



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Notice of Availability of and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: March 13, 2013
Case No.: 2011.1355E
Project Title: **Mission Dolores Park Rehabilitation and Improvement Project**
Zoning: P (Public) Use District
OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 3599/001 & 3586/001
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the environmental review document concerning the proposed project as described below. The document is a preliminary mitigated negative declaration (PMND), containing information about the possible environmental effects of the proposed project. The PMND documents the determination of the Planning Department that the proposed project could not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Preparation of a mitigated negative declaration does not indicate a decision by the City to carry out or not to carry out the proposed project.

Project Description: Mission Dolores Park (project site or the Park) is a 16.1-acre city park bounded by 18th Street to the north, Dolores Street to the east, 20th Street to the south, and Church Street to the west. The proposed project would make project site rehabilitations and improvements to the athletic courts, buildings, open space, edges and entrance points, internal circulation system, and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (Muni) system and other Park-wide changes. Athletic court changes would include reconfiguring existing athletic courts near their existing locations and constructing a new 7,200-square-foot multi-use court adjacent to the reconfigured athletic courts near the northwest corner of the Park. Building changes would include removing an existing 24-foot, six-inch-tall, 980-square-foot building and two 10-foot-tall, 220-square-foot portable storage containers located near the center of the Park and constructing three new buildings: a 12-foot-tall, 1,250-square-foot restroom located adjacent to the southeastern side of the existing playground; a 13-foot-tall, 1,270-square-foot restroom and 1,013-square-foot paved plaza located near the reconfigured athletic courts; and a 12-foot-tall, 3,365-square-foot operations building and 2,610-square-foot reinforced concrete platform with a crawl space built beneath the new location of the basketball court. The new operations building would be adjacent to a new 2,233-square-foot service yard and driveway from 18th Street. In addition, the proposed project would construct a new pissoir, located in the Park's southwest quadrant. Open space changes would include reduction in approximately 0.8 acre of grass or turf from various aforementioned and below changes and providing new markings for two existing off-leash dog play areas. At various edges and entrance points to the Park, the proposed project would add new ADA accessible ramps, access paths to the internal

circulation system, and design changes. Internal circulation changes would include removal and widening of existing and constructing new internal pathways, for a total net increase of 786 lineal feet. Changes to the Muni system would include repaving the Muni tracks within the Park, removing the chain link structure on the existing bridge over the tracks, placing planters over and adjacent to the abandoned Muni stop under the bridge and over the stairs leading to it, and relocating the Muni shelter for the Muni stop at 20th Street and Church Street 10 feet southwest of its current location. Other Park-wide rehabilitations and improvements would include vegetation removal and plantings, grading, upgrades to the drainage and irrigation system, and adding new signage, lighting, bicycle parking, benches, picnic tables, and trash receptacles. With project implementation, the project site would remain a city park and no change in hours of operation would occur.

The PMND is available to view or download from the Planning Department's Negative Declarations and EIRs web page (<http://tinyurl.com/sfceqadocs>). Paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the ground floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco.

If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, contact the Planning Department staff contact listed above.

Within 20 calendar days following publication of the PMND (i.e., by 5:00 p.m. on **April 2, 2013**), any person may:

- 1) Review the PMND as an informational item and take no action;
- 2) Make recommendations for amending the text of the document. The text of the PMND may be amended to clarify or correct statements and may be expanded to include additional relevant issues or to cover issues in greater depth. This may be done **without** the appeal described below; **OR**
- 3) Appeal the determination of no significant effect on the environment to the Planning Commission in a letter which specifies the grounds for such appeal, accompanied by a \$521 check payable to the San Francisco Planning Department.¹ An appeal requires the Planning Commission to determine whether or not an Environmental Impact Report must be prepared based upon whether or not the proposed project could cause a substantial adverse change in the environment. Send the appeal letter to the Planning Department, Attention: Sarah Jones, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. **The letter must be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$521 payable to the San Francisco Planning Department, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2013.** The appeal letter and check may also be presented in person at the PIC counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco.

In the absence of an appeal, the mitigated negative declaration shall be made final, subject to necessary modifications, after 20 days from the date of publication of the PMND.

¹ Upon review by the Planning Department, the appeal fee may be reimbursed for neighborhood organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of 24 months.