



PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Frances Albrier Community Center - auditorium
2800 Park Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

Agenda

- The Commissions may discuss any items listed on the agenda, but may take action only on items identified as Action.
 - Public Comment on agenda items shall be heard at each item (2 minutes per speaker).
1. **Call to Order** (chair).
 2. **Roll Call** (Secretary).
 3. **City of Berkeley Land Acknowledgement:**¹
 4. **Action: Approval of Agenda.** (chair)
 5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 (chair).*
 6. **Public Comment** (2 min each).
 7. **Chair's Report/Discussion.**
 8. **Director's Report:** Update on special events, community engagement, capital and maintenance projects, forestry, recreation (Ferris/Erickson).
 9. **Discussion/Action:** Potential Facilities Bond Measure for Nov 2026.** Update on Subcommittee Report Progress re same(Ferris/Stewart).**
 10. **Discussion/Action:** Initial Recommendations from the Subcommittee on Locations for Dog Parks (Nash).*
 11. **Discussion/Action:** Proposed Field User Fee Increases (Ferris).*
 12. **Discussion/Action:** Create Subcommittee to draft State of the Parks Communication to City Council for Commission's Consideration and Adoption (Rybczynski).
 13. **Information Reports:** Recent PRW Council Reports.*
 14. **Future Agenda Items:** Workplan; Election of Officers (March 11); Nexus Study; Commission discussion on Draft EIR for Pier Water Transportation Project (March 11); Public Art in Aquatic Park.
 15. **Communications.*** Abshez, 01-21-2026; African-American Holistic Health Center Ground-breaking ceremony flyer, 01/23/2026; Willard Clubhouse Public Art Unveiling & LEED Gold Celebration, 02/11/2026.
 16. **Next PRW Commission meetings:** Wed, March 11, 2026 (Regular).
 17. **Adjournment.**
 - * document is attached to agenda packet and on the commission website.
 - ** document will be provided at the meeting.

¹ Land Acknowledgement Statement 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.

Agenda

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MISSION STATEMENT – PARKS AND WATERFRONT: Reviews and advises the City Council on issues 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.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mayor-	District 3 - Ben Nash	District 6 -
District 1 - Carrie Rybczynski	District 4 - Mary Muszynski	District 7 - Ysabela Philip
District 2 - Leigh Stewart	District 5 - Allen Samelson	District 8 - Allan Abshez

Current assignments

- Subcomm on dogs and parks (07-09-2025) (Nash; Stewart) Liaison - Civic Arts in Parks (Carrie Rybczynski)
- Subcomm on parks impact fee (07-09-2025) (Abshez; Rybczynski)
- Subcomm on Waterfront Fees (10-08-2025) (Abshez; Philip)
- Subcomm on City bond measure 2026 (10-08-25) (Muszynski; Nash; Samelson; Stewart)

2026 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
2026			
January	Tuesday, January 13	7:00 p.m.	Special Mtg
February	Wednesday, February 11	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
March	Wednesday, March 11	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
April	Wednesday, April 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
April	Thursday, April 9	8:30am	Special (park site visits)
May	Wednesday, May 13	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
June	Wednesday, June 10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
July	Wednesday, July 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
August	No meeting		
September	Wednesday, September 9	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
October	Wednesday, October 14	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
November	Tuesday, November 10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
December	No Meeting		
2027			
January	Wednesday, January 13	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg



**PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION
Special Meeting**

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Frances Albrier Community Center - auditorium
2800 Park Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

Minutes - Draft

1. **Call to Order** (chair): 7pm.
 2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Abshez; Nash; Rybczynski; Samelson; Stewart;
Absent: Muszynski (LOA); Philip.
 3. **City of Berkeley Land Acknowledgement:** ²
 4. **Action: Approval of Agenda.** (chair) (M/S/C: Rybczynski/Abshez/U) Ayes: Abshez;
Nash; Rybczynski; Samelson; Stewart; Noe's: none; Absent: Muszynski (LOA); Philip.
 5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for Wednesday, November 12, 2025 (chair).* (M/S/C:
Samelson/Rybczynski/U) Ayes: Abshez; Nash; Rybczynski; Samelson; Stewart; Noe's:
none; Absent: Muszynski (LOA); Philip.
 6. **Public Comment** (2 min each). a) Doug Yamamoto, Waterfront; b) Jim McGrath,
Waterfront.
 7. **Chair's Report/Discussion.** Chair Abshez had lunch with Chair, Planning
Commission re: parks impact fee.
 8. **Director's Report:** Update on special events, community engagement, capital and
maintenance projects, forestry, recreation (Ferris/Erickson). Update was provided
(Ferris).
 9. **Presentation:** Pier Water Transportation Project Update (Liza McNulty).* Presentation
was provided. Public Comment: a) Edward Kyczynski; b) Kelley Hammargren.
 10. **Discussion/Action:** Potential Fitness Court locations in Berkeley (Miller).* Item was
held over.
 11. **Discussion/Action:** Update on Proposed Marina and Recreation Fees Increases
(Ferris). Discussion was held.
 12. **Information Reports:** Recent PRW Council Reports.*
 13. **Future Agenda Items:** Potential Infrastructure Bond Measure November 2026;
Election of Officers (Feb 11); Nexus Study; Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); Dog
Parks locations.
 14. **Communications.*** G. Reiger, 12/5/2025; McGrath, 11/19/2025; McGrath,
11/12/2025; Grant Opening – Ohlone Park Restroom Lighting Improvements,
01/08/2026.
 15. **Next PRW Commission meetings:** Thurs, Feb 5, 2026 (Special-site visit); Wed, Feb
11, 2026 (Regular).
 16. **Adjournment.** 10:15pm.
- * document is attached to agenda packet and on the commission website.
** document will be provided at the meeting.
- Commissioners in attendance: 5 of 5 appointed.
 - Public in attendance: 6
 - Public speakers: 4

² Text of the City of Berkeley Land Acknowledgement:

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-agendas/SSCOC%20Agenda%20and%20Memorandum%20July%202025.pdf>

***Note:** For any handouts distributed at the meeting, please see the Draft Minutes for January 13, 2026, 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>

PRWC Dog Park Subcommittee Recommendations

Executive Summary

Between October and November 2025, Dog Park Subcommittee members visited several locations identified by the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department (PRWD) as potential dog park locations. Our reviews and recommendations are below. All locations have existing parks; based on PRWD guidance, Subcommittee members recommend converting a portion of the following parks to dog parks.

