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PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Frances Albrier Community Center – auditorium
2800 Park St, Berkeley, CA 94702

Minutes- Draft

1. **Call to Order** (chair): 7:00pm.
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Abshez; Granzella; Muszynski; Nash; Philip; Rybczynski ; Samelson; Stewart; Yeo; Absent: none.
3. **City of Berkeley Land Acknowledgement**
4. **Action: Approval of Agenda.** (chair). (M/S/C: Sewart/Rybczynski/U) Ayes: Abshez; Granzella; Muszynski; Nash; Philip; Rybczynski; Samelson; Stewart; Yeo; Noes: none; Absent: none.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for Wednesday, July 8, 2026 (chair).* (M/S/C: Samelson/ Philip/U) Ayes: Abshez; Granzella; Muszynski; Nash; Philip; Rybczynski; Samelson; Stewart; Yeo; Noes: none; Absent: none.
6. **Public Comment** (2 min each). a) Camille Antinori, berth waiver, and grant; b) Shreyas Chand, Cal Sailing Club; c) Ted Steen, Goose feces & Golden Gate Fields; d) Cassandra Turgman, Aquatic Park pollution & unhoused; e) Martin Nicolaus; f) Laurel, Marina new dock; g) Susan Schwartz; h) Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Renaming Cesar Chavez Park; i) Natasha Beery, Renaming Cesar Chavez Park; j) Kelly Hammargren.
7. **Chair's Report.** The chair introduced new PRWC Commissioners Allison Granzella (Mayor) and Dana Yeo (Blackaby, District 6). Commissioner Rybczynski attend the August 31st meeting re: public art at Santa Fe Trackbed park.
8. **Director's Report:** Update on special events, community engagement, capital and maintenance projects, forestry, recreation, budget, fees (Ferris). Update was provided.
9. **Presentation** – Update on Marina Fund and potential revenue losses from Doubletree and Waterfront Parking Lot Fees (Erickson).* Update was provided. Public comment: a) Claudia Kawczynska; b) Jim McGrath; c) Camille Antinori; d) Martin Nicolaus; e) Laurel.
10. **Presentation/Action** – EBRPD Update on Acquisition and Planning Process for Golden Gate Fields (Max Korten, EBRPD).* Presentation was provided. Public Comment: a) Brennan Cox; b) Claudia Kawczynska; c) Susan Schwartz; d) Kieron Slaughter; e) Kelly Hammargren.
11. **Action:** Naming South Berkeley public plaza as Delores Cooper Plaza (Ferris). The commission took action to recommend that Council name the plaza as Delores Cooper Plaza. (M/S/C: Philip/ Rybczynski/U) Ayes: Abshez; Granzella; Nash; Philip; Rybczynski ; Samelson; Stewart; Noes: none; Absent: Muszynski; Yeo.
12. **Action:** Naming Gymnasium at Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center (Young Adult Project (YAP) in honor of Philip Harper-Cotton (Ferris). ** The commission took action to recommend that Council name the gymnasium at Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center (Young Adult Project) in honor of Philip Harper-Cotton (M/S/C: Nash/Stewart/U) Ayes: Abshez; Granzella; Nash; Philip; Rybczynski ; Samelson; Stewart; Noes: none; Absent: Muszynski; Yeo.
13. **Action:** Naming former Cesar Chavez Park per Council referral to PRW Commission (Ferris).* The commission took action to recommend that Council rename the park at the northern end of the Berkeley Waterfront as Si Se Puede Park as recommended by the Commemorative Renaming Committee. (M/S/C: Stewart/ Granzella/U); Ayes: Abshez; Granzella; Nash; Philip; Rybscynski; Samelson; Stewart; Noes: none; Absent: Muszynski; Yeo.
14. **Action:** Create a subcommittee to develop a process for Naming Santa Fe Railroad Track Park (Abshez).** The commission took action to form a subcommittee (Granzella, Philip) to

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develop a process for naming Satna Fe Railroad Track Park parcels (M/S/C: Granzella/Philip/U); Ayes: Abshez; Granzella; Nash; Philip; Rybscynski; Samelson; Stewart; Noes: none; Absent: Muszynski; Yeo.

15. Information Reports.

16. Recent PRW Council Reports.*

17. Future Agenda Items: These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Commission may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Commission meeting: New PRW fees (PRW Comm, Oct 14 for Council, Dec 1, 2026); Pier-Ferry Project; PRW Commission Workplan; Nexus Study; Fitness Courts Project.

18. Communications.* Jim McGrath, 06-23-2026; Allison Granzella, 06-27-2026; Camille Antinori, 07-09-2026; Brennan Cox, 8-17-2026; Eleanor Hollander, 9/24/2026; Claudia Kawczynska, 09-02-2026.

19. Next PRW Commission meeting: Wed, Oct 14, 2026 (Regular).

20. Adjournment. 10:00pm.

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

** document will be provided at the meeting.

- Commissioners in attendance: 9 of 9 appointed
- Public in attendance: 19
- Public speakers: 20