Public Space or Commercial Strip? One of the key issues is how much commercial development to allow along the top of the bank above the shore of Nichols Basin and its new park. At the Port's request, the Advisory Committee approved commercial development of up to 16,000 square feet. This intensity of development very nearly creates a strip mall along the top of bank (see bottom site plan). Our vision is a much more limited commercial development integrated into the public green space to serve the needs of recreationalists and tourists (ice cream stands, SUP rentals, food carts, etc.) but not to create a standalone shopping district (see top site plan).

