Gardens in the City:
San Francisco Residence Parks, 1906-1940
Draft Historic Context Statement
Informational Presentation
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many others

Jordan Park (1906)
West Clay Park (1910)
Ingleside Terraces (1911)
Forest Hill (1912)
St. Francis Wood (1912)
Lincoln Manor (1913)
Sea Cliff (1913)
Balboa Terrace (1920)
Curvilinear Streets

Forest Hill

Sea Cliff
Entrance Gates

Balboa Terrace                                           St Francis Wood
Entrance Gates

Sea Cliff

Lincoln Manor
Jordan Park
Geary 1925 pillars gone
Odd Fellows Cemetery (left)
Jordan Park
Various styles on grid
Entrance gates
St Francis Boulevard
St. Francis Wood
Public sculptures
Belvedere, fountain, park
Uniform set backs, sidewalk design
“A Gift to the City”

• Suburban amenities (quiet, detached, landscaping, gardens)
• Social exclusivity but not super rich
• Semi-private spaces provided socialization
• Long term stability
• High quality architecture and construction
• Variety of styles
Garden Neighborhoods of San Francisco
The Development of Residence Parks, 1905–1924

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