



## PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 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. **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.**
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for Thursday, June 11, 2025 (Abshez).\*
6. **Public Comment** (2 min each).
7. **Chair's Report/Discussion:** Impact of newly-enacted CEQA exemptions (AB 130, SB 131) on Parks & Recreation Facilities/Lack of Berkeley Parks Impact Fee for New Projects (Abshez).
8. **Presentation:** Honoring 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Winners and Sponsors (Ferris).
9. **Director's Report:** Update on special events, community engagement, capital and maintenance projects, forestry, recreation (Ferris).
10. **Discussion/Action:** Appoint PRW Commission Liaison to Civic Arts Commission (Abshez).
11. **Discussion/Action:** Measure T1 Phase 2 adjustments (Ferris).\*
12. **Discussion/Action:** Update on New and Proposed Waterfront Fees and Schedule (Ferris).
13. **Information Reports:** Recent PRW Council Reports.\*
14. **Future Agenda Items:** Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); Citywide Accessibility Plan; Dog Parks locations.
15. **Communications.** a) PRW Commission to Council, June 12, 2025
16. **Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, September 10, 2025.
17. **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**

<b>Mayor-</b>	<b>District 3 -</b> Ben Nash	<b>District 6 -</b> Liliana Cardile
<b>District 1 -</b> Carrie Rybczynski	<b>District 4 -</b> Erin Diehm	<b>District 7 -</b> Alyssa Hurtado
<b>District 2 -</b> Claudia Kawczynska	<b>District 5 -</b>	<b>District 8 -</b> Allan Abshez

**Current assignments**

Subcomm on dogs and parks (06-12-2024)

Liaison - Civic Center Planning – Erin Diehm

Liaison - Civic Arts in Parks – Claudia Kawczynska

## 2025 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 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday per month)	Time	Notes
<b>2025</b>			
<b>January</b>	Wednesday, January 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>February</b>	<b>Thursday, February 6</b>	8:30am	Special (park site visits)
<b>February</b>	<b>Thursday, February 13</b>	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>March</b>	Wednesday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>April</b>	Wednesday, April 9	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Thursday, April 10</b>	8:30am	Special (park site visits)
<b>May</b>	Wednesday, May 14	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>June</b>	Wednesday, June 11	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>July</b>	Wednesday, July 9	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>August</b>	No meeting		
<b>September</b>	Wednesday, September 10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>October</b>	Wednesday, October 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>November</b>	Wednesday, November 12	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
<b>December</b>	No Meeting		
<b>2026</b>			
<b>January</b>	<i>Wednesday, January 14</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Regular Mtg</i>

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

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 7:00 P.M., Frances Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St

