

**PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 7:00 P.M., Zoom Meeting

**Minutes – Draft**

The Commissions may discuss any items listed on the agenda, but may take action only on items identified as Action.

1. **Call to Order** (Chair). 7:00pm.
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Birnbach; Cox; Diehm; Floyd; Humbert; Kawczynska; Srioudom; Wozniak; Absent: Capitelli (LOA).
3. **Action: Approval of Agenda** with corrections (Chair). (M/S/C: Floyd/Diehm/U): Ayes: Birnbach; Cox; Diehm; Floyd; Humbert; Kawczynska; Srioudom; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Capitelli (LOA).
4. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for June 8, 2022 (Chair).\* (M/S/C: Kawczynska/Cox/U): Ayes: Birnbach; Cox; Diehm; Floyd; Humbert; Kawczynska; Srioudom; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Capitelli (LOA).
5. **Public Comment:** Peter Shurman, Cesar Chavez Park; Camille Antinori, Cal Sailing, update on \$15M from state and TOT tax to Marina; Susan Schwartz, Friends of Five Creeks, mowing; Sean O’Laughlin, Skate XP; Brittany Whitlock, Berkeley Way Mini-park off leash dog park; Kelly Hammargren, bird safe glass; Grant Shumann/Natalie, open space; Helen Walsh, accessibility and design at the Marina; Martin Nicolaus, bicycle lane issue at newly paved University Ave.
6. **Chair’s Report** (Wozniak). Update on Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) for Marina; road repair at University Ave.
7. **Director’s Report** (Ferris): Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget. Update was provided.
8. **Discussion/Action: City-adopted PRW 2023/24 Operations and CIP Budget Update** (Ferris/Wozniak). Update provided. Public Comment: Virginia Browning, accessibility.
9. **Discussion: Berkeley Marina Area Specific Plan (BMASP) project** (Wozniak).\* Public Comment: a) Camille Antinori; b) Ernest Isaacs; c) Maggie Goodman; d) Mickey Duxbury; e) Sally Nelson; f) Daniel Larlham; g) Martin Nicolaus; h) Robert Blomberg; i) Yvette; j) Anna Kamerow; k) Julie Cato; l) Chloe Chaudhury; m) Nick Despota; n) Wendy Patterson; o) Rachel Bradley; p) Jeff Malmuth; q) Kelly Hammargren; r) Jim McGrath; s) Virginia Browning; t) Daniel Borgstrom; u) Meryl Siegel; v) Julia Maas; w) Erik Radock; x) Gina; y) Haseeb Chaudhury; z) Lex Morris; aa) Marcy Darnovsky; bb) Celeste Agos; cc) Emma Chavalier; dd) David Fielder; ee) Paul Leondis; ff) Grant Shumann/Natalie; gg) Gael Alcock; hh) Gordon Stout; ii) Lucy Phenix; jj) Yar; kk) Allen Samelson; ll) Mark Ziodis; mm) Emma Swachet; nn) Mark Lowe.
10. **Discussion: PRW Roadmap: a long-term action plan** (Floyd).\* Held over.
11. **Discussion: In-person commission meetings** (Wozniak). Not discussed.
12. **Information: Recent Council Reports.** \*
13. **Future Agenda Items:** Workplan FY2022-2023; Parks Development Fee; Parks Tax & Parking Space Exclusion; Solar panels at community centers; Art in Parks; One-time State funds PRW spending plan.
14. **Communications.** PRW Commission to Council re: Vision 2050, 6/10/2022; Black necked Stilts at Aq Pk, 07-13-2022); New sailing club article, 7-8-2022.
15. **Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022
16. **Adjournment:** 9:55pm.

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

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

Minutes submitted:



Roger Miller, Secretary, Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

## **PRW Commission – Regular Meeting – Wednesday - 2022-07-13 – Chat Log**

**From:** Chloe Chaudhry to All Panelists 07:02 PM

As a resident of Berkeley of 30 years, Cesar Chavez Park is my favorite part of living in Berkeley. Please do not destroy our beautiful park—no commercial development!

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 07:02 PM

Please preserve the natural beauty and accessible rejuvenation provided by the Marina Area for all area residents and hold the line against privatization and commercialization of Berkeley's precious open space.

**From:** Mykael Mosd to All Panelists 07:02 PM

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- Leave commercial development out of Cesar Chavez Park
- Cesar Chavez Park is a Berkeley jewel, leave it alone
- No to "revenue opportunities" in Cesar Chavez Park
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**From:** Mykael Mosd to Everyone 07:03 PM

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**From:** Mimi Abers to All Panelists 07:03 PM

Cesar Chavez Park is a hot spot for birds with over 100 species. I oppose the BMASP plan

**From:** Emily Galpern to Everyone 07:03 PM

Hello Commissioners, I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park. Please make sure to engage the community as stakeholders going forward. Thank you.

**From:** Nathalie to Everyone 07:03 PM

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**From:** marilyn to Everyone 07:04 PM

Keep Chavez Park as a free and accessible

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 07:04 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan for the reasons explained by the previous comments in the chat.

**From:** Sarah Elzea to Everyone 07:04 PM

My dog Cyndi and I are walkers at Cesar Chavez Park. We have been walking there regularly for three years and we don't want to see it changed because there are so few open spaces in this area. The City of Berkeley has a limited amount of open space and should do whatever it can to preserve Cesar Chavez Park!

**From:** MGP to All Panelists 07:04 PM

Please leave commercial development out of Cesar Chavez Park

**From:** Sue Tomasello to All Panelists 07:04 PM

I definitely oppose BMASP

**From:** MGP to Everyone 07:04 PM

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**From:** ktandy to Everyone 07:05 PM

I would like the Cesar Chavez park to remain as is.

**From:** marilyn to Everyone 07:05 PM

Given the proven health and social benefits of outdoors experiences, retain Chavez Park for all to enjoy

**From:** Wini Williams to Everyone 07:05 PM

Hello Commissioners - I oppose the BMASP plan. It's not in the best interest of any of the regular Marina users.

**From:** Katie Calvert to All Panelists 07:05 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining Cesar Chavez Park.

**From:** Deb Todd she/her to Everyone 07:05 PM

Please leave the wonderful open space of Cesar Chavez park alone. Once it's gone, it's gone.

**From:** ghislainphanvanthiet to Everyone 07:05 PM

Leave this part as is! No commercial development on Cesar Chavez park!

**From:** Maud Engel to Everyone 07:06 PM

Leave the pristine wide-open spaces of Cesar Chavez Park alone!!

**From:** Shahryar Muzaffar to All Panelists 07:06 PM

Hello!

