

BREAKOUT SESSION | ROOM #1

BMASP Community Workshop #1 | January 28, 2021 | Summary of Community Comments

Comment:

- Concern of Caesar Chavez Park – tourist attraction – a real destination. Enjoyment of Nature
- Chavez Park Conservancy (CEO). Could it be put back in the state park system?

Comment:

- Park users are from Berkeley and the Bay Area.
- We need State Funding for the Park. It is a Regional Park – it should not only be funded by the City (Marina Fund)

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- Cesar Chavez Park is about celebrating the Spiritual and Religious traditions. In the Park you can see long distances and open sky – serves a lot of people – go out there to refresh themselves and reconnect with nature. “Tragedy of the Commons” – Resource for everyone

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- Don’t want it overburdened with traffic and “busy-ness”

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- Don’t want to lose the spirituality of the park through revenue generating. Parks are supposed to be “for the people” Swimming, dog walking, kayaking, etc.

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- Do not want this place to become San Leandro. It is a slippery slope. Revenue producing vs. real park. – Caution.

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- Intensification is primarily around the harbor. Keep it there.

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- Maybe the Double Tree can expand?

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- Diversity of uses and opportunities – Marina and Cesar Chavez.
- The magic of the place – keep the diversity of uses and opportunities. Draw someone down with the restaurants and discover the park – the draw is large.

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- We want more fans of the park – how can we draw people?

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- Funding Options? Why can’t the general fund with funds from the Double Tree, etc.
- Fund the parks and recreation spaces with the commercial development that is around them.

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- Libraries – come out property tax. Look at the parks like the libraries. We need a little more political will to make this problem well known. We need forces and power to push those.

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- Philanthropy – This could be a source of income for rebuilding the pier.

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- Problem with WETA.
- Should we rebuild the Pier if they can have the ferry there? Is it worth it, what are the impacts?

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- A place for stand-up paddle board and kayaking
- Small Café would be nice – grab coffee or small snacks.
- No development on Caesar Chavez.

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- Marina (80%) capacity – 200 vacant slips. D and E docks – getting replaced.
- Currently 200 vacant slips – why spend money or more slips when they aren't even at capacity.
- Small boat aquatic center – launch a small boats – amenities that will attract more users to the park – get more people there.

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- Add a children's play structure to Cesar Chavez Park.

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- Educational opportunities. Beyond Shorebird Park, how do we create an Ecopark? You want to go there to think about the impacts of the Bay, etc.

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- OPEN SPACE – water, nature.
- No Amusement Park feel

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- Dungeness Crab Setting
- Cal Sailing Monthly Open House

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- No Movie night
- Concerts – windy cold and breezy

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- Celebrate the spirit of the place with the events.
- Sunsets – twice a year – festival about the sun
- International space station flyovers
- Celestial Things.

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- Bar/Brew space. Lacking coffee shop.
- Regional Attraction.

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- Windsurfing event.

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- Launch Ramp + Parking
- During Salmon season – every parking space is occupied by truck and boat trying to get out there.
- Ramp is heavily used.
- Can more money be made off the fishing people?