Subcommittee Mission

Berkeley is a city that values equity, public health, and community engagement. As dog ownership rises and urban density increases, the demand for off-leash recreation areas has outpaced available space. Berkeley currently only has 2 dog parks; the first one, Ohlone Dog Park, was established in 1979 and was one of the first in the nation. Then, in 1998, the 17-acre Off Leash Area in Cesar Chavez Park started a trial period, and in 2000, it was formally authorized as a designated Off-Leash Area. This proposal urges the City of Berkeley to prioritize the creation and expansion of dedicated dog parks/dog play areas to support public health, safety, and neighborhood vitality.

The Need for More Dog Parks

Currently, Berkeley has limited off-leash dog areas, which are often overcrowded or located far from many residential neighborhoods, such as Cesar Chavez Park. This shortage can create tension in shared-use parks, encourage off-leash activity in inappropriate areas, and diminish the quality of life for both dog owners and non-dog owners alike.

Dog Park Site Recommendations

1. King School Park
2. Glendale La Loma Park
3. Berkeley Way Mini Park
4. San Pablo Park
5. Aquatic Park

King School Park

Staff-provided description of proposed dog area: West side of King Park (small)

Address: 1700 Hopkins Street

Neighborhood: Hopkins

District: 5

Councilmember: Shoshana O'Keefe

Approx. Park Acreage: 1.72 acres | 74,920 sq. ft.

Topography: Flat

Ground Surface: Grass

Site Conditions

Fencing Feasibility: Good ease of enclosure with low fencing (too low for dogs) existing along two edges, so within existing paths. A new dog fence system is needed. Though there is room for this, and possibly a planted setback strip along the main path and sidewalk edges.

Water Source: Existing fountain or irrigation tap likely

Drainage: No signs of ponding or erosion; slight slope toward Hopkins; relatively flat and elevated above sidewalk and path.

Shade / Trees: Existing street and park trees around perimeter, sunny.

Ground Cover Condition: Natural turf is not well-maintained. A minimal scope could support DG or gravel.

Potential Conflicts: Proximity to picnic and play areas.

Neighborhood Receptivity: Observed dog activity on leash.

Other notes

- Community input is needed. This is a well-used park throughout the day. It's not clear how much this lawn area is used. It was empty while the rest of the park was active. The area size would support split small and large dog areas or one big area.

Photos



King West looking from the sidewalk at Hopkins



King West toward the play area

Glendale La Loma Park

Staff-provided description of proposed dog area: Second level of Glendale, La Loma Park (medium-sized park)

Address: 1300 Glendale Ave

District: 6 Councilmember: Brent Blackaby

Approx. Park Acreage: 5.61 acres | 244,400 sq. ft.

Topography: Sloped - Terraced

Ground Surface: Grass

Site Context

Surrounding Land Uses: Residential

Access: Street frontage, street parking, ADA access, neighborhood

Visibility & Safety: Slope interrupts sightlines from the lower terrace, but "eyes on the park" from neighbors overlooking spaces.

Fencing Feasibility: Good.

Water Source: unknown

Drainage: No signs of ponding or erosion; minimal to steep slopes.

Shade / Trees: Mostly sunny. Some shade from surrounding trees.

Ground Cover Condition: Natural grass turf not well-maintained. Possibly not irrigated.

Potential Conflicts: Proximity to homes for noise.

Neighborhood Receptivity: Unknown.

Photos



Glendale La Loma Park

Berkeley Way Mini Park

Photos





San Pablo North of Ballpark

Site Conditions

Existing park: Yes

Surrounding neighborhood: Yes

Flat land: partly

Ground material: Grass

Other notes

- Two halves of this grassy strip are separated by a walking path that leads from the sidewalk to the park
- One half has a slope (closer to the baseball dugout)
- Lots of dogs play at this park

Photos





Aquatic Park

Site conditions

Existing park: Yes

Surrounding neighborhood: No

Flat land: Partly

Ground material: Dirt and grass

Other notes

- Existing water fountain (not flowing) with ground level dog bowl.
- The open space next to the parking lot and train tracks is pretty flat with a slight grade and a few trees as you walk further along the path.
- Mostly small hills, but the pictured section is flat.

Photos





RESOLUTION NO. 72,094-N.S.

CHANGES TO SELECTED RECREATION FACILITIES AND CAMPS PROGRAM FEES
AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 71,833-N.S.

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2025, Council adopted the new Fee Schedule for Recreation Division programs (Resolution No. 71,833-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Echo Lake Camp, Tuolumne Camp, and Berkeley Day Camp new fees and fee increases will provide additional revenue to the Camps Fund which will help cover the cost of delivering programs; and

WHEREAS, the facility and program fee increases will provide additional revenue to the General Fund (011), Camps Fund (125), and Marina Fund (608), which will help cover the cost of delivering services and maintaining facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Works Accelerator program will provide for an expanded program offering to the Youthworks Internship Program in a fiscally responsible manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the rates and charges set forth in Exhibit A are hereby fixed and established for the Parks and Recreation programs and facilities and shall be effective January 21, 2026, unless otherwise noted in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 71,833 N.S.; and all amendatory resolutions are hereby rescinded effective January 20, 2026.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on January 20, 2026 by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Blackaby, Humbert, Kesarwani, Lunaparra, O'Keefe, Taplin, Tregub, and Ishii.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.