My name is Yar and I've been enjoying Cesar Chavez Park since we moved here in 1996. I have particularly enjoyed Flying my RC Airplanes over the years and my kids love flying their kites here as well.

I very much oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park.

**From:** Bill Kruse He, Him to Everyone 07:06 PM

I enjoy the park on a regular basis. I love the open spaces, the fresh air and seeing the diversity of people which use the park. I have lived in Berkeley for over 54 years and find this park to be an invaluable space. Please keep the park the way it is.

**From:** Shahryar Muzaffar to All Panelists 07:06 PM

Please leave this space the way it is!

**From:** micky duxbury to All Panelists 07:06 PM

I am opposed to the BMASP plan and hope to share my comments tonight.

**From:** D2 Community West Berkeley to All Panelists 07:06 PM

I have been a user of Cesar Chavez for as long as it has existed and strongly support keeping it open space as it has been, a haven for walkers and wildlife.

**From:** Alexis Milea to All Panelists 07:06 PM

As a Berkeley homeowner and frequent user of the wonderful open spaces at Cesar Chavez Park, I oppose the BMASP plan. Please DO NOT destroy this Berkeley open space!

**From:** Bob Whalen to Everyone 07:07 PM

Why are we even considering commercializing and monetizing the only real semi natural space along the Berkeley waterfront?

**From:** micky duxbury to All Panelists 07:07 PM

when do you want hands raised for the plan?

**From:** Shahryar Muzaffar to All Panelists 07:07 PM

I second that!

**From:** Morissa Zuckerman to Everyone 07:07 PM

Dear Commissioners -- I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park. We greatly value this beautiful open community space and urge you to protect it!

**From:** Shoshana Uribe to Everyone 07:07 PM

I agree— our three generations of Berkeley family and a Berkeley business owner love to frequent Cesar Chavez park as a peaceful open space— just today my teen was moved by the Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta site and enjoyed some quiet meditation as we walked around the park... always a beautiful and diverse community enjoying the park

**From:** Zed to Everyone 07:07 PM

Please no further development on the open space portion of the existing park.

**From:** Steven F to All Panelists 07:07 PM

How can I see the agenda?

**From:** Anne-Marie Miller to Everyone 07:07 PM

I and everyone I know, opposes the BMASP plan. CCP is the jewel of Berkeley, especially needed now that Berkeley is growing so dense

**From:** David Schneider to All Panelists 07:07 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan fr Cesar Chavez Park. Please leave commercial development out of CC Park. NO to "revenue opportunities." Leave pristine wide-open spaces of CC Park alone. The park is a wonderful public space for folks of all socio-economic ilk, racial, ethnic, diverse backgrounds to hang out together.

Thank you. Sincerely David Schneider

**From:** F Feller to Everyone 07:07 PM

Leave commercial development out of Cesar Chavez Park

Since I retired 7 years ago, I have been going on an early morning 2.5 mile walk at least 3 times a week. It is a beautiful, peaceful and quiet place. I would hate the commercial development that would bring chaos, noise and pollution that would occur in this tranquil environment. It is a pleasure to see the water, rock formations, birds and squirrels. I oppose the BMASP Plan.

Feleciana Feller

Berkeley Voting Resident for 39 Years

**From:** Marcy Darnovsky to Everyone 07:07 PM

Please don't commercialize Cesar Chavez Park. It is precious open space and once it's gone we can never get it back@

**From:** D2 Community West Berkeley to Everyone 07:08 PM

I have been a user of Cesar Chavez for as long as it has existed and strongly support keeping it as it is, a haven for walkers and wildlife.

**From:** emilie to All Panelists 07:08 PM

No, no, no regarding the BMASP. It's horrendous and would ruin one of the best things about Berkeley, our wonderful Cesar Chavez Park.

**From:** John Moss to Everyone 07:08 PM

So enjoy the park in its current condition. I value the natural setting, and it's solitude. I oppose the BMASP entirely!

**From:** Susan Kegeles to Everyone 07:09 PM

Hello commissioners -- please do not develop Cesar Chavez into a commercial enterprise. It is an absolutely magnificent place that we have as Berkeley-ites! I am a home-owner in Berkeley and have lived here nearly 50 years. I have treasured this park for nearly 35 years and go there often. I pushed my babies in strollers, rode bicycles with them, and now in my olders years often walk there. The magnificent sea breezes I experience there, watching the waves. seeing the boats go by and looking straight across to the Golden Gate - we have a treasure here! I would like to see more work in maintaining the place such as more garbage receptacles, perhaps some flowers, and so forth, but nothing more. We have a treasure. Watching the kites fly in this beautiful open space is awesome. Please do not put in buildings, a Ferris wheel, money-making activities. This open space is needed for the mental health and well-being of all of our citizens is essential. I also absolutely love the Berkeley Marina. I am Susan Kegeles.

**From:** susan black to Everyone 07:09 PM

The current BMASP plan is a travesty to nature and a total insult to those of us who use and love this park. I have lived here for over 40 years and walk the Marina nearly daily. It is a sanctuary for all of us and for all the birds and fauna that live there. During the pandemic it has been a quiet and beautiful sanctuary. NO AMUSEMENT PARK

**From:** jo to All Panelists 07:09 PM

We oppose all developments to Cesar Chavez park.

**From:** Daniel Larlham to All Panelists 07:09 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan, which is completely lacking in a sense of environmental stewardship, and shows disgraceful disregard for the non-human beings who live in Cesar Chavez Park, and for the lovers of the park who go there for a sense of peace and remove from the noise and activity of town.

**From:** Sally Pugh/Ed Herzog to All Panelists 07:09 PM

I totally agree with Peter - first speaker.

**From:** MGP to Everyone 07:09 PM

I have been enjoying Cesar Chavez Park for over 20 years. Please let us and future generations enjoy this Berkeley gem!

**From:** Susan Kegeles to Everyone 07:09 PM

Susan Kegeles - 2957 Shasta Rd. I have another meeting to attend and can't stay on.

**From:** matthew H to All Panelists 07:10 PM

I believe open space at ceasar chavez to be invaluable. open space is versatile space. please keep it so

**From:** ruthrosen@gmail.com to All Panelists 07:10 PM

It is so horrifying that you would allow Cesar Chavez to be changed into the idea you've suggested. This is where I go for walking every day, where elders walk, where parents stroll with their babies, where children fly kites, where people sit and look at the golden gate bridge and SF and Mt. Tam.

