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public comment per project aspirations

Summary of public comments received during Ocean Beach Open House event: Jan 15, 2011 [summary includes questionnaires, comments on boards and record of on-on-one discussion]

image + character

comment	disagree	somewhat	agree	agree	additional comments
raw/open beauty					
More Graffiti	1	1	4		Designated, organized graffiti/street art area
Great view opportunity north to Pt. Reyes			1		
Blend the beach environment with neighborhoods, zoo, etc. - no harsh edges			1		
Maintain natural coastline without changing the layout of the environment			1		
Keep Ocean Beach natural	1	1	4		Keep in mind that Ocean Beach is an urban space as well as a natural beach – unlike remote beaches it will never be a pristine environment.
Cultural and natural history of the site			1		
OB Can be a World Class Beach in a World Class City			1		
Need analysis on how the neighborhood and people connect emotionally, physically and ecologically to their backyard!			1		
Nice to have such a remote wild-feeling place near the city			4		
Keep GGP natural			1		
too many scary vagrants in the morning	2		1		Need more amenities [unreadable] + homeless, homeless people have always been part of the neighborhood and were tolerated/accepted.
No dramatic change, improvements & restoration only			3		
Concern about wilderness/ culture of the place being lost			1		
existing seawalls					
Fix walls along promenade along beach!			1		
it might also be useful to paint beach locations on the beach side of the sea wall.			1		
encourage more decoration of the seawall: murals / incorporate arts in the project	2		6		
signage					
Connect w/ signage Ft. Funston - OB			1		
Street signs visible from the Great Highway bike path and the Great Hwy itself are notably absent now, and would be a helpful addition, indicate the alphabetical avenue (Kirkham, Lawton, Moraga, Noriega, etc.)			1		
Beach signage and a more "welcoming" turn around stop, at end of N-Juddah			2		
Change lower GHWY name to La Playa			1		
other					
Pleasure driving is an outdated idea!			1		
acknowledge american indian history who first inhabited the place eg. Chrissy Field.			1		
at 48th Ave, an innovative & inviting approach leading to the work already done (to be done) - Lands End Lookout, the "new" Jills Restaurant, Parking etc . . . would really define entering an "Ocean Beach district".			1		
Suggest Perhaps classic lampposts on entrance			2		

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uses + activities + program

comment	disagree	somewhat agree	agree	additional comments
activities				
More firebowls!			2	Remove fire pits – no more late night gathering
Keep [Bonfire] Very important to SF natives!!! A tradition.	1		4	
Utilize under used parking area for activities			1	
				If increasing biz permits would bring "\$\$\$" and people to the beach, wouldn't this increase awareness and suport for the resources and change the needs to happen at OB? More restrooms, cafes, public gathering areas with seating and amenities by the beach itself But not on the beach
Food concessions/ vendors / commerce	1		9	
recognize activities fishing or angling			3	
education - local school interact with environment			1	
Community interaction programs			1	
watershed boxes program worked well keep doing things like this			1	interpretive signs, Farralon Islands, Seal Rock
Natural history education and informational kiosk or artwork would be helpful for people to know more about the native plant, birds, and marine life, interpretive signs Edmunds, Washington in conjunction with Navy @ water quality boards and cities have designated underwater park for divers.			8	
surfing is a major OB use activity			1	
opportunity to include the business community			1	too much infrastructure is undesirable
Sand dollar collection			1	
Beach combing			1	Fishing spot [near Sloat Parking lot], Fish runs striped bass (July)
Fishing			3	
Horseback riding trail/access			2	
Exercise			2	
Bird watching			1	
walking			1	
Dog walking (off leash)			1	
Too many special events!			1	
facilities				
More bike parking			4	
Grass and BBQ pits			1	
bathrooms			19	
showers			7	
Water fountains			1	
Recycle bins			6	
Garbage bins			7	
Compost bins			2	
great lack of interesting and easily accessible restaurants, cafes and shops in this area.			6	
lack of amenities (facilities)	2			
Separate bike paths			1	
bag dispensers for dog litter			2	
kite boarding launching area (designated)			1	
bike rentals			1	
pedicabs (like on Embarcadero)			1	
New turf/fields in GG Park	3		2	
No astroturf in GG Park			4	
Windmill to be restored			1	
No stadium lights in GG Park	1		8	
ramp to beach			1	
Rebuild Sutro			3	
Preserve/ Restore Fleishacker Pool			4	
Lockers			2	
Nostalgia for some amenities that previously existed (eg playland)			1	

