



PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
2800 Park St, Berkeley, CA 94703
(Frances Albrier Community Center – Auditorium)

Parks and Waterfront Commission

Agenda

The Commissions may discuss any items listed on the agenda, but may take action only on items identified as Action.

1. **Call to Order** (Chair).
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary).
3. **Land Acknowledgement:** The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochoyeno (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.
4. **Action: Approval of Agenda** (Chair).
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for May 10, 2023 (Chair).*
6. **Public Comment.**
7. **Chair's Report.**
8. **Director's Report** (Ferris): PRW Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget.
9. **Discussion: Update on DBAW loan for D&E Dock Project** (Ferris).**
10. **Discussion: Update on Marina Fund fiscal gap FY2024** (Ferris).**
11. **Discussion: Update on Aquatic Park Capital Projects** (Ferris). See link:
<https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/aquatic-park-capital-improvement-projects>
12. **Discussion: Parking at the Berkeley Waterfront** (Kawczynska).*
13. **Discussion: Waterfront Specific Plan subcommittee report** (Abshez/ Cox/ Diehm/ Kawczynska).*
14. **Discussion: Update on Pier and Water Transportation Ferry Project** (Ferris).
15. **Discussion: Update on Civic Center Vision Plan Project** (Diehm).
16. **Discussion/Action: PRW Commission Workplan 2023 (DRAFT) and approval of new liaisons** (Kawczynska/Diehm).*
17. **Information: Recent Council Reports.***
18. **Future Agenda Items:** Priorities for parks capital projects FY2023-24; PRW Commission Workplan 2023; Parks Development Fee; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Dogs in Parks; Berth Fee Waivers for community service organizations.
19. **Communications.** McGrath parking letter, 60-08-23; Skate Park Survey of Parks, 05-10-2023; G. Stout Comments on Berkeley Marina, 05-03-2023.
20. **Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 (in-person).
21. **Adjournment.**

* document is attached to agenda packet and on the commission website.

** document will be provided at the meeting.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mayor - Gordon Wozniak	District 3 - Gianna Ranuzzi	District 6 - Anna Avellar
District 1 - Reichi Lee	District 4 - Erin Diehm	District 7 -
District 2 - Claudia Kawczynska	District 5 - Brennan Cox	District 8 - Allan Abshez

Current assignments

Subcomm on Marina Fund (12-14-2022)
 Subcomm on dogs and parks (02-08-2023)

Liaison - Civic Center Planning – Erin Diehm
 Liaison - Civic Arts in Parks – Brennan Cox
 Liaison - Commission on Aging – Anna Avellar

2023 Commission Meeting Dates

Name of Commission: Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

Commission Secretary: Roger Miller

Location: Frances Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St

Month	Meeting Day and Date (2 nd Wednesday per month)	Time	Notes
2023			
January	Wednesday, January 11	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg (Zoom)
February	Wednesday, February 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg (Zoom)
March	Wednesday, March 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg – Albrier Ctr
April	Wednesday, April 12	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg – Live Oak Ctr
May	Wednesday, May 10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg – Albrier Ctr
June	Wednesday, June 21	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg – Albrier Ctr
July	Wednesday, July 12	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg – Albrier Ctr
August	No meeting		
September	Wednesday, September 13	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg – Albrier Ctr
October	Wednesday, October 11	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg – Albrier Ctr
November	Wednesday, November 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg – Albrier Ctr
December	No Meeting		
2024			
January	<i>Wednesday, January 10</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Regular Mtg</i>

**PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 7:00 P.M., Zoom Meeting

Minutes – Draft

The Commissions may discuss any items listed on the agenda, but may take action only on items identified as Action.

