

UPDATED DESIGN FOR CHINA BASIN PARK

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We are pleased to present the updated design for China Basin Park. The nature and character of the park is the product of an extensive neighborhood planning process that spanned more than a dozen years. The updated design respects this process and strives to make China Basin Park one of the best urban parks in the United States.

The Mission Rock team – led by the San Francisco Giants and Tishman Speyer – conducted a national search and selected the award-winning landscape architecture firm SCAPE to design China Basin Park. SCAPE is led by founder Kate Orff. Orff was honored with a MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Grant, the first ever given to a landscape architect, and the firm recently won the Cooper Hewitt National Design Award. Local architectural and landscape firms, Min Design and the Miller Company, are collaborating on the park design and architecture with SCAPE.

From a public perspective, China Basin Park is the signature element in the overall mixed-use development project. The future 5-acre park sits along the shoreline across from Oracle Park and serves as a gateway to the emerging neighborhood just south of the historic Lefty O’Doul Bridge. The park will undoubtedly become a popular regional destination, but is a neighborhood park at its core.

The park design offers a diverse array of experiences, employing different architectural treatments for each of its four edges. To the west, an entry plaza welcomes visitors from the urban edge of Third Street and the O’Doul Bridge. A raised grove of trees helps mitigate wind impacts and simultaneously serves as an intimate gathering place. To the south, an engaging promenade connects the park to restaurants, shops and cafes spilling out of office and residential buildings. To the east, a sweeping lawn stretches downwards towards the water capturing dramatic views of the San Francisco Bay and the Bay Bridge. To the north, the park interacts with the Bay in a creative fashion. A beach and a series of accessible tidal shelves will cascade into the Bay, allowing direct access to the water for play, interaction with wildlife and for launching personal watercraft. In the center of it all, a generous plaza captures the energy of the park and features a small restaurant for casual dining.

- **The Great Lawn.** With expansive views of the ballpark, skyline and Bay Bridge, this sculpted lawn provides ample space for reflection, recreation, civic gathering and family picnicking. The lawn slopes gently down to the water, creating a natural amphitheater for movie nights and other community events. Stormwater is gathered and treated through green infrastructure. A dog park provides a much-needed amenity for the neighborhood.
- **The Beach & Tidal Shelves.** China Basin Park meets the waters of the Bay in a creative manner with a series of sculpted tidal shelves. Tidal pools will mark the shift of time and highlight the changing water levels, daily with the tides and over time with sea level rise. A beach sits at the top of the series of tidal shelves. The beach and extending tidal shelves are surrounded by a natural setting featuring wildlife habitat. A path to the water allows safe access for kayakers, including those who populate McCovey Cove during Giants games.
- **The Plaza.** A generous plaza sits in the heart of China Basin Park. The plaza will be a popular gathering place and incorporate a small casual restaurant, designed to be a distinctive architectural feature itself.
- **The Grove.** West of the main plaza, a lifted grove sheltered by trees and made intimate by catenary lights will serve as an ideal location for flexible programming, cultural events, vendors, music and the arts.
- **Bay Trail.** China Basin Park serves as an important connection point for the Bay Trail within the City, it is the hinge between the City’s northern and southern waterfront. The park integrates the Bay Trail in its design and offers those cycling or walking on the trail dramatic views.

ABOUT THE CHINA BASIN PARK DESIGN PROJECT TEAM

SCAPE

SCAPE is a 50-person design-driven landscape architecture and urban design studio based in New York and New Orleans. The studio believes landscape architecture can enable positive change in communities by connecting people to their immediate environment and creating dynamic and adaptive landscapes of the future.

SCAPE works to integrate natural cycles and systems into environments across all scales, from the urban pocket-park to the regional ecological plan. It does this through diverse forms of landscape architecture – built landscapes, planning frameworks, research, books, and installations – with the ultimate goal of connecting people to their immediate environment and creating dynamic and adaptive landscapes of the future.

