

PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Frances Albrier Community Center - auditorium
2800 Park Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

Minutes - Draft

- 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): 7:15pm.
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary): Present: Abshez; Cardile; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Rybczynski.
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** (Abshez) and move item 9 before item 7. (M/S/C: Hurtado/ Rybczynski/ U): Abshez; Cardile; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Rybczynski; Noes: none.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for Thursday, March 12, 2025 (Abshez).* (M/S/C: Diehm/ Abshez/ U): Abshez; Cardile; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Rybczynski; Noes: none.
6. **Public Comment** (2 min each). a) Paul Kamen, SB71; b) Steve Tracy, item 11; c) Gina Rieger, garbage in parks; d) Robin Margini, swimming at Waterfront; e) Phyllis Ritchie, Paul Kamen, Dragonboats parking; f) Doug Yamamoto, Waterfront; g) Ellie Jander, District 3 seat;
7. **Chair's Report.** (Abshez). Aquatic Park grant.
8. **Director's Report:** Update on special events, community engagement, capital and maintenance projects, forestry, and recreation (Ferris).**
9. **Presentation:** Youth Sports Fields Programs (Ferris).** Presentation was made.
10. **Discussion/Action:** PRW Commission Tour of City Parks on Wednesday, April 10, 2015, 8:30am (Ferris).**
11. **Discussion/Action:** Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness Item for April 15 from Councilmember O'Keefe (Abshez).* See link at: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-attachments/Item%202022%20-%20Alternative%20Housing%20Options%20REVISED.pdf>. Public comment: Carol Marasovic.
12. **Discussion:** Update on Doubletree Hotel (Ferris). Covered in item 8. Public comment: Carol Marasovic, Jim McGrath.
13. **Discussion/Action:** Commission review of outline for Cesar Chavez Park Conceptual Plan process (Abshez).* The Commission took action to send a report to Council as presented with the following amendments: add ADA expert; solicit input from other Commissions; strike "for the renewal of"; and add that Commission will collaborate with Michael Boland to generate an initial list of names for appointment to the ReVisioning team. (M/S/C: Cardile/

Rybczynski/ U): Abshez; Cardile; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Rybczynski; Noes: none; Abstain: Kawczynska. Public comment: Naomi Friedman, Martin Nicolaus.

14. Discussion/Action: Update on Commission efforts to support the City's consideration of adopting a Parks Impact Fee (Abshez).

15. Information Reports: Recent PRW Council Reports.*

16. Future Agenda Items: Update on Waterfront Specific Plan; Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); Citywide Accessibility Plan; Locations for Dog Parks; Dog subcommittee.

17. Communications. a) N. Friedman, 2025-03-24; b) D. Lee, 2025-03-15.

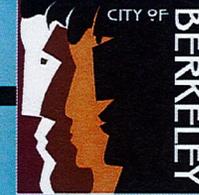
18. Next PRW Commission meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

19. Adjournment. 9:28pm. (M/S/C: Rybczynski/ Kawczynska/ U): Abshez; Cardile; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Rybczynski; Noes: none.

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

** document will be provided at the meeting.

- Commissioners in attendance: 7 of 7 appointed.
- Public in attendance: 21
- Public speakers: 12



SPECIAL THANKS

Berkeley City Mayor and City Council
Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Commission

FUNDING

- CA Air Resources Board: Clean Off-Road Equipment (CORE) Program
- Parks Tax Fund
- Marina Fund
- General Fund

