



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

Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 7:00 P.M.  
Frances Albrier Community Center – auditorium  
2800 Park St, Berkeley, CA 94702

**Minutes- Draft**

1. **Call to Order** (chair): 7:10pm.
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Abshez; Muszynski; Nash; Rybczynski ; Samelson; Absent: Philip (LOA); Stewart (UN);
3. **City of Berkeley Land Acknowledgement**
4. **Action: Approval of Agenda.** (chair) (M/S/C: Rybczynski/Samelson/U) Ayes: Abshez; Muszynski; Nash; Rybczynski; Samelson; Noes: none; Absent: Philip (LOA); Stewart (UN).
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for Wednesday, June 10, 2026 (chair).\* (M/S/C: Abshez/Muszynski/U) Ayes: Abshez; Muszynski; Nash; Rybczynski; Samelson; Noes: none; Absent: Philip (LOA); Stewart (UN).
6. **Public Comment** (2 min each). a) Jim McGrath, trees in Skates Lot; b) Erin Diehm, tree at Skates Lot; c) Claudia Kawczynska, the agenda.
7. **Chair's Report/Discussion.** (Abshez). Thank you to PRW staff for clean up at Oak Park.
8. **Director's Report:** Update on special events, community engagement, capital and maintenance projects, forestry, recreation, budget, fees (Miller). Update was provided.
9. **Discussion/Action:** Draft Pier-Ferry Parking Management Implementation Plan (McNulty).\* Public Comment: a) Erin Diehm; b) Edward Kaczynski; c) Allison Granzella; d) Camille Antinoria; e) Claudia Kawczynska. The PRW Commission M/S/C (Samelson/Nash/U) to provide feedback to staff on the following: a) change time limits at South Cove and J/K lots from 4hrs to 5 hrs / day; b) ask that a periodic review and report on the parking plan be made to the commission in first six months and then annually; c) for every ten parking stalls there should be a tree. Ayes: Abshez; Muszynski; Nash; Rybczynski; Samelson; Noes: none; Absent: Philip (LOA); Stewart (UN).
10. **Discussion/Action:** Golden Gate Fields Subcommittee – upcoming presentation from EBRPD at September 9, 2026 PRW Commission Meeting (Abshez). Miller indicated that an upcoming presentation has been scheduled for September 9, 2026.
11. **Public Hearings with actions at subsequent meetings:\***
  - A. Naming former Cesar Chavez Park per Council referral to PRW Commission (Ferris).\* A public hearing was opened (Abshez); Public Comment: a) Natasha Beery; b) Beatrice Leyva-Cutler. The PRW Commission M/S/C (Samelson/Nash/U) to close the public hearing. Ayes: Abshez; Muszynski; Nash; Rybczynski; Samelson; Noes: none; Absent: Philip (LOA); Stewart (UN).
  - B. Naming South Berkeley public plaza as Delores Cooper Plaza (See April 14, 2026 Council referral. <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-04/2026-04-14%20Item%2016%20Recommendation%20to%20Parks%20and%20Waterfront%20Commission.pdf>). A public hearing was opened (Abshez); Public Comment: none. The PRW Commission M/S/C (Nash/Muszynski/U) to close the public hearing. Ayes: Abshez; Muszynski; Nash; Rybczynski; Samelson; Noes: none; Absent: Philip (LOA); Stewart (UN).
  - C. Naming Gymnasium at Martin Luther King, Jr. (Young Adult Project (YAP) Community Center in honor of Philip Harper-Cotton (Ferris). \*\* A public hearing was opened (Abshez); Public Comment: none. The PRW Commission M/S/C (Rybczynski/Nash/U) to close the public hearing. Ayes: Abshez; Muszynski; Nash; Rybczynski; Samelson; Noes: none; Absent: Philip (LOA); Stewart (UN).
  - D. Naming Santa Fe Railroad Track Park – initial process (Ferris).\*\* The commission held a discussion to begin a process for naming the new park parcels.
12. **Information Reports.**
13. **Recent PRW Council Reports.\***
14. **Future Agenda Items:** Pier-Ferry Project; Workplan; Nexus Study; Fitness Courts Project.
15. **Communications.\*** Latinos Unidos de Berkeley, 5-25-2026; Jeff Malmuth, 6-19-2026.
16. **Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wed, September 9, 2026 (Regular).

**17. Adjournment.** 10:00pm.

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

\*\* document will be provided at the meeting.

- Commissioners in attendance: 5 of 7 appointed
- Public in attendance: 12
- Public speakers: 10