Adena Ishii, Mayor

Attest: 

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Resolution - Exhibit A: Recreation Fee Schedule
Effective January 21, 2026 (unless otherwise noted below)

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
I. DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT NEW FEES			
The Director of Parks Recreation and Waterfront, or his/her designee, reserves the right to establish fees for new Recreation programs based on comparison with other municipalities.			
New Programs	Various	Up to \$450	Up to \$540
II. FACILITY RENTAL CHARGES			
1. Room Rentals: Regular Hours (1-Hour Minimum); Non-Regular Hours (2-Hour Minimum) James Kenney (JK), Live Oak (LO), Frances Albrier (FA), Martin Luther King (MLK), Willard (W)			
A. Youth, Senior, Disabled			
Regular Hours	Hour	\$49	\$59
Non-Regular Hours	Hour	\$65	\$78
B. All Other			
Auditorium (FA), Social Hall (LO), Community Room – Full (W)			
Regular Hours	Hour	\$80	\$96
Non-Regular Hours	Hour	\$100	\$120
Fireside Room (LO), Community Room (JK, YAP), Community Room – Half (W)			
Regular Hours	Hour	\$62	\$74
Non-Regular Hours	Hour	\$78	\$94
Game Room (MLK), Arts & Crafts Room (FA, JK, LO, YAP) Meeting Room (JK, LO, MLK, FA)			
Regular Hours	Hour	\$55	\$66
Non-Regular Hours	Hour	\$69	\$83
Outdoor Patio (W)	Hour	\$40	\$48
Outdoor Patio (W)	4-hours	\$150	\$180
C. Multi Room Discount			
2nd room	Rental	25% discount	25% discount

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
3rd room, each additional room	Rental	50% discount	50% discount
D. Gym Rentals (JK, MLK)			
Regular Hours	Hour	\$77	\$92
Non-Regular Hours	Hour	\$96	\$115
E. Filming Fee			
Parks and Facilities	½ Day	\$400	\$400
	Full Day	\$800	\$800
F. Surcharges			
Table & Chair Set-Up	Rental	\$63	\$76
Kitchen Use	Rental	\$86	\$103
Small Storage Room	Month	\$21	\$25
Large Storage Room	Month	\$31	\$37
Stage Use w/Room Rental	Hour	\$26	\$31
P/A system & staff operation	Hour	\$42	\$50
Cleaning/Damage Deposit All Rentals (Refundable)	Rental	\$200	\$200
2. City Athletic Fields			
A. Cedar Rose, Codornices, Glendale-La Loma, Grove, James Kenney, Ohlone, Rosa Parks, San Pablo, Thousand Oaks, Willard			
Youth non-profit leagues	2-Hours	\$36	\$43
Adults, for-profits, private schools	2-Hours	\$72	\$86
Maintenance Deposit		40% of Fee	40% of Fee
B. Gabe's Fields at Harrison Park, Natural Turf			
Youth non-profit leagues	2-Hours	\$36	\$43
Adults, for-profits, private schools	2-Hours	\$83	\$100
Youth, for-profits, private schools, with lights	2-Hours	\$66	\$80
Adults, for-profits, private schools, with lights	2-Hours	\$113	\$136
C. Gilman Fields, Natural Turf			
Youth non-profit leagues, no lights	2-Hours	\$36	\$43

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
Adults, for-profits, private schools, no lights	2-Hours	\$83	\$100
Youth non-profit leagues, with lights	2-Hours	\$66	\$80
Adults, for-profits, private schools, with lights	2- Hours	\$113	\$136
D. Gilman Fields, Synthetic Turf			
Youth non-profit leagues, no lights	2-Hours	\$50	\$60
Adults, for-profits, private schools, no lights	2-Hours	\$104.50	\$125.50
Youth non-profit leagues, with lights	2-Hours	\$80	\$96
Adults, for-profits, private schools, with lights	2- Hours	\$134.50	\$161.50
E. Sports Field User Fines (Policy Violations: Applicable to All Athletic Fields)			
Playing on Closed Grass Fields	1st Offense	\$250	\$250
	2nd Offense	\$500	\$500
Running practices in main goal areas	1st Offense within 12 mo	\$50	\$50
	2nd Offense within 12 mo	\$100	\$100
	3rd Offense within 12 mo	\$200	\$200
Dogs, Alcohol, Trash, Wheeled vehicles	Incident	\$100	\$100
Field Monitor	Hourly	\$25	\$25
F. Additional Rules (Applicable to All Athletic Fields)			
Weekday slots used before 3:30pm throughout the year are discounted 50%			
Weekday slots 5:30pm-7:00pm are charged as full two-hour slot			
All other slots are pro-rated in 30-minute increments			
3. Skate Park Rental			
Rental (includes 2 staff members)	Hour	\$250	\$300
Birthday Party Rental (includes 2 staff members & lesson)	Hour	\$350	\$420
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$200	\$200
4. Outdoor Court Reservations			
Tennis Courts, Pickleball Courts, Basketball Courts			

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
A. Day Use			
Adult	Hour	\$8	\$10
Youth, Senior, Disabled	Hour	\$6	\$7
B. Night Use/Lighted Courts			
Adult	Hour	\$12	\$14
Youth, Senior, Disabled	Hour	\$10	\$12
C. Pickleball Courts (Striped, without nets)			
Adult	Hour	\$5	\$6
Youth, Senior, Disabled	Hour	\$4	\$5
5. Swim Centers (1-hour minimum) King Pool, West Campus Pool			
1-35 people	Hour	\$100	\$120
36-70 people	Hour	\$145	\$174
71-100 people	Hour	\$177	\$212
101-150 people	Hour	\$217	\$260
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$200	\$200
6. Picnic Areas (4-hour minimum)			
Aquatic Park Area 1	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Aquatic Park Area 2	4-hours	\$54	\$65
Aquatic Park Area 3	4-hours	\$54	\$65
Aquatic Park Area 4	4-hours	\$54	\$65
Berkeley Way Mini Area 1	4-hours	\$33	\$40
Cedar Rose Area 1	4-hours	\$36	\$43
Cedar Rose Area 2	4-hours	\$36	\$43
Cedar Rose Area 3	4-hours	\$36	\$43
Cesar Chavez Area 1	4-hours	\$50	\$50
Cesar Chavez Area 2	4-hours	\$220	\$220
Cesar Chavez: Area 3	4-hours	\$70	\$70