**Minutes - Draft**

1. **Call to Order** (Chair).
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Cardile; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Rybczynski; Absent: none.
3. **Land Acknowledgement:**
4. **Action: Approval of Agenda** (move item 12 to 11) (Kawczynska). (M/S/C: Diehm/ Cardile/ U) Ayes: Cardile; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Rybczynski; Noes: none; Absent: none.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** (with corrections) for Thursday, May 14, 2025 (Kawczynska).\* (M/S/C: Rybczynski/Hurtado/ U) Ayes: Cardile; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Rybczynski; Noes: none; Absent: none.
6. **Public Comment** (2 min each). a) Susan Schwartz, Aquatic Park; b) Martin Nicolaus, whale in North Basin; c) Jim McGrath, Parking Addendum; d) Kelly Hammargren, Aquatic Park; e) Jack Appleyard, Waterfront Swimming.
7. **Vice Chair's Report.** (Kawczynska). Commissioner Kawczynska volunteered to serve as the PRW Commission liaison on the Civic Arts Panel for MLK project mtg of Aug 5, 2025.
8. **Director's Report:** Update on special events, community engagement, capital and maintenance projects, forestry, recreation, and Measure FF and Y projects (Erickson). Update was provided.
9. **Discussion/Action:** New Restrictions at Cesar Chavez Park – impacts to users and projects (Erickson).\* Update was provided. Public Comment: a) Virginia Browning; b) Daniel Borgström; c) Ernest Isaac; d) Martin Nicolaus; e) Susan Schwartz; f) Jim McGrath.
10. **Discussion:** Update on status of Cesar Chavez Park ReVision Plan (Erickson). Update was provided.
11. **Discussion/Action:** Report on proposed FY2026 Waterfront User Parking Fees (Ferris/Kawczynska).\* Update was provided. Public Comment: a) Gordon Stout; b) Jim McGrath; c) Martin Nicolaus; d) Kelly Hammargren; e) Virginia Browning; f) Laurel H. (\*M/S/C to send the communication drafted by Commissioner Abshez (see handout) to Council, and authorize two commissioners to speak at Council: (Kawczynska/Cardile/U) Ayes: Cardile; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Rybczynski; Noes: none; Absent: none.
12. **Discussion/Action:** Update from dog park subcommittee (Kawczynska).\* Update was provided. Public Comment: a) Mary.
13. **Information Reports:** Recent PRW Council Reports.\*
14. **Future Agenda Items:** Appointee to Civic Arts Commission; Update on Waterfront Specific Plan; Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); Citywide Accessibility Plan; Locations for Dog Parks.
15. **Communications.** Re: marina parking fees: Jeff Malmuth, 5-30-25; Amy Thomson, 5-30-25; Deborah Scott, 5-31-25; Catharine A, 5/31/25; Edward Schlesinger, 6/1/25; Joyce Freedman, 6/1/25; Robert Ofsevit, 6/1/25; Gordon Stout, 6/1/25; Paul Kamen, 6/2/25; Irene Huang, 6/2/25; Sara Elzea, 6/2/25; Kathleen Gee, 6/2/25; Stefani Berger, 6/2/25; Wini Williams, 6/3/25; Siggie Zerweckh, 6/3/25; Dana Ludwig, 6/3/25; Camille Antinori, 6/6/25; Scott Ferris, 6/5/2025.
16. **Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, July 11, 2025.
17. **Adjournment.** 9pm.

\* 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: 12
- Public speakers: 17

**\*Note:** For any handouts distributed at the meeting, please see the Draft Minutes for June 11, 2025, 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 11. Updates to Measure T1

## MEMO

July 9, 2025

To: Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission  
 From: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department  
 Subject: Proposed Updates to the Measure T1 Phase 2 Project List

The following updates will be proposed to the Measure T1 Phase 2 Project List:

1. Add the following projects (blue font):
  - i. Waterfront: F&G Re-decking
  - ii. Adeline Area Dog Park & Landscaping
  - iii. Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion
  
2. Change the phase of the following projects (purple font):
  - i. Bollard Conversion to Landscaping (Design only)
  - ii. Restrooms in the Right of Way (2-3):
    - a. University & San Pablo Restroom (Design only)
    - b. Adeline & Alcatraz Restroom (Design only)
  - iii. Harrison Park Restroom (Design only)
  - iv. Cesar Chavez Park Restroom (Design only)
  
3. Change in name/project description (green font):
  - i. Change “Civic Center Park Turtle Garden” to “Civic Center Park Upper Plaza Improvements”
  - ii. Change “1947 Center Street Seismic Upgrade Design and HVAC/Electrical, Control Upgrades” to “1947 Center Street Window Replacement”
  - iii. Change “Restrooms in the Right of Way (2-3)” to “Restrooms in the Right of Way (3)”
  - iv. Change “Oxford & Telegraph Channing Garage Restrooms” to “Telegraph Channing Garage Restrooms”
  
4. Remove the following projects (red front):
  - i. Streets:
    - a. T1 Streets Contribution to Annual Street Paving Improvements
  - ii. Facilities:
    - a. PW Corp Yard:
      - Facility Assessment
      - Deferred Mtc: Gate, Paving, Parking, Fuel Island
    - b. Emergency Power Supply Solar Batteries