1. **Call to Order** (Chair): 7pm.
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Srioudom; Wozniak; Absent: Avellar.
3. **Land Acknowledgement**: The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.
4. **Action: Approval of Agenda** (Chair). (M/S/C: Wozniak/Cox/U): Ayes: Abshez; Avallar; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Srioudom; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: None.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for April 12, 2023 (Chair).* (M/S/C: Cox/ Ranuzzi/ U): Ayes: Abshez; Avallar; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Srioudom; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: None.
6. **Public Comment**. a) Susan Schwartz, how to do it better; b) Phil Allen, City flag; c) Sarah Ranney, Berkeley Waterfront; d) Sean O'Loughlin, skate boarding; e) Tetsu Tokanaga, skate park at James Kenney; f) Paul Kamen, Ferry planning.
7. **Chair's Report**. Attended Berkeley Project Day at Cesar Chavez Park (to fill holes) (Kawczynska); Attended Berkeley Project Day at James Kenney Park (Diehm); Attended Berkeley Project Day at Adeline (Ranuzzi).
8. **Presentation – Undergrounding Interstate 80 in Berkeley** (Tony Bruzzoni).^{*} Presentation was provided. Public Comment: a) Kelly Hammargren; b) Naomi Friedman; Martin Nicolaus.
9. **Presentation/Action – Waterfront Specific Plan [Webinar 1](#)¹ and [Webinar 2](#)² and subcommittee report**^{*} (Abshez/Cox/Diehm/Kawczynska).^{*} Presentation was provided. Public Comment: a) Kelly Hammargren; b) Martin Nicolaus; Susan Schwartz.
10. **Discussion/Action – Measure T1 Proposed Reductions** ([link](#))³ (Wozniak).^{*} Item was discussed. Public Comment: a) Martin Nicolaus.

¹ <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/events/waterfront-specific-plan-webinar-1>

² <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/events/waterfront-specific-plan-webinar-2>

³ <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-attachments/2023-04-20%20Item%2002%20Supplemental.pdf>

- 11. Discussion – Proposed Fee Increases to City Recreation and Waterfront fees and programs** (Ferris). ** Held over.
- 12. Discussion/Action: PRW Commission Workplan 2023 (DRAFT) and approval of new liaisons** (Kawczynska/Diehm).* Held over.
- 13. Director’s Report** (Ferris): Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget. Held over.
- 14. Information: Recent Council Reports.** *
- 15. Future Agenda Items:** priorities for parks capital projects FY2023-24; PRW Commission Workplan 2023; Parks Development Fee; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Dogs in Parks; Berth Fee Waivers for community service organizations
- 16. Communications.** McGrath ltr, 2023-05-02; Schwartz ltr, 2023-05-05; Schwartz ltr, 2023-05-01; Schwartz ltr, 2023-05-01; Dean, CESP ltr, 2023-04-26; Kawczynska, Sewage in the Bay article; Beverley Spencer, Marine Mammals in the Bay article; Eleanor Hollandar, 2023-05-05.
- 17. Next PRW Commission meeting:** (M/S/C: Avellar/Abshez/U) to reschedule the next regular meeting of the PRW Commission to Wednesday, June 21, 2023 (in-person):
Ayes: Abshez; Avallar; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Srioudom; Wozniak;
Noes: None; Absent: None.
- 18. Adjournment.** 10pm.

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- Commissioners in attendance: 9 of 9 appointed.
- Public in attendance: 12
- Public speakers: 13

***Note:** For any handouts distributed at the meeting, please see the Draft Minutes for May 10, 2023 on the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission webpage at the following link online:

<https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/boards-commissions/parks-recreation-and-waterfront-commission>

Agenda Item 16. PRW Commission Workplan 2023-2024

Parks and Waterfront Commission 2023-2024 Work Plan

DRAFT

FUNCTION

(BMC 3.26.040) The Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission shall be an advisory board and shall review the following related to all City/public parks, open space, greenery, pools, programs, recreation centers, the Waterfront, and resident camps: their physical conditions, policies, projects, programs, planning efforts, activities, and funding; early childhood education programs; and animal care issues in parks, and shall advise the City Council on these matters.