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
Codornices Park Area 1	4-hours	\$83	\$100
Codornices Park Area 2	4-hours	\$66	\$79
Codornices Park Area 3	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Codornices Park Area 4	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Cragmont Area 1	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Cragmont Area 2	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Cragmont Area 3	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Glendale La Loma Area 1	4-hours	\$40	\$48
Greg Brown Park Area 1	4-hours	\$33	\$40
Grove Area 1	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Horseshoe Park 1	4-hours	\$75	\$75
James Kenney Area 1	4-hours	\$50	\$60
James Kenney Area 2	4-hours	\$50	\$60
John Hinkel Area 1	4-hours	\$40	\$48
John Hinkel Area 2	4-hours	\$50	\$60
King School Area 1	4-hours	\$33	\$40
Live Oak Park Areas 1	4-hours	\$66	\$79
Live Oak Park Areas 2	4-hours	\$66	\$79
Ohlone Park @ McGee Area 1	4-hours	\$50	\$60
San Pablo Park Area 1	4-hours	\$33	\$40
San Pablo Park Area 2	4-hours	\$33	\$40
San Pablo Park Area 3	4-hours	\$33	\$40
San Pablo Park Area 4	4-hours	\$33	\$40
San Pablo Park Area 5	4-hours	\$33	\$40
Strawberry Creek Area 1	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Strawberry Creek Area 2	4-hours	\$33	\$40
Shorebird Park Area 1	4-hours	\$75	\$75
Shorebird Park Area 2	4-hours	\$75	\$75

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
Shorebird Park Area 3	4-hours	\$45	\$45
Shorebird Park Area 4	4-hours	\$75	\$75
Willard Park Area 1	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Bounce House Permit	Per Use	\$30	\$36
7. Parks & Open Space (not athletic fields)			
A. Special Events			
1-99 Participants	Day	\$180	\$350
100-249 Participants	Day	\$270	\$500
250-499 Participants	Day	\$350	\$700
500+ Participants	Day	\$550	\$1,000
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Day	\$700	\$700
B. Special Events – Additional Days			
1-99 Participants	Day	\$170	\$340
100-249 Participants	Day	\$230	\$460
250-499 Participants	Day	\$250	\$600
500+ Participants	Day	\$450	\$900
C. John Hinkel Amphitheater			
Rental	4-hours	\$200	\$240
Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$75	\$90
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$500	\$500
Add-on: Picnic Area 2 - Lower Level	4-hours	\$15	\$20
Multi-Day Discount – Applies to reservations that are greater than 3-days (Applies to the Full Permit)	4-hours	20% discount	20% discount
D. Camp Day Use Fee			
1-50 Participants	Day	\$50	\$50
51-100 Participants	Day	\$100	\$100
101-150 Participants	Day	\$150	\$150
E. Small Turf Areas in Parks (Ages 8 yrs & under; Mon-Fri only; Max 3 days per week)			

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
Aquatic Park, James Kenney Park, Live Oak Park, Ohlone Park	2-Hours	\$25	\$30
8. Weddings & Events (4-hour minimum)			
A. Rose Garden			
Rental	4-Hours	\$1,000	\$1,200
Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$170	\$204
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$700	\$700
B. Cragmont, Live Oak Park			
Rental	4-Hours	\$450	\$540
Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$75	\$90
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$350	\$350
C. John Hinkel (Outside Areas)			
Rental	Hour	\$450	\$540
Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$75	\$90
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$350	\$350
Add-on: Picnic Area 2 - Lower Level	4-hours	\$15	\$20
Multi-Day Discount – Applies to reservations that are greater than 3-days (Applies to the Full Permit)	4-hours	20% discount	20% discount
D. Horseshoe Park (Small Park)			
Rental	4-Hours	\$450	\$540
Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$75	\$90
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$350	\$350
E. Old Ferry Dock			
Rental	4-Hours	\$450	\$540
Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$75	\$90
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$350	\$350
F. Spinnaker Way Vista			
Rental	4-Hours	\$750	\$750
Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$170	\$170

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$700	\$700
G. Yacht Club Point			
Rental	4-Hours	\$750	\$750
Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$170	\$170
Cleaning/Damage Deposit (refundable)	Rental	\$700	\$700
9. Mini-Amphitheater/Outdoor Classroom (4-hour minimum)			
Codornices Park #A1 (Next to Picnic Site #2)	4-hours	\$40	\$48
Live Oak Park #A1	4-hours	\$50	\$60
Shorebird Park #A1 (Near Nature Center Playground)	4-hours	\$50	\$50
III. SWIM CENTER FEES			
1. Admissions			
Lap Swim, Family Swim, Recreation Swim, Independent Exercise			
Adult (Drop-in)	Swim	\$7	\$8
Adult (10-Swim Card)	10-Swims	\$58	\$70
Adult (Monthly)	Month	\$85	\$102
Youth, Senior, Disabled (Drop-In)	Swim	\$4	\$5
Youth Senior Disabled (10-Swim Card)	10-Swims	\$33	\$40
Youth Senior Disabled (Monthly Card)	Month	\$49	\$60
2. Red Cross Swim Sessions			
A. Group Lessons (Subsidized)			
Adult	4-Class Session	\$40	\$48
Adult	8-Class Session	\$79	\$95
Youth, Senior, Disabled	4-Class Session	\$38	\$46
Youth, Senior, Disabled	8-Class Session	\$76	\$91
B. Group Lessons (Cost Recovery)			
Adult	4-Class Session	\$48	\$58
Adult	8-Class Session	\$96	\$115
Youth, Senior, Disabled	4-Class Session	\$44	\$53

