



Design Forum III – Post It Exercise & Notes
8/5/08, 260 5th St San Francisco

POST IT EXERCISE

SAFETY

- With your design please take safety/homeless issues into consideration
- Fenced at night, also helps let kids run around
- Maintenance & Security is the most important part of any open space regardless of programming

HOMELESS

- On foot patrol personnel

MISC /BOLD

- Bold
- Speedbumps
- Underground wires, alternative telephone poles
- Not Austere, Don't be afraid of ornamentation
- Permeable paving
- Wide sidewalks

GREEN /SUST.

- Organic
- Ventilation

FRONT STOOPS

- Stoops
- Stoops 200 Brannon @ Delancey St., Lots of green

BALCONY

- Balconies

COMMERCIAL

- Retail facades Key is that they are customizable, unique, Idiosyncratic (not uniform, bland, chain)

USES

- Day Care! Day care! Day care! For commercial space

WATER FEATURE



Yes

- (Park) Water element, Rock element, Air element
- Special Features lighting - water

No

- Water Features = constant maintenance which rarely happens = filthy pit I have to keep my kid away from

GREEN (PLANTS)

- Green Space
- Alley: Unique pavement E.G. Brick, custom cement, inviting – inspiring, green, lush
- Park: very green, landscaping: various landscapes
- The greener the better!
- More grass or 'soft' surfaces in the park, as opposed to the stone in the Mint Plaza.
- Lots of trees in the park
- Setbacks are good if planted

FAMILY

- Big green area for family with kids to play balls

COMMUNITY EVENTS / PEOPLE WATCHING

- Block party and EVENT SPACE READY: Coded for capacity, Public Assembly: Fire, electrical, water hookups
- Store fronts: energy, people visible e.g. MO MO's - Foundry Square

DOGS

- YEA DOGS!!
- Water spicket for filling dog drinking bowls

UNITS

- 3 bedrooms would be nice

CAFÉ/COFFEE

- Place to meet for coffee
- Sitting for coffee

LIGHTING

- Lighting to make this area secure to walk in the evenings. Café's, trees & area's to sit. Bay street Plaza is a good example
- Fun beautiful, careful lighting. Uplights, highlights, backlights. NO GLARE!!



- Daylight

SEATING

- Benches

NOTES

Comments of note

- do the opposite of award winning projects
- plan for the future: timeless traditional pedestrian design
- areas for families

Individual afterthoughts

- Buildings should have a neighborhood feeling
- Brian pointed out that the pocket park runs North South which is good as it will provide a lot of morning and afternoon light
- Don't use a lot of stone and hardscape
- water features can get dirty like at Yerba Buena. It is okay if it is maintainable avoid water features that are easily polluted. Easier if they are not deep.
- Safety! Lighting is a concern and there should be plenty to feel comfortable walking through the space
- Bring the Yerba Buena Gardens experience into the neighborhood. There is lots of cement in the area already. Lighting will help clean up the area.
- Make the space usable throughout the day. Draw in people to make the space active. Make sure there is circulation and ventilation at the human level. He likes water features. Perhaps having a welcome space that seems inviting to dog owners even if it isn't a dog space.
- Soft spots are good, hard is not good.
- How much complexity can be integrated. Integrate with architecture and with the 2nd floors of the building.



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-Big Trees! Like redwoods. Many eyes looking down on the street and the park.

-Allow the store fronts to be unique and idiosyncratic.