**Exhibit A: Measure T1 Phase 2 List of Projects** (Revised, July 2025)

**Exhibit A to the Resolution**

**Measure T1 Phase 2 List of Projects (Revised, July 2025)**

<b>Project Area</b>	<b>Site Description</b>
<b>Care and Shelter and Non-Departmental Citywide Projects</b>	MLK Jr. Youth Services Center
	South Berkeley Senior Center
	African American Holistic Resource Center
	Restrooms in the Right-of-Way (ROW) (2-3) Channing and Telegraph (Construction) Adeline and Alcatraz (Design Only) San Pablo and University (Design Only)
<b>Camps</b>	Cazadero Dining Hall & ADA Improvements
<b>Parks Buildings</b>	Willard Clubhouse/Restroom Replacement
	Tom Bates Restroom/ Community Space
	<b>Restrooms in Parks:</b>
	Harrison Park Restroom Renovation (Design Only)
	Ohlone Park - New Restroom
<b>Parks - Play Structures</b>	Ohlone Park (Milvia) - Ages 2-5, 5-12, Garden Mural, Exercise
	John Hinkel Park Lower -Ages 2-12, picnic, parking
	Grove Park-Ages 2-5, 5-12
<b>Parks</b>	Aquatic Park Tide Tubes Clean Out, Soil Removal
	Ohlone Park Lighting
	Civic Center Park – Upper Plaza Improvements
	Adeline Area Dog Park & Landscaping
	Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion
<b>Pools</b>	King Pool Tile and Plaster Replacement
<b>Waterfront</b>	Piling Replacements
	D and E Dock Replacement
	K Dock Restroom Renovation
	Cesar Chavez Park Restroom on Spinnaker Way - (Design only)
	F&G Dock Re-Decking
<b>ROW Improvements/Streets</b>	Bollard Conversion to Landscaping (Design Only)
	T1 Streets Contribution to Annual Paving Improvements
<b>Sidewalks</b>	Sidewalks Maintenance & Safety Repairs
<b>Pathways</b>	Pathway Repairs/Improvements Stormwater Infrastructure Repairs/ Replacement
<b>Storm</b>	Stormwater Infrastructure Repairs/Replacement
<b>Facilities</b>	1947 Center Street Improvements: Window Replacement
	Fire Stations:
	FS2 - HVAC, Electrical, Bedrooms, Security, Solar, Roof
	FS6 - Windows, Energy Efficiency
	PW Corp Yard:
	Facility Assessment
	Deferred Mtc: Gate, Paving, Parking, Fuel Island
	Wash Station Compliance
	Green Room Lockers, Bathroom, Training Room, Floor,

	Cabinets
	Storage Room (H) - Roof Repair
	Generator Upgrades
	<del>Oxford &amp;</del> Telegraph Channing Garage Restrooms
	Emergency Power Supply Solar Batteries

**Color Key**

- 5. Add the following projects (blue font)
- 6. Change in name/project description (green font)
- 7. Remove the following projects (red front)

**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:

**June 24, 2025 (special – 4pm)**

4.-Selected Marina Fee Increases (*Continued from June 17, 2025*)

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-06-24%20Special%20Item%2004%20Selected%20Marina%20Fee%20Increases.pdf>

Presentation

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Marina%20Fund%20Fee%20Increases%20-%20Final%206-24-25.pdf>

**June 24, 2025 (regular – 6pm)**

F.-FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping (*Continued from June 17, 2025*)

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-06-24%20Item%20F%20Ordinance%207967.pdf>

18.-Contract No. 32300210 Amendment: Pacific Site Management for On-Call Vegetation and Reduction Services

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-06-24%20Item%2018%20Contract%20No.%2032300210%20Amendment%20%20Pacific%20Site%20Management.pdf>

**July 8, 2025 (regular)**

11.-Construction Contract: Team Ghilotti for the South Cove West Lot Repaving Project

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-07-08%20Item%2011%20Construction%20Contract%20%20Team%20Ghilotti.pdf>

12.-Lease Amendment with Yoonaco, Inc. (Hana Japan) at 235 University Avenue

URL: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-07-08%20Item%2012%20Lease%20Amendment%20with%20Yoonaco%20C%20Inc.pdf>

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Miller, Roger  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 3:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Communication to Council at next available meeting - re: proposed Waterfront parking fees  
**Attachments:** Communication to Council re Waterfront Parking Fees - PRW Commission -06-11-2025.pdf

Please send the attached communication from the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission to the City Council for the next available council meeting, on June 17 or June 24, regarding the proposed Waterfront parking fees .