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
Youth, Senior, Disabled	8-Class Session	\$88	\$106
C. Organized Youth Groups (Residents Only)			
10-15 participants	Session	\$65	\$65
16-21 participants	Session	\$62	\$62
22-32 participants	Session	\$54	\$54
33-43 participants	Session	\$48	\$48
44-54 participants	Session	\$39	\$39
55+ participants	Session	\$37	\$37
3. Premium Classes Continuous & Coached Workouts: Water Aerobics, Parent/Tot, Stroke Technique, Master Swim			
Adult (Drop-in)	Swim	\$8	\$10
Adult (10-Swim Card)	10-Swims	\$75	\$90
Adult (Monthly)	Month	\$94	\$113
Youth, Senior, Disabled (Drop-In)	Swim	\$6	\$7
Youth Senior Disabled (10-Swim Card)	10-Swims	\$56	\$67
Youth Senior Disabled (Monthly Card)	Session	\$70	\$84
4. Private Swim Lessons (1/2 hour session)			
Individual (One-on-One)	Lesson	\$30	\$36
Semi-Private Lesson (2 or more Participants)	Lesson	\$50	\$60
IV. RECREATION PROGRAMS			
1. Sports			
A. Adult Softball League			
4 Game Season	Team	\$376	\$451
8 Game Season	Team	\$752	\$902
10 Game Season	Team	\$940	\$1,128
B. Adult Basketball League			
8 Game Season	Team	\$800	\$960

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
	Individual	\$120	\$144
10 Game Season	Team	\$1,000	\$1,200
	Individual	\$150	\$180
C. Adult Volleyball League			
8 Game Season	Team	\$360	\$432
10 Game Season	Team	\$450	\$540
12 Game Season	Team	\$540	\$648
15 Game Season	Team	\$675	\$810
D. Open Gym Volleyball			
Drop-In	Drop-In	\$5	\$5
E. Youth Baseball			
Individual	Session	\$51	\$61
F. Youth Hoops League			
Individual	Session	\$100	\$120
G. Youth Twilight Basketball			
Individual	Session	\$27	\$32
H. Youth Flag Football League			
Individual	Session	\$30	\$36
I. Tennis Lessons			
Youth	Session	\$73	\$88
Adult	Session	\$107	\$128
J. Skate Park Lessons & Classes			
Full Day	Session	\$258	\$310
1/2 Day Camp	Session	\$195	\$234
Park Introduction	Session	\$11	\$13
Trick Clinic	Session	\$11	\$13
Private Lessons	Hour	\$43	\$52
Group Lessons	Session	\$108	\$130

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident	Non-Resident
2. Programs at Centers			
A. After School Program (Subsidized)			
Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten	Day	\$14	\$17
1 st Grade – 5 th Grade	Day	\$12	\$14
B. After School Program (Cost Recovery)			
Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten	Day	\$18	\$22
1 st Grade – 5 th Grade	Day	\$16	\$19
C. Summer Fun Camps			
Core	Session	\$165	\$198
AM Extended Care	Session	\$27.50	\$33
PM Extended Care	Session	\$82.50	\$99
3. Waterfront Programs			
A. Adventure Playground			
Child Admission (anyone between 1 and 14 years old)	Day	\$5	N/A
Group size 5-10	2-hours	\$75	N/A
Group size 11-20	2-hours	\$105	N/A
Group size 21-30	2-hours	\$158	N/A
Group size 31-40	2-hours	\$210	N/A
B. Education Programs			
Naturalist Classroom Program	3-hours	\$300	N/A
Naturalist Classroom Program	1-hour	\$100	N/A
Docent Training	Session	\$65	N/A
C. Nature Center & Adventure Playground Rentals			
AP Birthday Party Package	2-hours	\$325	N/A
AP Birthday Party Package Add-On	1-hour	\$150	N/A
Naturalist Birthday Party Package	3-hours	\$425	N/A

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident (as of 1/21/2026)	Resident (as of 1/1/2027)	Non-Resident (as of 1/21/2026)	Non-Resident (as of 1/1/2027)
V. Camp Programs					
1. Berkeley Day Camp					
Youth Core Program	5-Day	\$310	\$326	\$373	\$392
AM Extended Care	5-Day	\$66	\$69	\$78	\$82
PM Extended Care	5-Day	\$101	\$107	\$122	\$128
Counselor-In-Training	10-Day	\$251	\$263	\$300	\$315
Cancelled Reservation	Session	25% of reservation not to exceed \$150			
2. Echo Lake Camp					
A. 50 & Better Camp					
50 & Better Camp Tent (up to 2 campers)	5-Day	\$818		\$981	
50 & Better Camp Tent (up to 2 campers)	4-Day	\$650		\$780	
50 & Better Camp Tent (up to 2 campers)	Weekend	\$515		\$618	
50 & Better Camp Additional Camper	1-Day	\$55		\$66	
B. Counselor-In-Training					
Counselor-In-Training	2-Week	\$517	\$543	\$622	\$653
Counselor-In-Training	1-Week	\$355	\$373	\$428	\$449
C. Family Camp Sessions					
Full-Week Standard Tent (up to 3 campers)	7-Day	\$1,843		\$2,212	
Full-Week Low-Occupancy Tent	7-Day	\$1,595		\$1,914	
Nightly Rate: Mon, Tues, or Wed	1-Night	\$450		\$540	
Weekend Standard Tent (up to 3 campers)	4-Day	\$1,397		\$1,676	
Weekend Low-Occupancy Tent	4-Day	\$1,226		\$1,471	
Mid-Week Standard Tent (up to 3 campers)	4-Day	\$1,210		\$1,452	
Mid-Week Low-Occupancy Tent	4-Day	\$1,062		\$1,274	
Additional Camper Fee (1-Day)	1-Day	\$90		\$108	
Additional Camper Session-Based Daily Rate	1-Day	\$80		\$96	
D. Day Use Fees					

