

My name's Bryan Dahl and I staff Supervisor Dorsey on all things related to Rec Park. In advance of Monday's Civic Design Review hearing, I wanted to offer both mine and Supervisor Dorsey's enthusiastic support for the Gene Friend renovation project. Gene Friend is a cornerstone of the South of Market community that plays an integral role building lasting relationships and promoting health and wellness – it's great to see it's getting the modernization it deserves.

Supervisor Dorsey and I are impressed with the proposed design, which we know reflects input from many community members and groups. The emphasis on inclusivity and modernization is commendable and promises to create a more welcoming and functional space for everyone in the neighborhood, both old and young. We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the project team and project manager for their dedication and hard work thus far and are excited to see the project progress.

Unfortunately, both Supervisor Dorsey and I have meetings at the same time as the hearing, but I wanted to let you know that we fully support the project and its design.