CONTRACTORS

- Monarch Tractor
- Vita Power
- SmartWAVE Technologies
- Rad Power Bikes

CITY OF BERKELEY STAFF

Parks, Rec, and Waterfront

Scott Ferris
Director

Bruce Pratt
Parks Superintendent

Ali Endress
Waterfront Manager

Melissa Parker
Sr. Landscape Gardener Supervisor

Sean Crothers
Waterfront Supervisor

Public Works

Terrance Davis
Director

Thomas Salkowitz
Lead Electrician

Joy Brown
Operations Manager

Don Colbert
Senior Equipment Supervisor

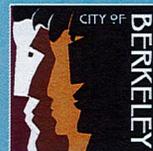
Information Technology

Kevin Fong
Director

Brian McGrath
Senior Systems Analyst

Barry Jennings
Senior Systems Analyst

Darryl Gatan
Sr. Information Systems Specialist



New Electric Vehicles and Marina Dock Wi-Fi Upgrade Celebration



Thursday, April 10, 2024 • 1:30 pm
Marina Office Green • 201 University Ave

NEW PRW ELECTRIC VEHICLES



Monarch MK-V Tractor

The Monarch MK-V is an electric tractor acquired by the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department (PRW) in 2023. The tractor has been used for grounds maintenance and various landscaping tasks across Berkeley grounds.

Funded by the Parks Tax and the CORE Voucher Program



Vita Power Seal

The Vita Power Seal is the Waterfront's first electric harbor patrol boat. This zero-emission vessel is a 24-foot Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) acquired through the CORE Voucher Program from the CA Air Resources Board, which offsets the higher cost of electric technology.

Funded by the Marina Fund and the CORE Voucher Program



Rad Power RadCity 5

PRW has just received an e-bike as part of a \$25,000 City initiative coordinated by the Public Works Department to reduce vehicle trips and promote biking. The new e-bike will speed up trips around the Waterfront, reduce parking needs, and lower emissions, in support of the City's Climate Action Plan.

Funded by the General Fund



Ford F-150 Lightning

The Ford F-150 Lightning is an electric pickup truck with boat towing capabilities. This truck will be used for various Waterfront tasks including enforcement, storm response, and hauling equipment and debris.

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Parks, Recreation, & Waterfront Commission

Item #8-Waterfront EV Wifi Event-handout

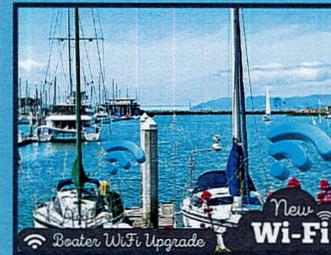


Polaris Ranger XP Kinetic

The Polaris Ranger XP Kinetic is an all-electric vehicle that will be used for parking enforcement, site inspections, emergency response, and general movement across the Waterfront.

Funded by the Marina Fund

MARINA DOCK WI-FI UPGRADE



The Berkeley Marina Wi-Fi upgrade is an initiative to establish reliable Wi-Fi connections across all Marina docks for Berkeley Marina boaters resulting in broader coverage and improved Wi-Fi connectivity across the common 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz bands.

SPEAKERS

David White
Deputy City Manager

Councilmember Terry Taplin
Berkeley City Council, District 2

Kevin Fong
Director, Information Technology

Joy Brown
Operations Manager, Public Works

Tanguy de Lamotte
Vita Power

Lissa Franklin
Monarch Tractor

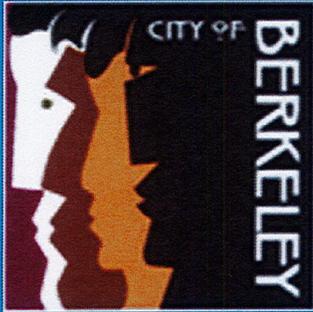
PROGRAM

1:45 PM

2:10 PM

2:15 PM

Speakers
Ribbon Cutting
EV Displays, E-Boat Tours,
Light Refreshments



Youth Sports & Field Reservation Presentation

CITY OF BERKELEY RECREATION DIVISION

STAFF INTRODUCTION

- DC Pompey - Recreation Program Supervisor
- Brian Legaspi - Recreation Coordinator (Sports & Fields)
- Tahir Dossett - Assistant Recreation Coordinator (Youth Sports)
- Wayne Munson - Sports Official (Adult Sports)
- Billy Newman - Sports Official (Fields)

