

**To:**

[John Jay](#); [Mary Gourley](#)

**Subject:**

A Request

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Mary, please share with Planning Commissioners and City Council members. Thanks!

Hi John,

Following up on the Planning Commissioner's request that C.U.S.P provide more information on how the size of our usable event space in Ives Park would change if their plan goes through.

A couple of years ago, when we did the measuring and calculating, we were looking at usable, level ground, suitable for a pop up tent, table or a picnic blanket. We measured our existing conditions, subtracting for the fenced creek, trees, etc. We subtracted for the redwoods under both existing and C.U.S.P. plans, as C.U.S.P. will try to retain the redwoods.

When C.U.S.P. does their measurements, if they include any sloped creek bank, it would make sense to count that separately and specify the slope.

Also, would the creek banks be planted with shrubs, trees and river grasses, as shown in the drawings?

What has still not been made clear is how the usable space (open, not planted, level, or close to it) in the C.U.S.P. plan compares to what we have now. This may not matter much to some people, but to those who value being able to have large gatherings in the park, this matters.

I sincerely hope that C.U.S.P. will take responsibility for providing this information so informed decisions can be made.

Thank you for all your work,

Lisa Pierce