

## City seeks input on parks' future

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What do you think? If you have an opinion of the what San Francisco parks should look like, The City wants to know. Examiner file photo SAN FRANCISCO – The Planning Department, the Mayor's Office and the Recreation and Park Department want the public to weigh in on what San Francisco's open spaces should look like during the next 100 years.

This month, workshops are scheduled throughout The City to gather community input before a long-term plan is created. "We want to make sure we are all on the same page on how open space is used," said Leigh Ann Baughman, executive director of San Francisco Beautiful, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving The City's natural environment. "So we're trying to meet as many people in different communities as we can."

A 100-year plan was chosen to cover as much time as possible, said Baughman, because once steps are taken to move parks in a specific direction, it must happen gradually.

"For example, if you want more green space," she said. "You have to know who's going to buy it and maintain it for the long term." Baughman said these meetings are just the beginning of the process and a draft of the overall plan will probably not be ready until the end of the year.

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Russian Hill, North Beach:  
From 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Joe DiMaggio Recreation Center,  
651 Lombard St.

SoMa:  
From 6 to 8 p.m. March 18 at Arc of San Francisco, 1500  
Howard St.

Mission, Dolores, Noe Valley:

From 6 to 8 p.m. March 24 at Mission Recreation Center,  
3555 19th St.

Duboce, Castro, Market:

From 6 to 8 p.m. March 26 at CPMC Davies Campus Auditorium,  
Castro and Duboce streets

Haight, Buena Vista, Cole Valley:

From 6 to 8 p.m. March 25 at Park Branch Library, 1833 Page  
St.

Citywide Youth Workshop:

From 6 to 8 p.m. March 30 at Gallanter Hall, second floor,  
3200 California St.

Richmond, Presidio Heights:

From 6 to 8 p.m. March 31 at Richmond Recreation Center,  
251 18th Ave.

For information on additional meetings, visit the  
Neighborhood Parks Council Web site at [www.sfnpc.org](http://www.sfnpc.org)

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