



Taylor Yard Project Update



LANDMARK JOINT COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING FOR TAYLOR YARD UNVEILS PRELIMINARY PARK DESIGN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

On September 17, 2003 over 175 community members packed into the Cypress Park Recreation Center to view the City and the State's preliminary design for a new park at Taylor Yard. City and State elected officials described the partnership between the City and State and their commitment to creating a park with a variety of features ranging from soccer fields to rustic trails. The public was given an opportunity in a break-out session to present their ideas and comments for future park facilities, recreational, cultural, natural, and operational activities. All the comments were recorded and will be used by the City and State to further develop the park design for the next public meeting.



State and City staff presented a preliminary design to stimulate ideas and concepts from the community.



Public break-out groups provide comments on the preliminary design

EXCERPTS FROM THE RECORDED PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Comments from the community included a variety of suggestions including youth baseball diamonds, basketball courts, water feature, park benches to view the trains, children's play areas, exercise areas, natural settings, art in the park, and signage about the history of the area. The community reacted very positively to the creation of new athletic fields. Reflecting the view of many who attended, one participant exclaimed, "the Cypress Park Recreation Center Soccer Field will finally get to heal, and the hundreds of children and adults who play soccer year-round will have a place to play at the Taylor Yard site."



NEXT TAYLOR YARD PUBLIC MEETING

So, what is the next step? City and State staff will go back to the drawing board and reconfigure a seamless park design based on the public comments. The design or designs will be presented to the public for review during the next community planning meeting sometime in October 2003 at the Cypress Park Recreation Center. Please come to the next meeting and take part in determining what design you prefer for the future park. If you have any questions please contact Sean Woods at (213) 620-6406.



PROJECT CONCEPT STATEMENT

Develop a seamless park design that fulfills the mission statements of the State and City for the benefit of all stakeholders in a sustainable manner.