**From:** Daniel Larlham to All Panelists 07:10 PM

During the height of the pandemic, the park was a crucial place of retreat, respite, and communion with nature for my partner and me. We called the park "The Edge" – as in, the edge of civilization – and we went for walks there almost every day, at all times of day. We often watched the sunset and ended up staying until well after dark. We got to know the seasonal changes of the place, the different kinds of weather it can have – from biting wind to glorious sun – and the habits of the animals who live there. We had some quite magical experiences listening to the almost metallic-sounding calls of red-winged blackbirds and, at night, watching barn owls swooping low over the ground or hovering over the water of the Bay. I'll wager that the BMASP planners didn't spend much time with those owls, or they wouldn't have placed their imagined events pavilion, apparently intended to host huge music festivals, right next to their nesting boxes.

**From:** Sally Pugh/Ed Herzog to All Panelists 07:11 PM

How dare you try to develop a city of Berkeley treasure, Cesar Chavez park. West Berkeley needs some open space!!!

**From:** Marie Appel to Everyone 07:11 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan for Cesar Chavez Park. Please do not develop and commercialize Cesar Chavez Park – leave it as is for all to enjoy!

**From:** Steven F to All Panelists 07:11 PM

The city has been diverting the marina's hotel tax revenue for ages.

**From:** ruthrosen@gmail.com to All Panelists 07:11 PM

I have loved this park for 30 years and it's a development that would make Berkeley a place to develop, not to live.

**From:** Agnes S to All Panelists 07:11 PM

Please preserve Cesar Chavez Park as open space. We need this little bit of nature in West Berkeley!

**From:** Marcy Darnovsky to Everyone 07:11 PM

One other comment: It's disappointing that the planning has gotten this far along, with minimal public notice. I learned about it from flyers that an individual had taken it on himself to create and post at the Marina. Why so little public notice?

**From:** Maxwell Wengrofsky-Jamison to All Panelists 07:12 PM

Hello I think this is a terrible idea to commercialize the area. It is my understanding the money needs to be raised to fix the yacht harbor. I also heard the fees for the yacht owners have not been raised. Leave the park alone and raise the dock fees. The area needs to be left alone and let Berkeley and other residents enjoy the park.

**From:** Mari Vlastos to Everyone 07:12 PM

I am very concerned that I heard nothing at all about the plan to develop CC Park commercially until I read a letter in Berkeleyside! I'm shocked at the proposed changes—CC should remain as it is, with the exception of establishing well maintained public bathrooms which are very much needed. It is a rare easily accessible public space that the old, disabled, very young and everyone else can easily use in its present form. It should remain exactly as it is in a state of nature pure and simple. Berkeley is becoming overly commercialized as it is. PLEASE DO NOT ADD TO THIS

**From:** ruthrosen@gmail.com to All Panelists 07:12 PM

I seriously oppose the development of anything in this gorgeous park. Only greedy people would think this is a good idea,

**From:** Sandy Emerson (she/her) - FFCA to Everyone 07:12 PM

Sandy Emerson, resident of North Berkeley. The Master Plan includes a number of options for uses and funding, and I'd love to see the emphasis placed on restoring and maintaining the public open space and improving opportunities for non-motorized recreation. I learned to kayak by launching at the Cal Rec docks at Berkeley Marina, and it would be wonderful to have more kayaking and SUP facilities. The Bay Trail could be improved and extended for cyclists, as well.

**From:** Bob Whalen to Everyone 07:12 PM

We need to enhance the park not develop it for other purposes. How about a campground or playground for kids. A waterfront RV campground like they have in Pacifica.

**From:** tamarabirdsall to All Panelists 07:12 PM

We bought our home in Berkeley in 1989 and have visited Cesar Chavez Park frequently since then.

The space may not be rich with amenities, but that clearly suits this community. It's a wonderful, unique, accessible space that honors humans, wildlife, and the Bay.

While a music venue and features like zip lines sounds perfectly nice, it's a commercialized development that can't possibly serve our entire Berkeley community the way this organic Park does now. Developers can find another place for this type of attractions.

Further, the BMASP process seems quite covert. It has not been inclusive and transparent. We do not support it going forward, at this point.

**From:** Ernest Isaacs to All Panelists 07:12 PM

I am a resident of Berkeley and go back to the day when it was the city dump. Some of my garbage and tires are rotting away even now. I'm really opposed to this destruction of this beautiful park that so many people enjoy so much.

**From:** betseytabraham to Everyone 07:13 PM

I am against commercial development at Cesar Chavez Park. It is an essential public space for everyone to enjoy.

**From:** Maxwell Wengrofsky-Jamison to All Panelists 07:13 PM

hello. I am 10 years old and I really enjoy walking my dog in the park. I also go to adventure playground and the beach with my friends and go to camp there. Please do not take this away.

**From:** Daniela to All Panelists 07:14 PM

I oppose the proposed plans because they will transform Cesar Chavez park into a commercialized development forever destroying the unspoiled natural space that makes this park so unique.

**From:** john hershberger to All Panelists 07:14 PM

I oppose commercial development at Cesar Chavez Park. Protect and the save the priceless open space!

**From:** elsa tranter to All Panelists 07:14 PM

I too am against commercial development in the park as articulated by Betsy Abraham.

**From:** Christy Bertani to Everyone 07:15 PM

In an urban environment, open space is rare & precious. No commercial development in Cesar Chavez Park. Leave it as open space.

**From:** Miranda to All Panelists 07:15 PM

I am against altering or developing Caesar Chavez open space park, especially the ideas put forth in the Berkeley Marina master plan. The many users of the park would like to be included in any information regarding potential changes that will affect the quality of life for the community and the wildlife. If it were not for a Berkeleyside article and passionate community members - many of us visitors would have no idea that the park could have massive changes with very little transparency.

**From:** Doug Dohrer to All Panelists 07:15 PM

To commercialize Cesar Chavez is a travesty. I go to Cesar Chavez 2 or 3 times a week to walk my dog and enjoy a small slice of nature. To add a zipline, music pavilion, etc. is horrendous. Please allow the park to remain what it was intended to be: open space.

**From:** Miranda to Everyone 07:15 PM

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**From:** Noah Rowlett to All Panelists 07:16 PM

Yes! We love Berkeley Mini Way Park!

**From:** Maxwell Wengrofsky-Jamison to All Panelists 07:16 PM

i did not like the eye rolling of the commissioner. Please refrain from such tactics.

**From:** Katie Calvert to All Panelists 07:16 PM

Please leave Cesar Chavez Park alone. It is a lovely, wide-open space that is needed by people and wildlife. I am against the BMASP plan.

