

KORET CHILDREN'S QUARTER

PLAYGROUND RENOVATION JULY 2007 OPENING UPDATE

THE PROJECT

Koret Children's Quarter is located in the southeast corner of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. The Children's Quarter includes the Sharon Art Studio, a carousel, restroom and playground. Originally established in 1887, the Children's Quarter is America's first playground. The last renovation occurred in 1977.

The purpose of the renovation is to bring Koret Children's Quarter into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the State of California's Safety Regulations for Playgrounds. In addition, this renovation will create a safe and imaginative place for children. The last renovation of the playground was in 1977.

The design concept draws from the transition of the natural landscape of San Francisco from the hills to the shore to the sea. Play opportunities include climbing wave walls, sea caves, seaside animal sculptures, and a treehouse village.

This project is being developed through a partnership between the Recreation and Park Department and the San Francisco Parks Trust (SFPT). SFPT secured a \$1.8 million donation from the Koret Foundation to be used toward improving the Children's Quarter. The Recreation and Park Department will provide the remaining funds from State of California grants

More information about this and other projects can be found on the City's website at:

<http://parks.sfgov.org>.



JUNE PROGRESS:

Excellent weather led to very productive construction at the playground in June....

- Final landscape grading was achieved and lawns were seeded.
- Trees, plants and mulch was installed.
- Hillside slide steps and railings were replaced.
- A low perimeter fence was completed along the north side of the playground.
- Birthday barn fencing was completed and concrete paving replaced.
- Peterson Architectural Arts custom play elements including the climbing wave walls and seatwalls received shotcrete application and are ready for finish coat.
- Irrigation has been tested and is programmed for turf and plant establishment period

Completed streambed water feature with renovated hillside slide in the background. (View looking southeast)



Planting continues to establish on the hillside above the play structure with climbing wave walls in the background. (View looking northeast)



OPENING EVENT ON JULY 14, 10:45 A.M.

After over a year of construction, the playground is finally ready for opening. An opening event will be held on Saturday, July 14, at 10:45 a.m. It will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, music, snacks and children's activities.

Starting Monday July 2 through the opening on July 14, the playground will be open daily between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Final remaining work:

- Turf and plant establishment is continuing until fence removal.
- Peterson Architectural Arts continues finishing surfaces on the climbing wave walls, seatwalls, and sea cave wall.
- Restroom ramp and playground entry has been prepared for repaving & handrails.
- Project signage is in fabrication and will be installed in early July.
- General site clean up remains following construction.



Wave walls by Peterson Architectural Arts are ready for final finishing coat. (View east)



Birthday barn paving has been replaced and expanded (View south)



Hillside slides have been renovated with new steps and rails. (View south)



Resilient play surfacing installation in wave wall areas showing sea turtle sculpture location (View northwest)

PROJECT TIMELINE

Scheduled Activity	Estimated Timeline
Playground Closure	February 2006
Hazardous Materials Abatement	February 1-10, 2006
Start of Construction	February 21, 2006
Playground Re-Opening	July 14, 2007

Alternate Playgrounds During Renovation Process

Thank you for your patience throughout the renovation process.

Other nearby playgrounds available during the Koret Children's Quarter renovation include:

Within Golden Gate Park:

1. Fulton Playground (J.F.K. Drive at 9th Ave.)
2. Panhandle Playground (Between Oak and Fell Streets)
3. Mother's Meadow (MLK Drive near 19th Ave.)

Outside of Golden Gate Park:

1. Buena Vista Playground (Haight St. at Buena Vista West)
2. Rossi Playground (Arguello Street at Anza Street)
3. Muriel Leff Park (7th Street between Geary and Anza Streets)
4. Grattan Playground (1180 Stanyan Street at Alma Street)

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