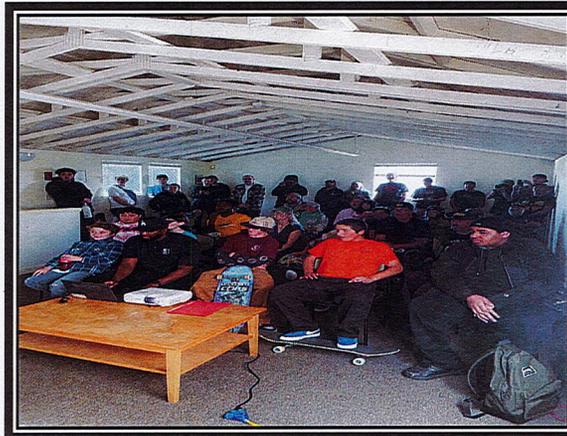
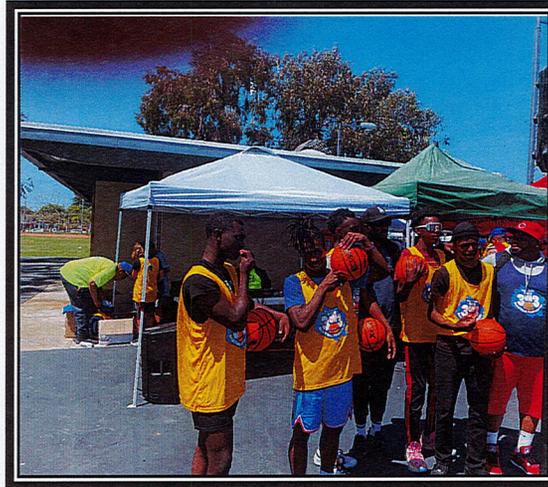
SPORTS & FIELDS PRESENTATION AGENDA

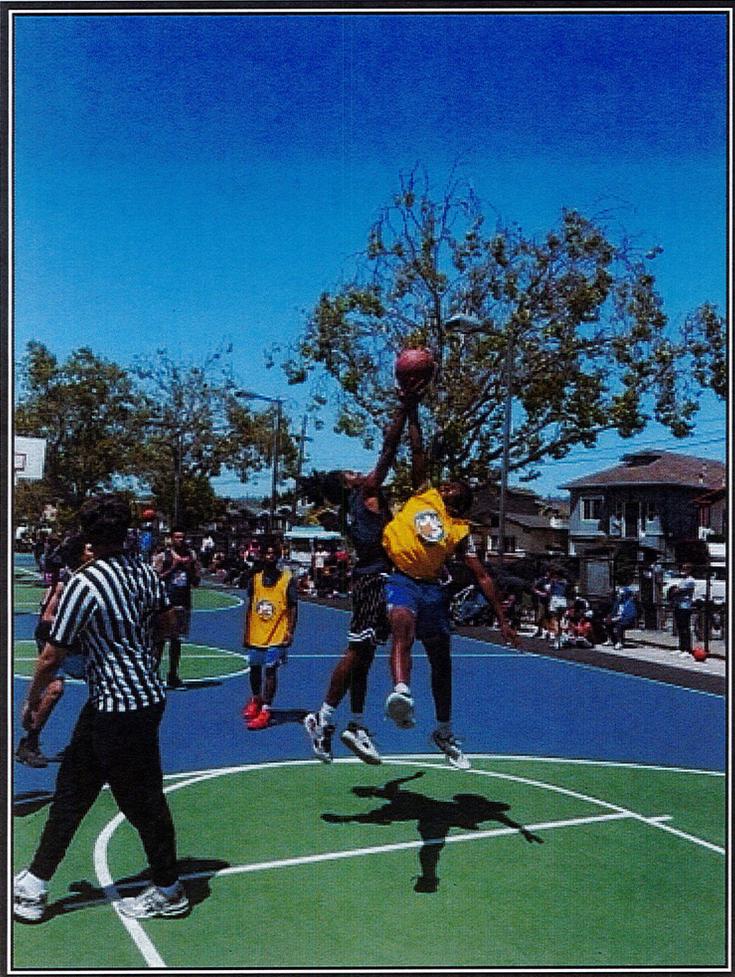
**YOUTH SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS
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SPORTS FIELDS ALLOCATION PROCESS
TOM BATES SPORTS COMPLEX**