**From:** Daniela to Everyone 07:16 PM

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**From:** Julia Cato to Everyone 07:16 PM

The parks at the Berkeley Marina are Berkeley's greatest treasure. I am appalled that the City wants to commercialize Cesar Chavez Park and make that serene setting into something like an amusement park complete with zip lines and venue for music. That is not the purpose of a park, particularly a park that is beloved by so many for the peace and beauty that it offers us, a place to restore our balance, to pause and be thankful that there is such beauty in the world, a place that is also a wildlife refuge that was built to protect various vulnerable species which we have the privilege of observing from a distance. Now we are supposed to share this with zip lines, loud music and crowds that don't care about where they are but only what they are doing. Those of us who love this place, and there are thousands of us who visit over the span of a few weeks, care greatly about where we are when we are at the park. It is where we get, for free, some of the best views in the bay area, the bay the bridge, Mt. Tam an

**From:** David Fielder to All Panelists 07:16 PM

Hope to hear update on potential lease of His Lordships property?

**From:** Camille Watts-Zagha to Everyone 07:17 PM

Leave the pristine wide-open spaces of Cesar Chavez Park alone!! Thank you! Camille Watts-Zagha

**From:** Sue Estey to Everyone 07:17 PM

Cesar Chavez park currently offers a connection to the Bay for people. I oppose commercializing this park with structures for paid events. Please keep our park open space peaceful.

**From:** Noah Rowlett to All Panelists 07:17 PM

I support Brittney's request to turn Berkeley Way Mini Park into an official dog park. It has been an amazing place to build community in Berkeley and the neighborhood kids love it. I rarely see kids playing in the grass lot at Berkeley Way Mini Park

**From:** Jonathan to All Panelists 07:18 PM

Yesss!!!

**From:** ruthrosen@gmail.com to All Panelists 07:18 PM

There are very few places where you can see SF, Gold Gate Bridge, Mt. Tam, to commercialize this is an insult to the community

**From:** Mary Behm-Steinberg to All Panelists 07:18 PM

I'm appalled that the City would even consider privatizing the park, and I'm also appalled at the very real threats to the environment in and around the park from pollution from an amusement park and large concert venue. Preserve the park not just for all us from here, but for future generations. More revenues could easily come from a state-level tax on major corporations, which is long overdue. Fix the infrastructure and otherwise leave the park alone. Thanks

**From:** Camille to Everyone 07:18 PM

Hi Roger, Can you let me know about that SLR study? I heard the draft is out. Is a copy available?

**From:** Jonathan to All Panelists 07:19 PM

I SUPPORT BWMP converting to a DOG PARK!!!!!!!  
THANK YOU BRITNEY!!

**From:** Debbie Felix to All Panelists 07:19 PM

We go to Cesar Chavez on nearly a daily basis with our dog. We love our walks and the natural beauty of the park and bay. I have reviewed the proposed master plan and feel that it takes away from everything we love about the park now. Please don't let the plan move forward.

**From:** Melissa Riley to All Panelists 07:19 PM

I oppose the commercialization of Cesar Chavez Park—the BMSASP or any even vaguely similar future plan. I have walked this stunning and irresponsibly underfunded natural place with my family weekly or more for since its inception, meeting and greeting friends new and old. It would be a shame to destroy the spirit of this common ground on the shore of our city. How UnBerkeley can we be if this plan goes forth?

**From:** Camille Watts-Zagha to Everyone 07:19 PM

I support Brittney's position to make Berkeley Way Mini-park an off leash park. I lived on Francisco St @ Curtis from 2002-2010 and it was unused then. Dog owners are a natural constituency to liven up the park. Thank you, Camille Watts-Zagha

**From:** Leah Caudell-Feagan to Everyone 07:20 PM

We agree that the Berkeley Way Mini Park should be officially designated an off leash dog area. It is public land that is currently just sitting unused and would allow neighbors with pets to exercise and socialize their dogs!

**From:** Charles T Wilson CMC® to Everyone 07:20 PM

I strongly oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park and don't want any commercial development that would restrict or hamper access to this special, historical open-space and wildlife protection park.

**From:** David S. to All Panelists 07:21 PM

I oppose the the BMASP plan. I spend a great deal of time at the Cesar Chavez Park. Please keep it as is.

**From:** Masha Gutkin to Everyone 07:21 PM

hear hear!

**From:** Mary Law to Everyone 07:21 PM

I strongly oppose the BMASP plan. We need to protect the natural habitat and open space —that is free to all—rather than the proposed developments at Cesar Chavez Park, which would destroy the habitat and require admission fees. A toilet upgrade is the only improvement I'd be glad of!

**From:** Plan today to Everyone 07:21 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park. I strongly oppose commercial development in Cesar Chavez Park.

**From:** ruthrosen@gmail.com to All Panelists 07:21 PM

bravo!!!!

**From:** observer to Everyone 07:21 PM

Our family uses Cesar Chavez Park multiple times per week. It is one of the most precious open spaces in the city, located as it is adjacent to the bay. It would be a travesty to destroy it with this proposal. Is the city so desperate for revenue that it is willing to degrade the quality of life of its residents.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 07:21 PM

I am opposed to BMSAP. I oppose the commercialization of our parks and beautiful open space. If the BMASP plan is City Hall's vision of our waterfront, then I suggest you place this plan on the ballot, either this November or November 2024. At least this way the Berkeley public would be informed of this plan. Let the Berkeley voters decide whether or not they want Coney Island or Disneyland or the Concord Pavilion at the Berkeley Marina. Carla Woodworth, 2335 Parker Street, Berkeley (District 3).



**From:** e. kay Trimberger to Everyone 07:22 PM

I have been using Caesar Chavez park for 50 years when I had dogs with friends and by myself. It is so great to have this natural place by the bay and near by.

**From:** ruthrosen@gmail.com to All Panelists 07:22 PM

That' what I though--why are they paving that road? I knew it was for nefarious reasons.

**From:** Mary Behm-Steinberg to All Panelists 07:22 PM

Hear here!

**From:** Dina Roumiantseva to All Panelists 07:22 PM

I am also strongly against development in Cesar Chavez park, this is an important natural area for all to enjoy. It is already widely used and enjoyed by families, dog walkers, and bird watchers. Bird watching has exploded in popularity during the pandemic particularly among young people and many marginalized communities. It is crucial for mental health and well-being of adjacent communities to have access to open, natural space. Please leave Cesar Chavez park as it is!

**From:** Ilyana landes to Everyone 07:23 PM

Please do not take away any of the Marina /Cesar Chavez Park 's open natural area. It is a gem, and to place development there and disrupt the natural area would be a great loss to so many people. It is also one of the few natural areas that is accessible to those who are disabled.

**From:** Mandy to All Panelists 07:23 PM

I strongly oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to the development of Cesar Chavez Park.

**From:** Mary Behm-Steinberg to All Panelists 07:24 PM

Disability issues are so important, and so underdressed. Thanks so much.

