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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 (Ex).
3. **City of Berkeley Land Acknowledgement:** ¹
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 (Ex).
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 (Ex).
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. (1 LOA; 1 Ex).
 - Public in attendance: 6
 - Public speakers: 4

¹ Text of the City of Berkeley Land Acknowledgement: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-agendas/SSCOC%20Agenda%20and%20Memorandum%20July%202%2C%202025.pdf>