

Timeline of Disc Golf in San Francisco

History highlights:

- 1997 A 24-hole disc golf course is proposed for McLaren Park. At Rec/Park public forums, community members express fierce opposition, causing the SF Disc Golf Club (SFDGC) to withdraw its proposal.
- 2002 Rec/Park approves SFDGC's request for the construction of a 12-hole temporary trial course at Golden Gate Park –the course is built and usage by players begins
- 2005 After reviewing GG gardeners' and naturalists' concerns of environmental damage caused by the sport, the Rec/Park Comm. approves the permanent upgrading of the GG 12-hole course to an 18-hole course and, to the disc golfer's surprise, grants a bonus 18-hole course for McLaren Park. This decision was not agendized prior to the meeting, nor was there notification of McLaren neighbors.
- 2010 In March, with a few posted fliers, Rec/Park finally notified the McLaren community of its plans to begin construction of a disc golf course that summer. In response, neighbors formed the group, Save McLaren Park (SMP) and hundreds of concerned angry citizens packed a Rec/Park informational meeting. Later in the year, respected environmental groups such as the Sierra Club, SF Tomorrow, and the California Native Plant Society join our cause as well as many community business and social groups. SMP's analysis of government documents produces a timeline that convinces Rec/Park Open Space Advisory Comm. (PROSAC) to call for a proper public hearing on the issue. Later, in that same June meeting, Pres. Buell admits the missteps of Rec/Park and calls for a public hearing.

Detailed Timeline:

We are moving files around so some of the following links are broken, please contact us at info@savemclarenpark.org for specific documents.

Date	Agent	Event	Documents	Comments

1988	RPD	McLaren Master Plan	McLaren Master Plan	
9/18/97	SFDGC/FOMP	DG Presentation to FOMP	Summary of 12/18/97 DG presentation from SFDGC (p11)	
9/26/97	VisVal CommCtr	Statement of Support forMcLaren DG	Letter from Julie Kavanagh (p8)	
12/3/1997	FOMP	Statement of Support forMcLaren DG	Letter from Bill Carlin/FOMP (p7)	
12/18/1997	RPD/SFDGC	First public meeting on proposedMcLaren DG course	Public Notice (p1)	
12/97	SFDGC		Disc Golf FAQ (p9-10)	
2/7/1998	RPD/SFDGC	Course Tours of proposed McLaren DG course	Public Notice (p1)	
2/7/1998	RPD/NAP	Lisa Wayne/NAP comments on proposed McLaren DG course	Letter from Lisa Wayne to Marvin Yee (p3)	
2/8/1998	RPD/SFDGC	Community Meeting	Public Notice (p1)	neighbors adamantly oppose a disc golf course
3/2/98	SFDGC	Withdrawal of DG proposal	Letter to Marvin Yee from Ross Hammond (p15-16)	
9/99	SFDGC	SFDGC present a proposal for a 12 hole course at Golden GatePark for a trial period		
2001 (on or about)	RPD/CP	RPD assigns Capitol Projects Manager Dan Mauer to work with SFDGC to build the course		
		Public Notice of a		

10/02		proposed 12 hole course in Golden Gate Park given to community.		
5/03		RPC 'officially' approves the GG 12-hole course through resolution		
5/04		RPC instructs staff to develop pilot course for a 18 month trial period, although the course opened and had operated continually since 9/03		even though a staffer Dan Mauer had been assigned since 2001
8/2004	RPD	Outside consultants research and report on park activities and interests	Recreation Assessment Report	NO MENTION OF DG WHATSOEVER
4/15/2005	RPD	Urban Forestry wants DG course moved to McLaren Park	Recreation and Parks department to reconsider the Golden Gate Park disc golf course. - SF Chron article	
6/2005	RPD/SFDGC	GG Course Walkthrough		
9/13/2005	RPD	Arborist Report for GGP DG course	Arborist Report from HortScience reports \$42,000 damage, requires more tree screens and other measures	
2005	RPC	Comission Meeting concerning DG in GGP & McLaren	Audio mp3 file of hearing including SFDGC leaders, comissioners and comission president Lazarus, about 30 minutes long	
3/9/2006	PD/MEA	Categorical Exemption for Marx Meadows issued	Cat-Ex page 1 Cat-Ex page 2 Cat-Ex page 3 Cat-Ex page 4	
10/2006	RPD/SFDGC	GG DG Course MOU approved	Property Use Agreement (searchable pdf)	
3/15/2007	SFDGC	Monthly Meeting, discussed GG opening day and McLaren	Meeting Agenda 'Frisbyterians' to Christen Church in Golden Gate Park - WFDC article	
4/7/2007	SFDGC	GGP DG course Opening	Meeting Agenda , see Quoroga's remarks at the end	