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident (as of 1/21/2026)	Resident (as of 1/1/2027)	Non-Resident (as of 1/21/2026)	Non-Resident (as of 1/1/2027)
Adult (15+) Day Use	1-Day	\$108		\$129.60	
Youth (7-14) Day Use	1-Day	\$72		\$86.40	
Child (3-6) Day Use	1-Day	\$54		\$64.80	
E. Group Rental Rates					
Adult (15+)	1-Day	\$85		\$102	
Youth (7-14)	1-Day	\$71.50		\$85.80	
Child (3-6)	1-Day	\$52.80		\$63.36	
Infant (0-3)	1-Day	\$0		\$0	
Cleaning / Damage Deposit	Rental	\$2,000.0		\$2,000	
F. New Camper Welcome Weekend	Weekend	\$195		\$234	
G. School Outdoor Education					
Teachers & Adult Chaperones	1-Day	\$60		\$72	
Youth Participants	1-Day	\$45		\$54	
H. Work Weekend	Weekend	\$0		\$0	
I. Youth Camp					
6-Day Program	6-Days	\$930	\$977	\$1,116	\$1,172
J. Wedding Rental					
Wedding Rental	4-Hours	\$750		\$900	
Wedding Rental - Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$125		\$150	
Cleaning / Damage Deposit	Rental	\$2,000		\$2,000	
K. Backpacking Program					
Beginning Backpacking	6-Day	\$1,275	\$1,339	\$1,529	\$1,605
Advanced Backpacking	6-Day	\$1,680	\$1,764	\$2,016	\$2,117
Adult Backpacking	4-Day	\$600	\$660	\$720	\$792
3. Tuolumne Camp					
A. 50 & Better Camp					
50 & Better Camp Tent (up to 2 campers)	5-Day	\$1,008		\$1,210	

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident (as of 1/21/2026)	Resident (as of 1/1/2027)	Non-Resident (as of 1/21/2026)	Non-Resident (as of 1/1/2027)
50 & Better Camp Tent (up to 2 campers)	4-Day	\$806		\$967	
50 & Better Camp Tent (up to 2 campers)	Weekend	\$605		\$726	
50 & Better Camp Additional Camper per day	1-Day	\$60		\$72	
B. Leaders-In-Training (LIT)	4-Day	\$941		\$1,129	
C. Counselor-In-Training (CIT)					
Counselor-In-Training	2-Week	\$537	\$614	\$645	\$677
Counselor-In-Training	1-Week	\$355	\$373	\$428	\$449
D. Family Camp					
Full-Week Standard Tent (up to 3 campers)	1-Week	\$2,195		\$2,633	
Full-Week Low-Occupancy Tent	1-Week	\$1,887		\$2,264	
Weekend Standard Tent (up to 3 campers)	4-Day	\$1,664		\$1,997	
Weekend Low-Occupancy Tent	4-Day	\$1,459		\$1,751	
Mid-Week Standard Tent (up to 3 campers)	4-Day	\$1,430		\$1,716	
Mid-Week Low Occupancy Tent	4-Day	\$1,210		\$1,452	
Nightly Rate: Mon, Tues, or Wed	1-Day	\$525		\$630	
E. Family Camp Day Use Fees					
Adult (15+) Day Use	1-Day	\$135		\$162	
Youth (7-14) Day Use	1-Day	\$90		\$108	
Child (3-6) Day Use	1-Day	\$68		\$81.60	
Additional Camper Fee (1-Day)	1-Day	\$100		\$120	
Additional Camper Session-Based Daily Rate	1-Day	\$90		\$108	
F. Group Rental Rates					
Adult (15+)	1-Day	\$110		\$132	
Youth (7-14)	1-Day	\$93		\$111.60	
Child (3-6)	1-Day	\$78		\$93.60	
Infant (0-3)	1-Day	\$0		\$0	
Cleaning / Damage Deposit	Rental	\$2,000		\$2,000	

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident (as of 1/21/2026)	Resident (as of 1/1/2027)	Non-Resident (as of 1/21/2026)	Non-Resident (as of 1/1/2027)
G. New Camper Welcome Weekend	Weekend	\$195		\$234	
H. School Outdoor Education					
Adult Chaperones	1-Day	\$75		\$90	
Youth Participants	1-Day	\$56		\$67.20	
I. Work Weekend	Weekend	\$0		\$0	
J. Youth Camp					
5-Day Program	5-Day	\$840		\$1,008	
6-Day Program	6-Day	\$1,008		\$1,210	
7-Day Program	7-Day	\$1,176		\$1,411	
Per Day Fee	1-Day	\$168		\$202	
K. Wedding Rental					
Wedding Rental	4-Hour	\$1,000		\$1,200	
Wedding Rental - Each Additional Hour (after 4 hours)	Hour	\$150		\$180	
Cleaning / Damage Deposit	Rental	\$2,000		\$2,000	
4. Resident Camp Surcharges					
Family Camp Program Deposit Payment (Non-Refundable)	Reservation	\$500 per reservation			
Late Fee	Reservation	\$75 per reservation if balance is not paid by dates specified			
Changes to Reservation resulting in reduction in length of stay (30 days or more before arrival)	Reservation	\$100			
Cancel Reservation (30 days or more before arrival)	Reservation	25% of reservation not to exceed \$150 (after \$500 non-refundable deposit)			
Cancel Reservation (due to emergency or illness, with Doctor's Letter)	Reservation	No Charge			

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident (Current)	Resident (Proposed)	Non-Resident (Current)	Non-Resident (Proposed)
VI. Youth Works Program					
1. Accelerator Program					

Program Area	Unit of Measure	Resident (Current)	Resident (Proposed)	Non-Resident (Current)	Non-Resident (Proposed)
Summer Intern at Business Site	7-Weeks	-	Up to \$2,500	N/A	N/A

Resolution - Exhibit B: Scholarships and Special Use Rental Policy
Effective January 21, 2026

I. Scholarships/Low-Income Fee Support

Eligibility

Scholarships are available to Berkeley Residents who meet Federal low-income guidelines. The City of Berkeley offers partial (50%) or full (100%) scholarships to Berkeley Residents for a wide variety of Recreation Division Programs. Scholarship eligibility is based upon Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income thresholds, and applicants must submit documents to verify their proof of residency and gross household income or submit a low-income affidavit form to qualify.