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ecology

comment	disagree	somewhat agree	agree	additional comments
wildlife				
Connect w/ restoration Ft. Funston - OB			1	remove iceplant along median
Native plant restoration			13	
				Ravens are a major predator of shorebirds, Ocean Beach is may not be the most important shorebird habitat in GGNRA, more appropriate to state that it is a significant shorebird habitat and needs protection, designated beach closures. More explanation on why/how dogs impact plovers to win dog owners support
Permeable pavers/surfaces			4	
shorebird protection	1	2	7	
sustainability, green and clean resources			1	
Focus on: ~ there is no current focus on marine life				
impacts ~ native marine life			1	
				dunes near Lawton St., between Skyline Blvd. & Ft. Funston, Sutro Park
restore beach			1	
fox siting			3	
plans should include slowing down ships so they are less likely to disturb marine mammals			1	
plans should include oil spill prevention			1	
Birds are one of the stakeholders. The health of these birds belong in any OB plan			1	on beach
coyote siting			1	
improve dog control regulations	1		3	Lower dunes to save views;
Environmental impact reports for large projects should include an environmental life cycle assessment			1	
How does Oceanside Plant discharge 4.5 miles in ocean affect marine life/ecology?			1	
dunes				
Restore dunes		1	5	
Previous dune restoration efforts are now rock			2	
Ensure protection and integrity of existing dune zones (Lincoln & Noriega and Santiago to Sloat)			1	
Work with DOE/Audubon/GGNRA to develop corvid removal plan			1	this master plan will correspond to the GGNRA Dog Management Plan and if this plan is complete prior to adoption of the GGNRA plan it will be revised to reflect compliance.
other				
Keep the beach, water, ocean clean			2	
Quality and Beauty to the environment			1	
More trees in Outer Sunset along sidewalks etc.			1	
Dark skies			11	
green streets			1	

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access + connectivity

comment	disagree	somewhat agree	agree	additional comments
great highway so. sloat				
rerouting automotive traffic along Sloat blvd	1		7	
Walking and cycling trails close to traffic reroute / along Sloat			1	
Fix Sloat/Skyline intersection			2	
Designated stairs/beach access to stop erosion at Sloat parking lots; Designated beach access points needed from Sloat parking lots to stop erosion			2	
Restore connection along Armory Rd.			2	slow traffic down! Turn east of Greta HWY two-way. Use west side for bikes/peds views, Outer Richmond depends on GHWY!
Fix Sloat/Skyline intersection			1	
great highway no. sloat				
The Great Highway route would be an excellent route for bikes and pedestrians and connects to Fort Funston recreation area			1	
sand deposition on upper Great Highway and subsequent need to remove it with heavy equipment leads to extended closures and forces traffic onto lower GH. Please consider traffic flow diversion onto 46th Ave. and Sunset Blvd. in addition to Lower GH.			1	
improve crossing pedestrians and bikes at Grt Highway [La Playa shopping area] β this is not connected to the beach			5	
Connect Sutro Heights to OB			1	
Traffic signal success			2	
Reduce # of lanes on Great HWY	1	1	3	
Celebrate beach arrivals, at Taraval for example			1	
Move trail to dune side. Move vehicular traffic to east.			2	
Adopt historical highway elements in design			1	STOP CLOSING the Great Highway. Hold these events at Kezar Stadium or Candlestick Park or Cow Palace cut down traffic and parking, closing Great Highway between Lincoln and Fulton, or tunnel, new traffic signal midway between Lincoln and Fulton?
Extend GG Park all the way to the beach!		1	4	
Close the Great Highway	2		2	protect
keep speed down and include traffic calming measures			1	
parking				
Relocate parking to other side of HWY? keep beach view clear [Ocean Beach Parking]			1	enhance connections from GG Park to OB I find that the Great HWY significantly affects my perception of the beach, I don't go as often to OB because I hate the car noise. I want to see nature not parked/moving cars.
Variable (demand) parking fees			2	ensure lost parking lots are replaced from lot at edge of bluff
More parking near Sloat	1		2	
transit				
Public transit – improve			10	
Extend 38 to Merrie Way			3	
pedestrian / bike connectivity				
Separate bike paths from road, and separate bike and pedestrians			2	not enough signage for channeling bike traffic towards OB from east and other parts of city
improve bike routes			12	
improve pedestrian routes			7	
Pedestrian access/connection to Lake Merced arguable that taraval a key ped connection			2	better access to beach from East and South parts of SF
Connect w/ trails Ft. Funston- OB			1	
			8	Would be great if bike path on beach side was continuous along all of beach; Current connection from GH to zoo is awkward
improve bike facilities going uphill			2	
Trail to Pacifica			1	
Handicap boardwalk and/or handicap beach wheelchairs			1	
improve visual or ped connection btwn zoo and beach			1	
12 ft. bike path separated with small park strip from vehicle lanes			1	
Boardwalks to improve ped access			3	
other				
interaction with Parcel 4 Sutro Dunes [Sutro Heights]			1	
Ocean Beach is not perceived as accessible to San Francisco community			7	
Connect the neighborhood to OB bc they don't currently feel a strong connection!			5	
Consider surf zone in road planning			5	