4/29/2007	SFDGC	Day Monthly Meeting, discussed GG opening day and McLaren	Meeting Agenda	
10/13/2007	SFDGC	News Update	Blog post discussing McLaren project by J. Bowling	
11/14/2007	SFDGC	Meeting discussion about McLaren	Meeting Minutes - "Jeffery agreed to work on putting together an MOU to take to the city around the 1st of the year"	
12/2007	RPD/SFDGC	First walkthrough of 18- hole GG course	Meeting Minutes	
1/23/2008	SFDGC	Meeting discussion about GG walkthrough, McLaren	Meeting Minutes	
2/5/2008	SFDGC	Meeting agenda including GG work party, McLaren project	Meeting Minutes - "We have a chance on Saturday to take a very big step toward seeing disc golf further expand in SF"	
10/2009	RPC	Commission discusses P Way/McLaren	"working group"	
1/6/2010	RPD/RPC	Ginsburg meeting with Commissioner Harrison - Visit Disc Golf Course (GGP) - 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM Phil's Office	http://www.scribd.com/doc/27116759/phil-ginsburg-s-calendar	
1/15/2010	RPC	Buell appointed new RPC President	Changes at the Rec and Park Commission - SF Chron	
1/15/2010	RPD	Ginsburg meets with Avalos	http://www.scribd.com/doc/27116759/phil-ginsburg-s-calendar	
3/24/2010	SFDGC	ALL CALL to support DG in SF	Blog Post by J Bowling makes plea to all bay area disc golfers to come to tour and community meeting in SF, "it is extremely important for the future of disc golf not just in McLaren Park but in all of San Francisco, that there are a huge number of disc golfers at this meeting. If you play disc golf in San Francisco, this meeting is a must attend event."	
4/10/2010	SFDGC/RPD Bowling/ Wayne/ M-	Community "Informational Tour" at McLaren Park		

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4/15/2010	SMP	First "steering committee" meeting	Save McLaren Park gets its wings	
4/19/2010	SMP	First SMP open meeting	to discuss strategy and tactics for Informational Meeting the next night - also at Crocker-Amazon Clubhouse.	
4/20/10	RPD	Community "Informational Meeting" at Crocker Amazon	Public Feedback Notes Public Poster, supposedly printed and posted 50 and many were torn down?	
5/6/2010	RPC	Commission meeting, McLaren DG discussed	Link to Video on SFGTV , starts about 20 minutes in with testimony by Joan Loeffler, then Ginsburg says "we are now in the public planning process"	
6/17/2010	RPC	Commission meeting, McLaren DG discussed, Buell calls for hearing	Link to Video on SFGTV - McLaren stuff starts about 42 minutes in, goes to about 53:00. Here's the caption text , do a text search for "mclaren" to find the good bits.	
7/1/10	RPC	Commission Hearing	Agenda, day of meeting (McLaren added) Agenda, day before meeting	Jim Marks speaks on SMP's behalf, meets Buell. Letters added to agenda the day of meeting.
7/7/10	SMP	Sunshine request	Immediate Disclosure Request, per the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance of 1999, San Francisco government code section 67 ; Save McLaren Park is requesting the immediate disclosure, per section 76.25 of the aforementioned government code, of the San Francisco Disc Golf Club's application request for disc golf courses in Golden Gate Park and McLaren Park.	