SCAPE'S work and collaborations have led to several national awards, including the Buckminster Fuller Challenge Winner, two national American Society of Landscape Architects awards, and several NY American Society of Landscape Architects Awards. In 2017, founder and principal Kate Orff was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow, and in 2019 SCAPE was awarded the Cooper Hewitt National Design Award for Landscape Architecture. SCAPE was founded in 2007.

Miller Company

Miller Company Landscape Architects is an award winning, internationally recognized firm focused on sustainable and community-oriented design. Established in 1979, San Francisco-based Miller Company has played a pivotal role in the development of green schoolyards, urban parks, campuses, and multi-family residential projects. With a deep understanding of regional, social, and environmental contexts, Miller Company creates spaces that forge a regeneration of community and natural habitat.

Min Design

Min Design is a design-focused practice built on foundation of architecture, landscape and art. It enjoys creating objects, spaces and environments that bring pleasure into architecture across a diverse set of clients, projects and scales. Led by E.B. Min, recipient of the Architecture League's Emerging Voices award in 2016, the firm's work has been nationally recognized for design excellence across a wide range of project types.

ABOUT MISSION ROCK

This is a public-private partnership with the San Francisco Giants, Tishman Speyer and the Port of San Francisco and the City and County of San Francisco to develop a waterfront mixed-use neighborhood near Oracle Park. Now, as co-master developer and general partner, Tishman Speyer will bring its recognized expertise to work alongside the Giants to design, build, lease, and program this new San Francisco neighborhood. The project will break ground in early 2020. Mission Rock will serve as a centerpiece for the emerging Central Waterfront neighborhood and will include:

- Approximately 1,200 residential rental units, with 40 percent affordable to low and moderate income households.
- 8 acres of parks and open space, including a signature waterfront park.
- Up to 1.4 million square feet of new, high quality office space.
- 200,000+ square feet of neighborhood serving retail and local manufacturing space.
- Parking structure to serve ballpark and neighborhood needs.
- Rehabilitation of historic Pier 48.
- Public waterfront access and improvements, including a segment of the Blue Greenway trail connection from Embarcadero to Hunters Point.
- Thousands of construction and permanent jobs.

San Francisco Giants (www.sfgiants.com)

One of the oldest teams in Major League Baseball, the 136-year old franchise moved to San Francisco from New York in 1958. After playing a total of 42 years in Seals Stadium and Candlestick Park, the team privately constructed Oracle Park in 2000. The organization is widely recognized for its innovative business practices and baseball excellence. In 2010, the franchise was named the Sports Organization of the Year by Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal and in 2010 was named Organization of the Year by Baseball America. Since opening its gates, Oracle Park has become internationally-renowned as a premier venue in the world of both sports and entertainment. On the diamond, more than 56 million spectators have witnessed a number of magical moments, including three World Series Championships (2010, 2012 & 2014), four National League Pennants and seven playoff appearances.

In 2010, the Giants won the exclusive rights to develop Seawall Lot 337 – a 28-acre waterfront parcel currently used for ballpark parking – into a mixed use urban neighborhood located across McCovey Cove from Oracle Park. The project recently completed the entitlement phase and is entering into design for phase one of the project.

Tishman Speyer (www.tishmanspeyer.com)

Tishman Speyer is a leading owner, developer, operator and fund manager of first-class real estate around the world. Founded in 1978, Tishman Speyer is active across the United States, Europe, Latin America and Asia, building and managing premier office, residential and retail space in 29 key global markets for industry-leading tenants. The firm has acquired, developed and operated a portfolio of over 165 million square feet with a total value of approximately US \$83 billion spread over 401 assets. Signature assets include New York City's Rockefeller Center, São Paulo's Torre Norte, The Springs in Shanghai, Lumière in Paris and OpernTurm in Frankfurt. Tishman Speyer currently has projects at different stages of development in Boston, Brasília, Frankfurt, Gurgaon, Hyderabad, Los Angeles, New York City, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Washington, DC. In San Francisco, The firm has been responsible for recent outstanding projects such as Infinity, Lumina, 555 Mission St and 222 2nd St. The firm also operates portfolios of prominent office property portfolios in Berlin, Chicago and London.