Youth Sports Highlights

- Bill & Celina Rose 3on3 Tournament (200+ Youth) - **Sold Out**
- Expanded Youth Hoops: Expanded 16 teams to 18 teams 2024- **Sold Out**
- New Spring Break Basketball, Sports Central, and Skate Camps- **Sold Out**
- Girls Volleyball
- Youth Rookie Baseball
- New T-Mack Skate Jam
- New Ron Allen Day @ the Skate Park





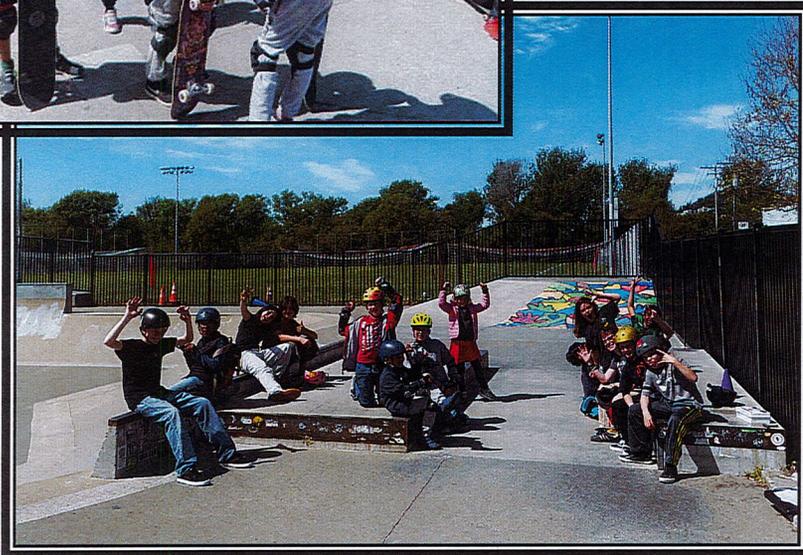
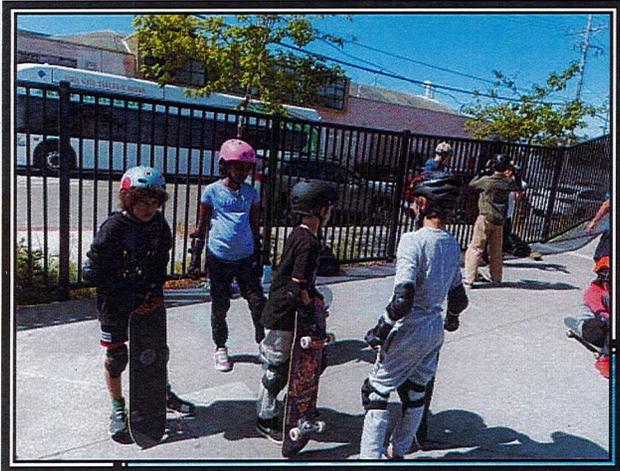
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

4/9/2025



Girls Volleyball Program

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Skate Camp Program

4/9/2025



Rookie Baseball Program

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SPORTS FIELDS HIGHLIGHTS

- 41 Current Field Users
Spring/Summer 2025
- Servicing over 3000 youth
and adult community
members
- Approx. 13,000 hours of
Adult and Youth Usage
Combined