**From:** Deborah Scott - District 2- Berkeley Ca to Everyone 07:24 PM

Cesar Chavez Park should remain the beautiful and open space it is. I am opposed to the development and commercialization of this space. It should be well maintained and remain available to ALL. It is just by chance I learned of the plan to develop the park. We need more transparency about this process. I agree with one of the speakers who talked about improving what is already in the area -- the pier, the hotel, the restaurants that already exist. No need for further development.

**From:** Maxwell Wengrofsky-Jamison to All Panelists 07:24 PM

Is it true that the money raised by development of the park would go to fix the Berkeley harbor, because fees have not been raised in 15 years for the yacht owners? Even landlords are allowed to raise the rent ! I think the commercial development is just part of the larger picture of developers running the town with Jesse at the front.

**From:** meryl siegal to All Panelists 07:24 PM

I totally agree, the Marina/ Cesar Chavez Park is an open natural area that must be kept as it is --- a place for contemplation, dog walking, chats, and the like. It is inequitable to even think about charging money to attend the park.

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 07:24 PM

As a daily visitor with my dogs to Cesar Chavez Park, I oppose any BMASP plans to create revenue opportunity in this rare Bay Area natural setting for people, dogs, wildlife and native plants. We need this simple, free, daily open space now and going forward!

**From:** Mary Behm-Steinberg to All Panelists 07:25 PM

I agree with Helen, and that includes adequate bathrooms.

**From:** Julia Cato to Everyone 07:26 PM

Mt. Tam and the hills with their ever-changing hues of light and shadow. And above all, living things, plants, seabirds, shorebirds, baby owls, and other little rock critters-- and we like knowing they have a safe home here and will be protected and there when we come back the next day or the next week.

City parks were created to provide this kind of environment of open space, beauty and nature --things most of us have little access to where we live. The park is my real yard, my real open space.

The city has already taken the pier from us, where we walked to watch the sunset and the moonrise, where fishermen of diverse ethnicity spent their weekends and their children played along its length. They are seen no more at our park. Now the city is going after the very heart of the park. What will be left? Do you know that hundreds of people come to the park just to watch the sunset each day? It is a lovely experience sitting on a bench or in your car with all these other people watching the sun go down into the w

**From:** ric keeley to All Panelists 07:26 PM

We travel from Oakland to Cesar Chavez Park with our dogs to enjoy the beautiful open space and all its natural beauty. Please Leave the pristine wide-open spaces of Cesar Chavez Park alone. I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park

**From:** observer to Everyone 07:26 PM

I oppose the bmasp plan, pertaining to ceasar Chavez park. it would a dishonor to the citizens of this city

**From:** ruthrosen@gmail.com to All Panelists 07:26 PM

Children fly kites, elders stroll, parents with children and hikers--this is a gem, I think it's horrifying that you leave the issue of the park until the end. This is what we all care about,.

**From:** Elaine Mazer to Everyone 07:26 PM

I oppose the development of this open area for endeavors that have not proven to be profitable - not to mention the clean-up and security necessary. Please leave it the way it is.

**From:** abby to Everyone 07:26 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan for Cesar Chavez Park. I value the opportunity for recreation in natural surroundings that it provides.

**From:** Jeff Malmuth to Everyone 07:27 PM

I can hardly express my delight in seeing so many wonderful Chats coming in, nonstop, during this meeting. Wonderful to see everyone giving voice to the protection of CCP!! Thank you everyone.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 07:27 PM

Thank you Jeff for your great organizing!

**From:** Camille Watts-Zagha to Everyone 07:27 PM

and thank you Jeff for helping us know when this item would be considered! Camille Watts-Zagha

**From:** Mary Behm-Steinberg to All Panelists 07:28 PM

Yes, thanks so much for your organizational work, Jeff!

**From:** Claudia Kawczynska - Commissioner to All Panelists 07:28 PM

Thanks Jeff for all your work, amazing to have such a large group tonight.

**From:** kristi bennewitz to All Panelists 07:28 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park. Our region has a deep need for this open space which provides a peaceful, wild, natural environment for all of our local communities. Please preserve Cesar Chavez Park as it is, so that this public natural space remains available and accessible to all. Thank you, Kristi Bennewitz

**From:** ruthrosen@gmail.com to All Panelists 07:28 PM

Shame on you to force us to wait to talk about our ippoposition at the end.

**From:** Nathalie to Everyone 07:29 PM

Thank you Jeff for informing us about this meeting and these issues about CCP. Grant and Nathalie Schumann

**From:** Julia Cato to Everyone 07:29 PM

I am Julia Cato and I am adamantly to the current plans to commercialize Cesar Chavez Park and turn it into an amusement park rather than the peaceful, beautiful access to nature that it currently is.

**From:** Steven F to All Panelists 07:29 PM

The city has diverted the marina's hotel tax for too long. Now that there is that big new Marriott downtown, they have another cash cow, and should leave the marina's hotel tax in the marina.

**From:** Nancy Hormachea to All Panelists 07:29 PM

Please record my opposition to the BMASP plans to commercialize Cesar Chavez Park. I visit the off-leash dog park area every day. The park gives me so much more than just a place to exercise my dog. As a senior it's easy to feel isolated and cutoff in our fast moving society. Going to the park gives me and other seniors a valuable opportunity to interact with park regulars as well as visitors. The off-leash dog area also provides me with a place where I can feel safe to walk and

appreciate the beautiful views. The Marina area is a valuable asset to our community that should not be developed into a commercial enterprise.

**From:** Daniel Larlham to All Panelists 07:30 PM

Thank you, Jeff, I would have had no idea about the BMASP plan or this hearing except for your organizing and outreach.

**From:** MGP to Everyone 07:30 PM

Thanks Jeff for all your efforts, we truly appreciate you

**From:** ruthrosen@gmail.com to All Panelists 07:30 PM

I wrote about this opposition on Next Door and sozons of people responded with their horror --they did not know about this. Thank you Jeff for helping us promote this serious opposition.

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 07:30 PM

Thank you Jeff. It is sad that we all did not know about this until the Berkeleyside article came out and you starting working to do the kind of outreach that one would have expected of the city. Instead you took that on as a private resident to do all you could to inform people about what was being considered in the Area Specific Plan. Thank you Jeff.

**From:** Stefani Berger she/her to Everyone 07:31 PM

CC park is the last open space on the waterfront that is available for all. It is shocking that it is being even considered for development. I walk in the park everyday and love the quiet nature of it. So many of us, children, elders, other-abled persons, people and their dogs and more enjoy the park. Developing it as a pay for play is a direct affront to the values of Berkeley. Please preserve this beautiful park. Do not commercialize it. I am against the BMMASP!