LIAISONS

- Civic Center Planning – Erin Diehm
- Civic Arts in Parks – Brennan Cox
- Commission on Aging – Anna Avellar

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Fiscal Matters - understand challenges facing Waterfront and identify solutions
- Fiscal Matters - requesting funds from City - develop a Prioritized list of funds needed for PRW to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee for regular review
- Fiscal Matters - bringing in funds for Parks - Parks Development Fee, Increased Parks Tax, Philanthropy
- Dogs in Parks
- Promoting Equity and Inclusivity in the Parks
- Promoting Nature into Our Parks (Aquatic Park, Birdability, Habitat Gardens, Biodiversity Initiative)
- Adding amenities in our parks targeted specifically to seniors

WORK ITEMS

PROJECT	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	LEAD
BMASP	Ongoing	Evaluate proposed development strategies while ensuring recreational availability to current and future stakeholders	
Liaisons	Ongoing		
T1 Phase 2 oversight	Ongoing		
Waterfront Fiscal	Established Dec '22		Subcommittee: Gordon Wozniak, Brandon FLoyd, Allan Abshez, Claudia

PROJECT	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	LEAD
			Kawczynska
Dogs in Parks	Initiated Q1-23	Establishing a dogs in park subcommittee to review new opportunities for off leash recreation.	Subcommittee: Claudia Kawczynska, Anna Avellar, Davina Srioudom
Budgetary Priority List		Development of a priority list of projects for funding and to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee for regular review	Gordon Wozniak, Erin Diehm, Allan Abshez
Promoting Nature in Our Parks		Explore opportunities to promote nature in our parks and accessibility (e.g. Birdability, Habitat Gardens, Aquatic Park)	Erin Diehm
Fundraising Opportunities		Bringing in funds for Parks - Parks Development Fee, Increased Parks Tax, Philanthropy	Brennan Cox/Gordon Wozniak
Promoting Equity and Inclusivity in the Parks		Meet with community based organizations	Reichi Lee
BUSD and Parks		Exploring opportunities to expand cooperative agreements for green space usage	Reichi Lee

Agenda Item 17. Recent Council Reports**PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION****RECENT COUNCIL REPORTS**

The following recent PRW council reports can be accessed from the City Council Website by using the following URL's:

June 23, 2023 (regular)

11.-FY 2024 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06-13%20Item%2011%20FY%202024%20Tax%20Rate%20Fund%20the%20Maintenance.pdf>

19.-Contract: Chemical Procurement Services, LLC for King and West Campus Swim Centers

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06-13%20Item%2019%20Contract%20Chemical%20Procurement%20Services.pdf>

25.-Provide Direction on Closing the Funding Gap to Complete Remaining Measure T1 Projects

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06-13%20Item%2025%20Provide%20Direction%20on%20Closing.pdf>

Revised material (Supp 2)

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06-13%20Item%2025%20Measure%20T1%20Kesarwani%20Rev2.pdf>

June 6, 2023 (regular)

4.-Grant Application: The Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) Grant Program of the California Division of Boating & Waterways

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06-06%20Item%2004%20Grant%20Application%20The%20Surrendered.pdf>

5.-Contract Amendments for As-needed Trees Services with Bay Area Tree, Hamilton Tree, Professional Tree, and West Coast Arborist

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06-06%20Item%2005%20Contract%20Amendments.pdf>

6.-Donation from the Bessemer Trust for Tree Planting

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06-06%20Item%2006%20Donation%20from%20the%20Bessemer.pdf>

May 23, 2023 (regular)

23.-Contract: Delta Charter – Bus Transportation Services for Echo Lake Camp and Select Recreation Division Summer Programs

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-05-23%20Item%2023%20Contract%20%20%20Delta%20Charter%20%E2%80%93%20Bus%20Transportation%20Services.pdf>

24.-Contract: Baldoni Construction Services, Inc. for Echo Lake Camp Accessibility Upgrades

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-05-23%20Item%2024%20Contract%20%20Baldoni%20Construction%20Services%2C%20Inc.%20for%20Echo%20Lake%20Camp%20Accessibility%20Upgrades.pdf>

44.-Selected Marina Fee Increases

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-05-23%20Item%2044%20Selected%20Marina%20Fee%20Increases.pdf>

45.-Changes to Selected Parks and Recreation Fees

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-05-23%20Item%2045%20Changes%20to%20Selected%20Parks%20and%20Recreation%20Fees.pdf>