San Pablo Field 1 & 2

FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

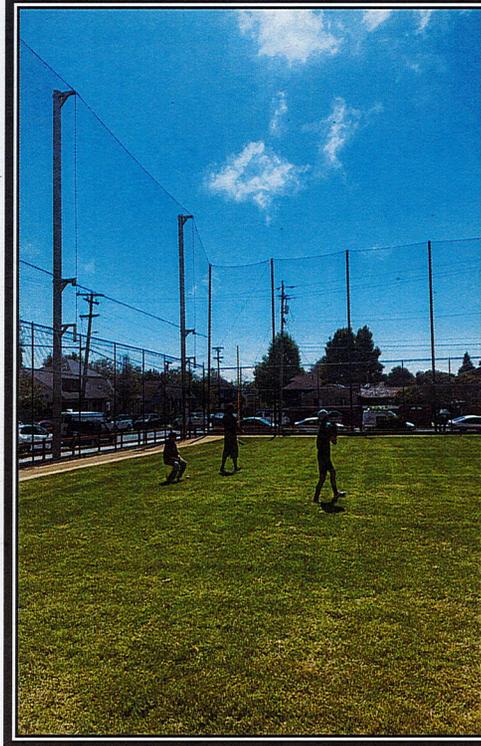
Locations	Address	Facility	Hours	Open Area	Grass	Synth Turf Soccer Lacrosse Rugby	Natural Turf Soccer	60'-70' Baseball Softball Diamond	90' Baseball Diamond	Multi- Use Field	Small Turf Area	Lights
Aquatic	80 Bolivar Dr	Small Turf Area	8am-Sunset								•	
Cedar Rose	1300 Park St	Sports Field	8am-Sunset	•						•		
Codornices	1201 Euclid Ave	Sports Field	8am-Sunset					•		•		
Glendale-La Loma	Glendale Ave & La Loma Ave	Sports Field	8am-Sunset									
Grove	1730 Oregon St	Sports Field	8am-10:30pm									
Harrison	1100 Fourth St	Gabe Catalfo West	8am-9:30pm				•					•
		Gabe Catalfo East					•					•
James Kenney	1720 Eighth St	Sports Field	8am-10:30pm					•				•
Ohlone	Delaware St & Sacramento St	Ohlone Softball	8am-Sunset					•				
	California St & Hearst Ave	Ohlone Middle	8am-Sunset	•						•		
San Pablo	2800 Park St	Field #1	8am-10:30pm					•	•	•		•
		Field #2					•		•		•	
Tom Bates Regions Sports Complex (Gilman)	400 Gilman St	Gilman North	8am-11pm			•				•		•
		Gilman South	8am-11pm			•				•		•
		Gilman East	8am-Sunset				•			•		•
		Gilman West	8am-Sunset				•			•		•
		Gilman Softball	8am-Sunset					•				
Willard	2730 Hillegass Ave	Sports Field (Baseball Youth Only)	8am-10pm					•	•	•		•

FOOTER TITLE

SPORTS FIELDS PHOTOS



Gabe Catalfo Field



Grove Baseball Field



Tom Bates Reginal Sports Complex

SPORT FIELDS ALLOCATION PROCESS

SPORTS FIELD ALLOCATION MEETINGS

- Field space for Fall/Winter is allocated on 2nd Tuesday of April.
- Field Space for Spring/Summer is allocated on 2nd Tuesday of October.
- User group or individual representatives request field spaces by field, day of week and time. If no other groups request same field, day of week and time during the allocation meeting then the original requester will have priority to the space. No requests will be considered after the allocation meeting unless field space remained unclaimed during allocation meeting.

SPORT FIELDS ALLOCATION PROCESS UPDATES

- Group/Club Affiliations
 - User group or individual representative challenging field space on behalf of another Sports Field User group is prohibited
- Challenge Caps
 - User group or individual representative must be present at the allocation meeting to submit challenges
- Club Representative
- Audit Process
- Past Due Payments
- Business License
- Roster Information

TOM BATES REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX



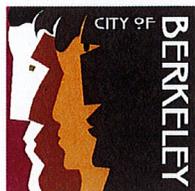
- New Community Space Facility with restrooms
- Multi-use room and storage room
- new soccer field for players under the age of 8 (U8)
- Eight pickleball courts and bleachers for two of the courts
- Reconfigured parking lot to add more stalls and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations
- Bicycle racks and lockers and walkways

FOOTER TITLE

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THANK YOU!





PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION

Site Visits to City Parks (special meeting)

Thursday, April 10, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
San Pablo Park, 2800 Park St
2180 Milvia St, Berkeley, CA 94702

Agenda

1. Site Visits to the following City Parks:

8:30am	San Pablo Park and Francis Albrier Community Center.
9:10am	James Kenney Community Center and Park.
9:30am	Harrison Park.
9:45am	King Park and Pool.
10:15am	John Hinkel Park.
10:45am	Remillard Park.
11:00am	Cragmont Rock Park.
11:15am	Codornices Park & Rose Garden.
12:00pm	Ohlone Park @ McGee St.
12:30	Return to San Pablo Park.

2. Next PRW Commission meeting: May 14, 2025.

3. Adjournment.