

# Proposed Portsmouth Square Improvements

San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department

Chapter 29 Legislation

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# Proposed Concept Design



Walter U Lum Pl 林華耀街

Washington Street 華盛頓街

Clay Street 企李街

Kearny Street 乾尼街



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Walter U Lum Place 林華耀街

Entrance 入口

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Walter U. Lum Terraces 林華耀街平台

Existing Restroom 現有洗手間

Stage 舞台

Entrance Court 入口廣場

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Entrance Court and Bosque 入口前庭及樹陣

Event Plaza 活動廣場

Upper Terrace Clubhouse Porch 上層平台社區會所門廊

Existing Elevator 現有電梯

Shade and Seating 遮蔭及座椅

Lower Terrace Clubhouse Porch 下層廣場社區會所門廊

Clubhouse 社區會所

Entrance 入口

Playground and Fitness 遊樂場與健身區

Entrance Stairs and Bleachers 入口台階及看臺

Entrance Stairs and Ramp 入口台階及緩坡

Entrance 入口

Entrance 入口

Clay Street 企李街

Washington Street 華盛頓街



# GENERAL DESCRIPTION & PURPOSE – Today/Historical

- **Culturally significant plaza that has existed since mid-1800s**
- **Special significance for Asian Americans throughout Northern California, located in the Chinatown neighborhood:**
  - One of the densest neighborhood in the San Francisco
  - Hosts multiple cultural and community events
  - Provides accessible open space for many that reside in SROs and dense living environments
- **Features Today:**
  - Terraced; several hardscape plazas
  - Two playgrounds
  - A clubhouse
  - Underground parking structure
  - Various historical markers
  - Restroom building
  - Pedestrian bridge extending over Kearny Street

# GENERAL DESCRIPTION & PURPOSE – Proposed

- **Outreach & concept design phase – extensive community & stakeholder engagement**
  - 5 community workshops (with record attendance)
  - Numerous stakeholder interviews
  - Surveys and meetings
- **Renovations will provide safer, more sustainable park**
- **Improved facilities to better serve public:**
- **Terraced; several hardscape plazas**
  - Consolidated, larger play area
  - New, larger clubhouse with large assembly area
  - Accessible design for all abilities
  - New plantings & water efficient irrigation
  - New seating & paving
  - Removed pedestrian bridge
  - Stage area
  - Energy efficient lighting for improved safety

## DIRECT & INDIRECT BENEFITS

- Increased property values for surrounding businesses and residential buildings
- Increase in commerce for local merchants
- Decrease in health spending by having accessible open space that leads to improved physical and mental health
- Decreased operations and maintenance costs through updated facilities and infrastructure with clear sight lines and activated edges

# FISCAL ANALYSIS

- Estimated project cost: \$65,000,000
- Anticipated funding source: \$9,000,000 (Transit Center Impact Fees and Community Facilities District – CFD)
- Additional anticipated funding sources: Transbay Transit Center CFD, philanthropy, and other sources
- Job creation: 5.93 jobs/\$1M
- EIR Work has begun; schematic design phase has begun
- Approx. \$975,000 spent to date on environmental review: PM labor, EIR consultant, design consultant (concept & schematic phases), surveys

## NEXT STEPS

- Once environmental review is complete, SF Rec and Park will be better suited to fundraise.
- SF Rec and Park has a strong record of partnerships with individuals, community groups, foundations, and corporate sponsors to support parks and recreational programming.
- Design to continue
- Construction cannot commence until environmental review is complete and sufficient funds are in hand.