POTRERO HILL

Benches Park & Dog Station

- The park's paths, already in need of repair, suffered further erosion in the recent storms. When funds are available, they should be repaired.

Fallen Bridge

- Audre and crew repainted the floor of the bridge due to heavy graffiti.
- We need to hold Rec Park to their promise to add some evergreen Ficus vines along the sound wall at the north side of the park. The vines on the south portion add greenery to the park and are a very effective deterrent to graffiti.

San Bruno Avenue

- Revised plans for the proposed sound wall and planted area have been completed. Clean CA grant awards will be announced in the fall.

COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH

GBD Park Signage

- Special signage (explanation of native plantings, acknowledgement of CCG grants, etc.) is needed for Iowa St and Vermont St.

Dogpatch Promotion & Wayfinding

- Working with Dogpatch Business Association, The Power Station, and the Minnesota Street Project on ways to make Dogpatch accessible and enjoyable for residents & visitors and on Dogpatch branding. We have finalized a new Dogpatch logo and are making plans for small signs with the logo and a QR code leading to a webpage with information on parks and public spaces, food and drink locations, art, etc.

Monthly

- Wrote text and processed images for the monthly blast
- Sent monthly item to the Potrero View

FINANCE

- Continued Starting to review and finalize fiscal year-end accounting and prepare for the annual financial review.
- Prepared quarterly grant reports to UCSF (Esprit) and Community Challenge Grants (Iowa St).