- **100% Scholarship:** Applicants must meet HUD's current "Very Low Income Limits."
- **50% Scholarship:** Applicants must meet HUD's current "Very Low Income Limits" plus the difference between the "Low Income Limits" and the "Very Low Income Limits."

The most up-to-date version of HUD's Income Limits can be found here:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>

Annual Renewal Process

Following initial approval for a scholarship, applicants must renew their scholarship eligibility annually by submitting current proof of Berkeley residency and income. City of Berkeley Recreation Administration Staff will reach out to scholarship recipients annually to request renewal documentation.

II. Special Use Rental Policy

1. A primary goal of the City's Community Centers is to become a "hub" of resources and referrals for neighborhoods by establishing a relationship of mutual support and trust. Through this trust, we promote safe neighborhoods and opportunities for families and youth to be engaged in activities that enhance the community and support the goals of the Parks Recreation and Waterfront Department. Each year the Parks Recreation and Waterfront Department receives numerous requests from community groups to meet at its Community Centers as well as the Berkeley Marina Conference Room for no fee. As a way to cultivate community relationships and respond to community requests for free meeting space, the City has created a policy whereby qualified local groups (e.g., neighborhood, Community Agency Contract, or non-profit groups that comply with this policy) are allowed to hold meetings, free of charge, at the City's

Community Centers and the Berkeley Marina Conference Room during normal business hours.

2. **Application Process**

A completed application and attachments must be submitted before a reservation is confirmed. Groups applying for a Special Use Rental must support and benefit the goals of the City of Berkeley Parks Recreation and Waterfront Department ("PRW"). The department is committed to administering excellent recreation programs at our community centers, camps, marina and parks; developing new programs that improve access for 18 Exhibit B historically underserved participants; maintaining our trees and municipal urban forest, landscaping and infrastructure; and, developing Capital Projects with community input to improve and enhance residents' park and facility experience.

All interested groups must submit a completed Special Use Rental application on an annual basis, with all of the following attached:

- Proof that membership has approved meetings (either by providing a Board resolution, Agendas, or Minutes).
- A \$200 Cleaning/Damage Deposit (Refundable).
- A written statement that the group/non-profit organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation, veterans' status, disabilities (physical and mental), and medical condition (including cancer and HIV status).
- A written statement describing the group's goals and how they support and benefit the goals of the City of Berkeley Parks Recreation and Waterfront Department.

In addition to the above requirements that apply to all interested groups, Community Agency Contract and non-profit groups must also submit:

- List of membership roster with names, addresses, and phone numbers
- Proof of non-profit status (required for non-profit groups)
- At least 14 days before the date of the first meeting, qualified groups must provide a valid Certificate of Insurance (COI) containing the City's minimum liability requirements, and naming the city of Berkeley as additional insured on separate Endorsement. This COI must cover all of the group's reserved dates for the year. If the COI is not provided at least 14 days prior to the first reserved date, the reservation will be cancelled.

PRW will not begin to review the application until the application is complete, including all required information and attachments. A reservation is not confirmed until the applicant receives written notice of approval from PRW.

Applications may be picked up at: 1) any Recreation Center; 2) Recreation Division Office, 1720 8th St., Berkeley, CA 94710; 3) Berkeley Marina Office; or 4) City of Berkeley website: www.cityofberkeley.info/parks.

Approval of applications is at the discretion of the Recreation and Youth Services Manager or designee; a decision denying the application is final and not subject to appeal. If PRW denies the fee waiver application, the interested group may apply to rent the room for the standard fee.

Qualified Groups: In order to qualify for this policy, groups must comply with all of the requirements set forth above in section I. In addition, groups must support and benefit the goals of the City of Berkeley Parks Recreation and Waterfront Department and groups must be one of the following:

- Neighborhood Groups: Any group living in a specific area of Berkeley that comes together to either exchange ideas for neighborhood improvement and community building, or to help solve neighborhood problems or issues.
- Non-profit Groups: Any organized non-profit group that meets at least quarterly.
- Community Agency Contract Groups: Any City of Berkeley Community Agency Contract group that serves youth under 18 years of age.

There must be adult leaders, advisors and/or chaperones attending each meeting.

3. Limitations

- Qualified groups may hold a regular meeting of up to two hours at a specified meeting room in a Community Center or the Marina Conference Room for up to eight (8) times per year during regular operating hours.
- Exception: The Community Room, Auditorium, or Social Hall at each Community Center may be used for one additional "larger scale" meeting, such as a banquet or social event, each year.
- Meetings must be open to the public.
- Regular Business Operating Hours are when the Community Center or Marina Office is open (Hours may vary for each facility based on its regular schedule of use).
- Qualified groups may not conduct the following activities: for-profit business or commercial activities; campaign activities; private instruction; or fundraising (unless fundraising proceeds are devoted solely to municipal recreation and park improvements, which must be

demonstrated with a written request to the Recreation and Youth Services Manager/designee).

- A reservation for the qualified group may be scheduled a maximum of 180 days in advance and a minimum of 14 days in advance, and must not conflict with ongoing programs, paid rentals, or classes.
- A qualified group is required to do set-up, takedown and clean up.
- Any additional fees other than the waived rental fee (e.g., kitchen use, stage, setup/take down, etc.) shall apply and are the sole financial responsibility of the qualified group.
- The City has the right to cancel a reservation at any time.
- Groups cancelling a reservation must give at least 72-hours-notice. If proper notice of cancellation is not given, the City reserves the right to revoke the group's reservations for the entire year, or any part of the year. The City may revoke the group's reservations for the entire year, or any part of the year for any of the following reasons: if the group fails to abide by any of the information in its application; the group fails to comply with any of the Rules and Regulations of the City's Facility Rental Policy.