**From:** Audrey webb to All Panelists 07:32 PM

I am responding to the lack of transparency where many of us learned about the proposal for Cesar Chavez Park way after a draft was drawn up. We are now trying to catch up and respond to this. What a terrible idea - to monetize a beautiful park ,home to many birds and other wildlife, not to mention the monuments honoring Cesar Chavez. I know many of us will fight to be sure this beautiful park remains as is and I do not envy any new construction that is started. Please respect the people of Berkeley and elsewhere who benefit from this beautiful place.

**From:** Antonio Guzman (he/him) to Everyone 07:32 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park

**From:** Jerry Derblich to All Panelists 07:33 PM

My wife and use CC Park regularly for a respite from the hubbub of the city. Especially now that Berkeley is building high rises in every corner of the city.. I strongly oppose the BMASP plans. for the park. I am grateful to all the people working to keep the park just as it is, beautiful open space> I was so happy when the park was built on top of all the construction debris i dumped there in the 1980's.

**From:** Barry Zuckerman to Everyone 07:33 PM

I want to register my strong opposition to commercial development at Cesar Chavex Park. I oppose the BMASP plan.

**From:** Janet Warzyn to Everyone 07:34 PM

Cesar Chavez Park is a beautiful space that is free and available for EVERYONE to enjoy. Please keep it that way.

**From:** Erik Radock to Everyone 07:34 PM

I am opposed to the commercialization of César Chávez Park being proposed with the goal of funding long needed maintenance and repairs to the marina and pier.

**From:** Agnes S to Everyone 07:35 PM

Cesar Chavez is the jewel in Berkeley's crown. CC brings nature and beauty to the urban west side. It must be kept that way. Theme parks, and other paid entertainments are available all over the Bay Area, CC does not to be added to that long list.

**From:** Gael Alcock to Everyone 07:35 PM

The Marina and Cesar Chavez park provide the best recreation and entertainment year round in the city of Berkeley. The air alone is divine. Close your eyes, and listen, and you will be wowed! And it's free!! A bike ride away over the footbridge brings you into a world of sky, sea, birds galore. What more could a person ask of a park?

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 07:36 PM

Hi All, To help protect Berkeley's waterfront, check out [chavezpark.org](http://chavezpark.org) and [savecc6@gmail.com](mailto:savecc6@gmail.com)...both groups send out frequent messages....let's continue our push back!

**From:** Yar to Everyone 07:36 PM

I find it disheartening that the citizens of Berkeley don't seem to have a say in the Cesar Chaves Park commercialization.

**From:** Robert Blomberg to All Panelists 07:37 PM

What does PRW stand for?

**From:** Diane Mintz to All Panelists 07:39 PM

Like others I am vehemently opposed to any commercial development at CC. It is an unsurpassed natural respite .

**From:** Mimi Mougovan to Everyone 07:39 PM

Massively opposed to change beloved Cesar to a regional amusement park. We count on it for a breath of air and to not have to drive far to get it.

**From:** Melissa H to Everyone 07:39 PM

We discovered CCP dog park in the mid-1990's. It was a four paws up favorite of our dogs. For us two leggers there was always opportunities to socialize with fellow dog walkers and decompress. Fast forward to today. My husband and dogs made their last stroll and viewed their last sunset but I still walk there frequently and I enjoy meeting new people and remembering the good times. Please, please do not implement the plan as currently proposed. Let future generations continue to have a refuge that I and so many have found at CCP. Thanks, Melissa H.

**From:** Alan K to All Panelists 07:39 PM

I agree with, and urge you to please support, what most of the Chat contributors have said needs to be done. To preserve the vast majority of CC Park as UNcommercialized and un-"attraction"-ized. Thank you! --AK, LT Berkeleyite

**From:** Robert Blomberg to All Panelists 07:39 PM

Can you publicize the items on the list to be accomplished with the \$15 million from the state?

**From:** Claire Kahane to Everyone 07:40 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park

- Leave commercial development out of Cesar Chavez Park;
- it is a Berkeley jewel that many people I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park
- Leave commercial development out of Cesar Chavez Park;
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**From:** Maureen Fitzgerald to All Panelists 07:41 PM

I love Cesar Chavez Park as is. Losing it to development of amusement attractions would be devastating. I treasure time there with my friends, my dog, nature and tranquility. Please do what you can to save this treasure.

Maureen Fitzgerald

**From:** Mimi Mougovan to Everyone 07:41 PM

Can you answer why marina hotel revenue goes to general fund and not the marin?

**From:** Robert Blomberg to All Panelists 07:42 PM

Could you refrain from using acronyms so that those of us monitoring your meeting will understand what you are talking about. Thank you!

**From:** Diane Mintz to All Panelists 07:42 PM

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**From:** Wini Williams to All Panelists 07:42 PM

Tom Caronna

I am strongly opposed to the BMASP plan

**From:** Anna to All Panelists 07:43 PM

I am opposed privatizing any parks in Berkeley.

**From:** Haseeb Chaudhry to All Panelists 07:43 PM

Hello, urgently request that Cesar Chavez park not be commercialized. Please keep it as it is. The community that uses the park love it as it is. We appreciate the new paved roads. Please stop at this. Adding new pavilion and event centers

will destroy the nature and soul of the park. We need to stop the commercializing of the park. It has been a refuge of the community. Please don't destroy it.

**From:** Robert Blomberg to All Panelists 07:44 PM

We are suffering from jargonification!

**From:** Diane Mintz to All Panelists 07:44 PM

The plans that I have seen focus on the north marina

**From:** Camille to Everyone 07:44 PM

Yes, CSCers will be very excited! Thanks for the news!

**From:** Haseeb Chaudhry to All Panelists 07:45 PM

At least please consider the wishes of the community before you make any decisions.

**From:** Susan Spath to All Panelists 07:45 PM

A peaceful place of sky, sun, fog, water, wind, and birds is a necessary refuge for us all from the insane busyness of our daily lives. The last thing we need at a place like Chavez is more noise, more commotion, more stuff. I oppose commercial development at Chavez. Once precious open space is gone, you never get it back. Thank you, Susan Spath, Berkeley resident and Chavez Park friend

**From:** Diane Mintz to All Panelists 07:45 PM

The plans I have seen for the marina focus on the north side (CC Park). What about the south side of the Marina, the unused huge parking and building that was Hs Lordships?

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 07:46 PM

I'm not sure what ADA compliant paving means - but for the many who walk there, it should NOT be concrete. IT DOES need asphalt or other soft surface (permeable if do-able) repair.

