

City Subcommittee Meeting September 3, 2024

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Gardenside Ave./ Sunshine Gardens neighbor

What is the agenda item(s) you would like to discuss?(To comment during the meeting, you must first register to gain access to the meeting.)

Park for Sunshine Gardens Neighborhood

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When agenda item comes up



During the public comment section

Comments:

Hello SSFUSD School Board and SSF City Council,

My name is Rachel and I live on Gardenside Ave. in the Sunshine Gardens Neighborhood. I have two children ages 7 and 3. I am writing to express our desire for a local park within walking distance from our house. We live in the topmost corner of the neighborhood and it is not feasible for us to walk to parks like Alta Loma or the new library playground. As my children get older and gain more independence, it would be wonderful for them to have access to a park where they do not have to cross busy roads and where they can safely explore with less parental involvement.

Parks and playgrounds are a wonderful place for children to get exercise, develop confidence in their body movements, and build friendships with local neighborhood kids. This allows children and their families to build community and combat loneliness. Additionally, it provides a space for all community members to meet up, socialize, walk their pets, and exercise. These reasons all lead to a healthier community, both physically and mentally, for children and adults alike.

Currently the community can only use the open space and playground at Sunshine Gardens Elementary School after 6pm and on weekends. Our community is grateful we are able to use the space at all, and we would greatly appreciate a space to use at all hours of the day, especially in the morning when the weather tends to be nicer. For the families with young children not in school yet, having access to a local park they can walk to is an incredible benefit for the toddlers to develop motor skills and social skills, and for parents to meet other families and form lasting bonds. It would also be a huge benefit to the retired community members or those who work alternate hours of the day to have a place to be outdoors in the community before their shifts.

Thank you so much for your consideration of my comments and I hope you will allow the development of a local park and playground for the Sunshine Gardens Community.

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Sunshine Gardens Resident

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5. Sunshine Gardens Park

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Comments:

Dear City Council and School Board Members,

It is with pleasure that I join my neighbors to respectfully request your support for the development of a park to be located next to Sunshine Gardens Elementary School.

I am a lifelong resident of South San Francisco and have lived in Sunshine Gardens for 16 years. Our neighborhood is family friendly and easy for individuals, children and families to walk in. My favorite part about living in this neighborhood is watching multi-generational families walk together recreationally or to and from Sunshine Gardens Elementary School.

To have a park which is easily accessible in the heart of our neighborhood would create a shared venue that will bring our community together. A park is a place where our children can be outside and have fun with their families and friends. For many children a park is the first outdoor classroom where they can enjoy, observe and be curious about nature and the outdoors.

By partnering together to develop an open space for our children we are modeling for them how their City, School District and neighbors can join together to create a better community for them to live, learn and grow.

Thank you for your time and consideration to our request. I look forward to working with you to do develop a park next to Sunshine Gardens Elementary School.

Most sincerely,

Julie Baldocchi
Sunshine Gardens Resident

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