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coastal dynamics

comment	disagree	somewhat agree	agree	additional comments
erosion control				
Would have been interesting to see how the sea floor bathymetry currently is and how it is affecting the erosion			1	Make sure beach nourishment does not impact wildlife.
Let bluff erode			2	
No reventment, rock armoring / rock making water deeper	1	1	16	near zoon, remnants of abandones outfall area a hazard for surfers
Hazardous cliff armoring materials have been used here at [<i>end of Sloat Blvd.</i>]			2	
Future armoring should be with a different material			1	
Please focus on natural barriers to erosion			1	Protect the surf! Artificial reef?
Artificial reef			2	
retreat plan / managed retreat			6	If a hard fix is placed along the Great Highway, it must be done in such a way that wave energy is not displaced to the south, Sea getting shallower, surf not so good
Save the waves...			4	
Path erodes after storm. Exposed rebar [<i>near Taraval</i>]			2	
Vincente: overflow structure has rubble since sand has washed away			1	
beach nourishment				
beach nourishment along with long term management		1	6	Coast was here first and will continue to assert itself. Understand coastal dynamics first, sort infrastructure later.
Is sand getting darker from pollution (all along beach)			2	
USACE projected to start onshore dredge disposal/placement in 2012			1	
sea level rise				
Sea level rise: you need to show a range of projections not just state of California numbers so use NOAA's Dutch figures.			1	Seawall at Sloat Blvd area is bad for OB; Not like Pleasure Pt (S Cruz); Seawalls as last resort, S Cruz Pleasure Pt as model if you must; Seawall (fence) along beach, use Beirut example; Seawall here [near Sloat Blvd parking lot], NO SEAWALLS
Will SLR make beach nourishment and managed retreat less effective?			1	
existing seawalls				
Concrete seawall needed	6	1	8	afriad that shore will end up with seawalls, no beach and poor surf
Unearth seats/steps at O'Shaughnessy seawal; Fix crumbling wall [promenade]			2	
other				
reconnecting Lake Merced Ocean Beach for natural tidal flux's flushing will relieve some of the stress on the stretch of coast currently being being armored.			6	
Is it worth trying to costantly fight the ocean?			1	

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infrastructure

comment	disagree	somewhat agree	agree	additional comments
merced tunnel				
wastewater tunnel should be relocated	1		4	Can capacity of system be increased?
Exposed pipes are obstacles (end of Vicente)			1	
Show Lake Merced watershed too!			1	
Vulnerable infrastructure			1	
What is being done short-term to address Sloat erosion risks?			1	
Why was the Merced Transport Tunnel & roadway put so close to the ocean? What were the alternatives?			1	
combined sewer system				
improve the waste facility to prevent overflow and pollution during storms.	1	3	5	The sewage is only partially treated when it's pumped out to sea and affect on ocean fauna? , Some filtration, percolation, etc. unacceptable to water users (in current state) [Westside transport box under great hwy diagram], SF OB WQ has improved dramatically, no zoo treatment plant, surfers still experience water quality issues
Implementation of bio-swales (systems to refer to include Lake Merced's Sunset Parking Lot Swale System)			2	
Protect sewage plant from erosion			2	
WW wetlands as part of treatment – demonstration project			2	
Show Zoo pump also			2	
box / show end of box / circular pipes → [GHWY, Cabrillo to Beach Chalet]			1	
storm water retention to address surge			1	
Oceanside Treatment Plant threatened by SLR/erosion?			1	
utilities				
underground utility lines to open up view on Pt. Lobos to the Cliff House			4	
Solar & wind street lamp perfect for the project (PUC) (like at City Hall)			2	
other				
Desalination back up plant for SF water. Hetch Hetchy is a single necklace delivery system.		1	3	put new recycled water plant near Sloat & Skyline, not GG Park
No water treatment plant in GG Park			3	
Include roads as infrastructure and 3 seawalls			1	
Add'l storage in GG Park?			1	
OCEAN POWER			1	
Murphy Windmill for power?			3	Get the windmills (both) operating, show Murphy windmill
and stop new building of "infrastructure"			2	
No buildings in GG Park			1	Safe bathroom facilities, bike routes
Show proposed infa: i.e. recycled water plant in GG Park			3	How far along are the plans?
Show City and Zoo infrastructure accurately			1	