Thank you,

Roger Miller  
Secretary, Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission

Date: June 11, 2025

Re: PRW Commission Communication: Proposed Waterfront Parking Fees

The Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission appreciates the City of Berkeley's unique challenges and responsibilities in the ownership and operation of the Marina and Waterfront, which is a recreational facility that serves a regional community of users. Over the last 15 years, insufficient reserve planning, discounted berthing fees, and declining tenant revenue have combined with the Waterfront's aging infrastructure to create a condition of deteriorated—and frequently failing—infrastructure at the Waterfront which is estimated to require \$131 million of capital to address, as well as an approximately \$1.1 million operational deficit.

This past year, Berkeley's voters generously agreed to increase their parks tax responsibility through the approval of Measure Y, which had been expected to close the Marina Fund's Waterfront's operational deficit through its provision of approximately \$1.5 million annually to be applied toward Waterfront parks and landscaping costs. In May, the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission was informed that, unfortunately, this progress has been erased by further—and dramatic—declines in Waterfront tenant revenue and inflation; all against the backdrop of and the City's estimated \$27 million budget deficit, and Berkeley's resulting hiring freeze and cuts to public services.

The Commission is informed that the Waterfront now faces projected losses of approximately \$1.3 million annually, with consequent further capital improvement project reductions, reductions in maintenance, security reductions, cuts to all non-critical expenses, and workforce impacts to full-time and part-time staff. And while the Marina Fund does not need to be self-sustaining, it is often referred to in that manner.

In light of these challenges, the Commission understands that Staff is investigating alternative sources of revenue and therefore has recommended—and the Council is actively considering—a trial program of parking and user fees to provide an additional revenue source for the Waterfront. Since the proposed fees were announced to the public last month, the commission has heard from a wide range of Waterfront users and stakeholders. They have expressed their concerns that the proposed fees would have an insupportable impact on their and others' ability to visit and use the waterfront. For example, one of the stated goals of the Waterfront planning process is to attract a wider range of users. However, a parking fee could do just the opposite. Indeed, the Kittelson parking data found that 10% of waterfront visitors make less than \$25K/yr, and one-third make less than \$75K/yr (less than the Berkeley median).

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In addition, a cost-benefit analysis has yet not been shared with the public and, as a result, it is unclear just how much a new program would cost (including setup and operation). Would the program result in a large enough net-positive revenue generation. And, importantly, could it

have the unintended consequence of discouraging, and thus reducing, park visitations? Given the rapid unfolding of these recent events, the Commission has not had sufficient time and opportunity to study relevant issues, conduct public hearings and prepare a recommendation regarding Staff's proposal to the Council.

However, and to address the aforementioned concerns, at its May meeting, the Commission established a subcommittee to study Staff's proposal of trial parking and user fees at the Waterfront, and to work with Staff to develop a set of comprehensive recommendations to the Council with the benefit of full public hearings and input. Prior to the approval of a significant change to the Waterfront, the Commission believes it is important to hear from the public and to obtain additional information on the visitor-impacts, feasibility and profitability of waterfront parking fees.

The Commission respectfully requests that the Commission be fully integrated into the City's evaluation of any trial program of parking and/or user fees, and that the Commission be afforded the opportunity to advise the Council regarding consequent policies and measures.

At a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission approved a motion to send this communication to the city council, and to appoint Chair, Allan Abshez and/or Claudia Kawczynska, Vice Chair to speak at the city council meeting on June 17 or June 24 (or a future date) about this communication. (M/S/C: Kawczynska/ Cardile/ U):

- Ayes: Erin Diehm, Liliana Cardile, Alyssa Hurtado, Carrie Rybczynski, Claudia Kawczynska.
- Noes: none.
- Absent: Allan Abshez (granted Leave of Absence).

Sincerely,

Claudia Kawczynska, vice chair of the PRW commission