**From:** Diane Mintz to All Panelists 07:46 PM

One of the plans I've seen takes out the Berkeley marine Center and sailing club. These are integral parts of the operation of the marina.

**From:** Audrey webb to All Panelists 07:46 PM

I left a chat above that did not include my name, Audrey Webb, so just wanted to add that to the chat with my initials in Red.

**From:** Camille to Everyone 07:48 PM

Thank you Erin for this clarification on breakdown for \$15 m. It seems like pier is not funded in any way. Hopefully, the \$15m projects will be broken down in minutes.

**From:** gina to Everyone 07:48 PM

Cesar Chavez Park and the Berkeley Marina are open space areas that are essential to the health and peace of residents and visitors. It is a refuge from the hustle and bustle. The view is magnificent and is admired and revered w/o fanfare or exploitation. One only needs walk there and be amazed. It is a place where I and my friends walk every week. I have walked the Marina and Park over 1000 times with my dog and without, with my children and w/o. I got alone to drink a coffee and take in the fresh air and the view and experience gratitude. I despair at the idea of commercializing the area. The occasional open-to-all, area-appropriate festival is fine. I oppose BMASP. The value of the area IS its availability for peaceful walking and contemplation. If the City cannot keep it as open, green space, and maintain it without commercializing it, sell it to EBRPD. That entity recognizes the value of beautiful open space for the people in the Bay Area.

**From:** Diane Mintz to All Panelists 07:48 PM

Agreement on the suggestion not to make the CC walkway asphalt. It gets too hot for dogs' pads. they burn when the air is 177 degrees

**From:** Sally Pugh/Ed Herzog to All Panelists 07:48 PM


This is insulting and happens every time in Berkeley. There is over one hundred people waiting to deal with CS and we are put on hold.

**From:** Vern to All Panelists 07:49 PM

Me and my wife Pat have lived and paid taxes to Berkeley since 1980 and use this park regularly. We love the park as it is and oppose any development on this wonderful open space. Thank you for recent improvements to the access and roadway improvements, but please don't diminish the open space!

**From:** Robert Blomberg to Everyone 07:49 PM

Did the city have an opportunity to put an earmark in the Federal infrastructure bill to improvements in Berkeley? If it had the opportunity to do so, did it?

**From:** Helen Walsh  to All Panelists 07:50 PM

Accessibility Guidelines for those interested as I saw a question in the chat about accessibility and paths or ADA Access: <https://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/21944/files/2015%20california%20state%20parks%20accessibility%20guidelines.pdf>

**From:** Julia Cato to Everyone 07:51 PM

Has thr plan for a ferry landing at the marina been cancelled -- I hope?

**From:** Steven F to All Panelists 07:52 PM

The marina area has lots of potential. A new hotel in the former location of HS Lordships could be good, and increasing the number of units of the exiting hotel (within the existing footprint) would bring in more hotel occupancy tax (which should stay in the marina).

**From:** Claudia Kawczynska - Commissioner to All Panelists 07:52 PM


Helen I would like to chat with you off line about ADA access, I would like to work on that project in parks. Did you see that in SF they had a Civic Grand Jury that studied that issue in SF?

**From:** Camille to Everyone 07:52 PM

Yes, question on budget

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 07:53 PM

Is there some reason why we can't see the participants on this call?

**From:** Helen Walsh  to All Panelists 07:53 PM

Yes we should incorporate bird-ability!

**From:** Camille to Everyone 07:53 PM

NOOO!! Budget!!

**From:** Amy to All Panelists 07:53 PM

Hi I am opposed to the current plan for cesar chavez park development. I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park. Lori Lee resident of Berkeley

**From:** Camille to Everyone 07:54 PM

Gordon, I have a question on budget!

**From:** elsa tranter to Everyone 07:54 PM

don't improve it. Stop it.

**From:** Nathalie to Everyone 07:54 PM

Is there any money the budget for the pier?

**From:** Yolanda to Everyone 07:54 PM

Please no development at CC Park!

**From:** Valerie Artese to Everyone 07:54 PM

I heartily oppose the BMASP plan for Cesar Chavez Park. Berkeley citizens clearly love and wish to protect this open space in the flats that can be easily reached, including by people who don't drive. The commission has stewardship over our open spaces/natural spaces. Please respect constituents' wishes. There are other appropriate ways to generate revenue.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 07:55 PM

A listening session? Where did all the city commissioners go?

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 07:55 PM

It is clear that many citizens are very concerned about preserving the opportunities for natural recreation at the Marina and CC Park. I hope the commission will take the strong feelings of the citizens into serious account in all future planning.

**From:** Eileen C. to All Panelists 07:55 PM

I am strongly opposed to commercial development at CCP.

**From:** Alexis Frasz to All Panelists 07:55 PM

I also oppose the development of CC park. I use this open space regularly and it is a haven.

**From:** Robert Blomberg to Everyone 07:55 PM

Right! Where are the commissioners when the public wants to speak!

**From:** Masha Gutkin to Everyone 07:55 PM

Also oppose the development and don't understand how this decision was made since it is very clear that very few people are aware of this plan

**From:** Elana Auerbach to Everyone 07:56 PM

Elana Auerbach from D4 ~ Do not develop Cesar Chavez Park. We need MORE open spaces in Berkeley, not less.

**From:** meryl siegal to All Panelists 07:57 PM

I agree, respect the constituents who do not want public space made into developed "financially self-sustainable" park. We want our natural settings!

**From:** Robert Blomberg to Everyone 07:57 PM

Do commissioners get paid or are they volunteers?

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 07:58 PM

The Berkeley Marina and CC Park are essential for people from ALL OVER the Bay Area but also SO MANY BIRD SPECIES - some already threatened - along with other wildlife. It is CLEAR to so many of us - the BMASP proposals would destroy this ENTIRE area - this is a PUBLIC SPACE with countless benefits to people and wildlife. It is incomprehensible to us that the city would spend millions upon millions to aid a developer to destroy something this spectacular and RARE!! It is getting more and more difficult to find open space like this so proximate to our already over-crowded cities - NO NO NO to the BMASP - DO NOT PAVE THIS PARADISE!!!

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 07:58 PM

Does the commission have a quorum?

**From:** nicole bloom to Everyone 07:58 PM

I oppose the BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park - Leave commercial development out of this precious area. We use it as a natural open space.

**From:** Steven F to Everyone 07:59 PM

Adding commercial elements to Cesar Chavez Park (that are quite dubious in their ability to actually generate revenue), is bad policy.

**From:** Sue to Everyone 08:00 PM

Cesar Chavez Park is a Berkeley jewel, leave it alone. I am a runner and use the park 3-4x per week. I love it the way it is.