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management + stewardship

comment	disagree	somewhat agree	agree	additional comments
management/stewardship				
Keep safe			9	
Keep clean			17	(bathrooms, waste management, water quality)
include dog owners and dog walkers in any task force/user segment			2	
repave the great hwy to improve the bikelane and repave the running and bike path.	1		8	Repave the bike path so its useable for rollerblading, for bare feet and cycling, skateboarding, Less concrete
focus on longterm solutions			1	
Sand/wind fence to protect trails, dunes			4	
Hand blowers in bathrooms so we don't use paper towels			1	
dune management & keeping the Great Highway clear and the need to keep the paths, particularly the one on the west side of the GH clear so it can actually be used.			3	
Improve waste management collection			6	
22nd Annual Christmas tree burning event - 200 - 300 people at Sloat/Vicente are - safety issues - provide 1) recycle zone 2) containment burn area and times with park supervision and/or sponsorship			1	
more rangers at night to enforce loitering/graffiti/kids partying etc.. Also enforce loitering on inner Great Hwy.			2	
Enforce leash zone				what is most encouraging is that the priorities, both short and long term, seem to be thoughtful, sane, and optimistic.
hire local contractor to do the many aspects of this project.			1	
get one focused person in charge and march to a plan and DO IT.			1	
Perhaps there needs to be a citizen group that could speak with one voice to GGNRA and the city?			1	
City is required to maintain beach for at least 50 years beased on permits for Clean Water Program. Coastal Comission knew erosion was going to be a problem and required the City to be responsible. This should be in the available documents / orld reports			1	
jurisdictions				
regulation of actual beach!			1	
More emphasis here, as well as bringing together the different agencies and stakeholder groups towards a consensus management and vision			4	In other words the GGNRA and various City agencies need to come together with a single permitting formula to be administered by one agency or another, but not more. the plan should include planning for revitalizing the outer Sunset. Bring in commercial development to transform "dead zone" south of Noriega. What's happened on Judah is a great example. The dunes that have developed on the path should be removed during the summer and sand should be placed where it is most needed and least disruptive to wildlife. A process for doing that is in place between DPW (the agency the moves the sand), GGNRA, USFWS and Golden Gate Audubon.
Just get the B.C / PUC off their ass & DO IT			1	
business use and establish regulations and permitting that reach across jurisdictional lines.			3	
"Please do not litter" signs, "keep the beach clean" signs posted			2	Fix what is broken...then leave the beach and us alone!
Should the Army Corps of Engineers be here too? (sand dredging) [Agency Partners]			3	
Interagency management for "peak events" and volunteer groups			1	
State lands Commissions and GGNRA offshore management area			1	
Coordinate openly and efficiently!	2		2	

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other

comment	disagree	somewhat agree	agree	additional comments
Very informative boards/workshop (fun!)	1		14	
Connection / relationship to adjacent neighborhoods could be shown better (businesses, etc.)			1	
though seismic hazards through the area are likely not severe, they must be explicitly addressed			2	
Comments here are general and not intended to fit into SPUR's compartments. - failure to include among SPUR recognized activities fishing or angling is a serious omission and casts great doubt of SPUR's understanding of Ocean Beach and it's ability and qualifications to produce competent recommendations regarding Ocean Beach.			1	
Show UG facilities shared with zoo... joint use			1	
Zoo is inconvenient; have workshops in other locations			1	
have listening devices for hearing impaired available. Also, wheelchairs.			1	
Can we bring back the tunnels?			2	
Purpose/ driver for the Master Plan was not articulated and was not clear, why? Who? What? What is the goal?			2	
Concern that AECOM's name was on the graphis (includes areas of expertise of other consultants). Public concern that AECOM attributed to whole production.				
Great to see senior staff from responsible agencies in attendance, though no one from Carmen Chu's office?			1	
Participation was disproportionately Caucasian, underrepresented asian population			1	