Agenda Item 13. Recent Council Reports

PARKS, RECREATION 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:

January 27, 2026, (regular – 6pm)

5.-Contract: Carone and Company, Inc. for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion Remediation, Demolition and Perimeter Fencing Project

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-01/2026-01-27%20Item%2005%20Contract%20Carone%20and%20Company.pdf>

6.-Option Agreement with TSA Holding Group, LLC for 199 Seawall Drive

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-01/2026-01-27%20Item%2006%20Option%20Agreement%20with%20TSA.pdf>

19.-Selected Marina Fee Increases

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-01/2026-01-27%20Item%2019%20Selected%20Marina%20Fee%20Increases.pdf>

February 10, 2026, (regular – 6pm)

11.-Donation: Memorial Bench at Codornices Park in Memory of Samuel Reitan Boyden

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-01/2026-02-10%20Item%2011%20Donation%20Memorial%20Bench%20at%20Codornices.pdf>

12.-Donation: Memorial Bench at Strawberry Creek Park in Memory of Luke Kreinberg

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-01/2026-02-10%20Item%2012%20Donation%20Memorial%20Bench%20at%20Strawberry.pdf>



Chairs Report on Rec Fee Item at 1/20/26 City Council meeting - For distribution to the Commission

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To Miller, Roger <RMiller@berkeleyca.gov>

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Good Evening Members of the City Council.docx;

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Hello Fellow Commissioners:

As you requested, I appeared at yesterday's City Council meeting to testify about the proposed Rec Fee Schedule for FY 2027 (Item 23). A copy of my prepared remarks is attached. You may review my appearance and the ensuing discussion once the video of the meeting is posted, which I encourage you to do. There was no Staff presentation of the item. I was the only member of the public to testify.

The Council approved the fees as proposed in Item 23. However, several members stated their appreciation of the input I provided, acknowledged the worsening budget issues facing the Department, and expressed interest to Director Ferris (who attended via Zoom) in prospectively studying the fee question to find the best balance between the need to generate revenue and ensuring continued accessibility to Parks programs.

As I mentioned at our meeting, I will be absent for our February meeting, but will be attending our Parks tour on Thursday February 5th. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best,
Allan

January 20, 2026

Good Evening Members of the City Council,

My name is Allan Abshez, and I am the chairperson of your Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Commission. In November, the Parks Commission received a presentation on the proposed recreation fees for FY 2027. As you know, the Parks Commission is quite concerned about the adequacy of Berkeley Parks funding. The City of Berkeley currently is unable to fund approximately \$300 million in capital and major Parks maintenance projects. And, on top of that the Department is facing a potential 10% budget cut in the coming year. Simply put, Berkeley's parks and programs are starved for adequate revenue.

After receiving Staff's presentation on the proposed rec fees, the Commission unanimously recommended that Staff revisit the proposed fees because in many cases, Berkeley is charging – and proposes to charge - less for comparable recreation programs and facility rentals than the jurisdictions that surround it – in many cases materially less as indicated in Attachment 3 to this item in your packet.

The Commission felt that undercharging for recreation facilities and programs simply makes no sense; especially given the current fiscal environment and Park funding needs. Accordingly, my fellow Commissioners asked that I appear tonight to request that the City Council not approve the proposed fee schedule and instead direct staff to revisit the proposed fees and bring them into par with the fees charged by surrounding jurisdictions for comparable recreation programs and facilities. Every dollar counts. Thank you.

Special Thanks

Berkeley City Council

AAHRC Steering Committee

AAHRC Community Leadership Committee

Funding Sources

Measure T1
General Fund
U.S. Department of Housing &
Urban Development Grant

Architect/Designer

AE3 Partners, Inc.

City of Berkeley Staff

Scott Ferris
Director

Evelyn Chan
Supervising Civil Engineer

Canhui Li
Associate Civil Engineer

Csilla Kenny
Assistant Civil Engineer

Bruce Pratt
Parks Superintendent

Melissa Parker
Sr. Landscape Gardener Supervisor

Walter Vandernald
Sr. Building Maintenance Supervisor

Tom Dodge
Senior Forestry Supervisor

Steering Committee:

Barbara Ann White (in memory)
Babalwa Kwanele
Starla Gay
Mansour Id-Deen
Irma Parker
Ms. Richie Smith

Community Leadership Committee

Dr. Derethia DuVal
Willie Phillips
Cheryl K. Davila
Ayanna Davis

Parks, Recreation, and
Waterfront Commission

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Regular Meeting



African American Holistic Resource Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

Friday, January 23, 2026
11:30 am – 12:00 pm
1890 Alcatraz Ave



Program

Improvements

Agenda Item 15. Communications

- 11:30 AM** Opening Remarks
- 11:45 AM** Speakers
- 12:00 PM** Light Refreshments

Speakers

Paul Buddenhagen

City Manager

Jesse Arreguin

State Senator District 7

Adena Ishii

Mayor

Councilmember Ben Bartlett

City Council, District 3

Councilmember Terry Taplin

City Council, District 2

Babalwa Kwanele & Starla Gray

AAHRC Steering Committee

Ms. Richie Smith

Friends of Adeline

The African American Holistic Resource Center (AAHRC) will be a welcoming community space offering culturally grounded services that uplift and support Berkeley’s African American residents. The Center envisions providing holistic resources—including education, employment assistance, health and mental health services, and housing advocacy—to strengthen community well-being and advance equity.

Improvements will include:

- A brand new 2 story 6,000 square ft. building, with usable rooftop
- Care and shelter facility
- Green building – all electric
- Solar panels and battery storage
- Bird safe glass
- Pantry & Teaching kitchen
- Large assembly space
- Indoor & outdoor reservable event space
- Carefully selected materials
 - ⇒ Environmental & Health Product Declarations
 - ⇒ Recycled content
 - ⇒ Sustainably certified wood
- Accessibility Access (ADA Compliant)
- New Landscaping & Outdoor Terrace
 - ⇒ Native or adaptive plants
 - ⇒ Meditation garden

Interior Renderings



Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission



WILLARD CLUBHOUSE

Public Art Unveiling & LEED Gold Celebration

Wednesday, Feb 11, 2026

11:00 am-12:00 pm

2720 Hillegass Ave

Join us for the unveiling of new public artwork at the Willard Clubhouse — and help us celebrate the building’s achievement of LEED Gold certification!

Light refreshments will be served.

