

Willard Clubhouse Community Meeting - Thursday, August 19, 2021 - 6:30 - 8:30pm
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Chat Log

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From Diana Soline to All Panelists: 06:37 PM

Can we see the audience members?

From PRW - Roger Miller - Zoom to All Panelists: 06:37 PM

No, audience memvbers do not have video.

From Diana Soline to All Panelists: 06:39 PM

Fruit trees too??

From howard rosenberg to All Panelists: 06:39 PM

thanks for your presentations; please address (1) extent and duration of the entire proposed construction process; and (2) costs of operating and maintaining proposed structure compared to present configuration

From Me to Everyone: 07:18 PM

You can use the raise hand feature in Zoom to be acknowledged to speak.

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 07:19 PM

I attended the meeting on Saturday, August 14, signed in to the City list but did not receive an email about this meeting. 59 on-line responses (May-June 2020) is not what I would call a big response for a Berkeley \$7 million project. Carla

From Marshall Miller to All Panelists: 07:19 PM

Thank you for this presentation! My question is about the trees being planted. I think it's wonderful to plant new trees, but I'm interested to hear what impact is expected on the park experience of the new trees. Will they take up much lawn space? Will they be planted as very young trees? When will they be planted?

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 07:19 PM

& why isn't chat open to the entire phone call?

From Diana Soline to All Panelists: 07:19 PM

The SMALLEST FOOTPRINT PLEASE!!!

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 07:21 PM

I suggest a joint council/school board meeting at Willard Park so neighbors could discuss what we would like. Children need outdoor space--they spend way too much time in classrooms.

From Alex to All Panelists: 07:22 PM

You mentioned 20 ft setback from the fence and while some presented designs reflect this, several do not. WHY?

From Zachary Stauffer to All Panelists: 07:22 PM

I'm a neighbor of the park and a parent of three kids who use the space and have participated in the after school program. Kids need a new facility and one that the community can use as well. Option 3 looks great. Regarding the restrooms — what's the plan to keep them clean and safe, regardless of location?

From Diana Soline to All Panelists: 07:22 PM

PLEASE EXPLAIN: Why cant Willard School be used for children's daycare??

From Alex to All Panelists: 07:26 PM

What happened top the option on keeping the footprint small and creating a 2-story building?

From Steve Morgan Haskell to All Panelists: 07:28 PM

Option one is best, with bathrooms behind.

From Alex to All Panelists: 07:30 PM

If the redwood tree in the south-east corner is to come out in ~20 years, why not take it out now and make room for the building. If the tree is removed later, we won't be able to move the building later!!!

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 07:41 PM

Do we have to file a public records act request to know who attended this meeting?

From Steve Morgan Haskell to All Panelists: 07:45 PM

Bathroom between tennis courts is a bad idea.

From Alex to All Panelists: 07:50 PM

Can the office and kitchen be put on the 2nd floor to keep the footprint small?

From Zachary Stauffer to All Panelists: 07:51 PM

Restrooms right on Derby St. is a bad idea. Would be a blight on the community connection to the park.

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to All Panelists: 07:53 PM

Pottery Wall would make a superb pollinator garden.

From Mark Lowe to All Panelists: 07:53 PM

with no impact on trees.

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mark Lowe.....what about moving the building to the south end of the tennis courts. it would result in the loss of the backboard but could be much larger with no impact on trees.

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 07:57 PM

No--the clubhouse expands into a big part of the open space....and the trees will block the view westward from the park.

From Mary Oram to All Panelists: 07:58 PM

The proposed building designs all take away the open area to the west of the current clubhouse. This was the original location of the tot play area 35 years ago. Why do all the designs include three interior bathrooms?

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to All Panelists: 07:58 PM

I'd like to see the chat thread if possible

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 07:58 PM

Sorry--didn't hear that. Carla Woodworth.. [REDACTED]

From Mary Oram to All Panelists: 07:58 PM

Please send me the list. [REDACTED]

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 07:59 PM

Or I can send a request to the city clerk or the city attorney or the city manager.

From Steve Morgan Haskell to All Panelists: 08:01 PM

Option one seems to take the least amount of green space; bathrooms should be connected to this.

From Mark Lowe to All Panelists: 08:01 PM

please send me a list of attendees. thanks [REDACTED]

From Alex to All Panelists: 08:01 PM

Yes, please take another look at the option of going up (2-story) - this will minimize the foot print.

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 08:02 PM

Quadrupling the size of the clubhouse....from 500 square feet to 2000 (or ten times to 5000 square feet).....and who wants it?

From Mark Lowe to All Panelists: 08:02 PM

FYI the setback area is LOST USABLE OPEN SPACE

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 08:02 PM

The concrete "slab" is used regularly by kids!!!!

From Diana Soline to All Panelists: 08:03 PM

I would like to ask a question!

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 08:04 PM

The tot-lot came from a real community process thanks to Bill Lipsky and the community. Grassroots involvement.

From Steve Morgan Haskell to All Panelists: 08:04 PM

Option 2 for bathrooms, is another building. This will take the view of the sunset, think about it.

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 08:07 PM

Yes...what is happening with Willard School?

Do Berkeley voters have any relationship with the Berkeley City Council and the Berkeley School District?

From Mark Lowe to All Panelists: 08:08 PM

AFTER SCHOOL CARE WAS ALWAYS ACCOMODATED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS....WHY DO WE NEED TO HAVE IT ON PARK GROUNDS ????

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 08:10 PM

No--the chat is only for city staff and city councilmembers. Could we also get a copy of the chat as well as who was on the call?

From Steve Morgan Haskell to All Panelists: 08:12 PM

Pottery wall is a great place for the pollinating garden!
Leave the wall up.

From April Gilbert to All Panelists: 08:12 PM

I can't believe people love that wall. I think it's the ugliest thing in the park. No accounting for taste...

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to All Panelists: 08:13 PM

Oh and then there is the construction at People's Park with the 17 story dorm.

From April Gilbert to All Panelists: 08:14 PM

It used to be that people could use the bathroom at the Willard pool. Is that bathroom still available? If not, it puts lots of pressure on the bathroom at the park. Much of the problem is the closing of other facilities.

From Diana Soline to All Panelists: 08:14 PM

██████████ Diana Soline Ashby Garden !!!

From Steve Morgan Haskell to All Panelists: 08:15 PM

Great meeting; thank you all!

From Diana Soline to All Panelists: 08:15 PM

GOOD JOB!!!