**From:** mio kataoka to Everyone 08:00 PM

I oppose the development plan. I really cherish the open field at CC park. I oppose tainting that natural open space with artificial structures.

**From:** Marisa Leto to Everyone 08:00 PM

I vehemently oppose BMASP plan pertaining to Cesar Chavez Park. Leave the blessed peace of it alone please.

**From:** Wini Williams to Everyone 08:00 PM

I agree with the speaker asking if there are other parks being considered as revenue producing.

**From:** Steven F to Everyone 08:01 PM

I totally agree with the speaker!


**From:** steve t to Everyone 08:01 PM

My say on BMASP is I am a Berkeley resident who goes to Cesar Chavez Park to enjoy being in nature and let my dog run off-leash. No dedicated event pavilion or center. No "Large Adventure Park" smack on top of the Native Plant Area in the southwest corner of the park. Maintain the native plant area and off-leash area. Steve Tracy district6

**From:** Wini Williams to Everyone 08:01 PM  
I agree with the speaker

**From:** Remi Omodele to Everyone 08:02 PM  
With all due respect, there are no compelling reasons to turn CC into a commercial or revenue generating space. Remember what happened to Alta Bates!

**From:** Steven F to Everyone 08:02 PM  
What's the status of the OCSC SAILING facility?

**From:** Helen Walsh  to Everyone 08:02 PM  
To whomever was concerned about ADA pathways in parks and cement other materials can be used other than cement. There are examples at many parks. It's just a matter of ADA compliance being met so there is access to all to enjoy public space. I am all about the getting away from urban sprawl and protecting the environment and our wildlife.

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 08:02 PM  
Yes Micky Duxbury, I agree!

**From:** kristi bennewitz to Everyone 08:03 PM  
YESSS!!!

**From:** Diane Mintz to All Panelists 08:03 PM  
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**From:** Meike to Everyone 08:03 PM  
I oppose the development plan for the marina, as well. There are many good points being made against the development plan. I hope they are listened to.

**From:** Erin Diehm - Commissioner to Me (Direct Message) 08:04 PM  
Hi Roger, can you mute? Is there a TV?  
Or maybe Ali?

**From:** Sue Swigart to Everyone 08:04 PM  
I love Cesar Chavez park the way it is. I use it about 5x per week for running, kayaking and swimming. Please do not proceed with this disruptive plan.

**From:** Paul Leondis to Everyone 08:05 PM  
I oppose any further development at Cesar Chavez Park,

**From:** Diane Mintz to All Panelists 08:05 PM  
YESSSSSSSS

**From:** Cyclepunk to Everyone 08:05 PM  
Why not repair His Lordship before developing CC park?

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 08:05 PM  
thank you, Sally, for reminding us about the intended nonstructured recreation at Cesar Chavez Park!

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 08:05 PM  
Exactly!!!

**From:** Steven F to Everyone 08:06 PM  
Yes, it was critical to getting through the pandemic.

**From:** Masha Gutkin to Everyone 08:06 PM  
Thank you Sally for great comment, completely agree!

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 08:06 PM



Yes! We need open space--especially during pandemics! Thank you!!

**From:** Robert Blomberg to Everyone 08:06 PM  
Thank you, Daniel Larham for your comments! Bravo!

**From:** Leah Caudell-Feagan to Everyone 08:06 PM  
We oppose the commercial development of Cesar Chavez. It's a beautiful open space that we use multiple times a week. I agree that we could use funding to make it a better place for pollinators and our ecosystem. Please leave it as an open natural space for our community to get away from commercially developed areas. Love the budget allocation to make it more accessible!

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 08:06 PM  
yes Sally. Non structured recreation is great!

**From:** Wini Williams to Everyone 08:07 PM  
I agree with Daniel Lartham's view

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:07 PM  
Well said Daniel!!

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 08:07 PM  
Well said Carla, Maggie, Sally & Daniel!!!

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:07 PM  
Thank you Daniel! Well said!

**From:** Camille to Everyone 08:07 PM  
Wow!

**From:** Wini Williams to Everyone 08:08 PM  
Are any of the developers residents of Berkeley? Do they use the park?  
Martin Nicolaus speaks for me.

**From:** meryl siegal to All Panelists 08:08 PM  
me too

**From:** Anna to All Panelists 08:09 PM  
The biggest waste of funds is hiring consultants

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 08:09 PM  
Go Marty! We agree...

**From:** Sue K to All Panelists 08:09 PM  
Please don't privatize and pave Caesar Chavez

**From:** Robert Blomberg to Everyone 08:09 PM  
Yeah Marty!!

**From:** Mary Barnsdale to Everyone 08:09 PM  
In most debates about public parks, there are very strong feelings on both (or more) sides of the issue. What's really striking about this is that there are basically NO members of the public who are FOR the money-making proposals. The community is united against those proposals.

**From:** Diane Mintz to All Panelists 08:09 PM  
HERE HERE MARTY

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 08:09 PM  
Yes--fire the consultants! Thank you Marty!!!!

**From:** Masha Gutkin to Everyone 08:09 PM  
Motion seconded!

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 08:09 PM  
Excellent idea Marty!!!

**From:** Nathalie to Everyone 08:09 PM



**From:** Deb Todd she/her to Everyone 08:09 PM

Daniel L said it all. Very good appeal that speaks for so many of us. And he is right, there will be very messy protests if this is ever considered.

**From:** mary ann campbell to Everyone 08:10 PM

I agree with Martin. Please leave CC alone.

**From:** Meike to Everyone 08:10 PM

Very good point, Mary.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:10 PM

It is disturbing to see the vanishing windows of the commissioners, after we citizens have all waited patiently to say our piece.

**From:** Steven F to Everyone 08:11 PM

The city needs to stop taking funds generated in the marina.

**From:** Helen Walsh  to Everyone 08:11 PM

As a person with a disability there are very few places but parks locally I can enjoy to be amongst nature. Do not take that away. Besides our eco system will be healthier if we do not commercialize it. Let's really practice what we speak about carbon footprint and stop developing more urban amusements/sprawl.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 08:11 PM

& one of the disappearing commissioners is running for city council in November.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:12 PM

The city has already spent a huge amount of money no doubt on this completely inappropriate plan by the consultants. Let's cut our losses and fire them right away!

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:12 PM

Only 5 Commissioners are now present. I appreciate those who are present and listening and their commitment to their work.

**From:** Nikki Ellman to All Panelists 08:13 PM

Leave the pristine wide-open spaces of Cesar Chavez Park alone!!

**From:** sarah to Everyone 08:13 PM

Cesar Chavez Park is my favorite place in the Bay, perhaps the world. As an environmental scientist by training, I am vehemently opposed to the BMASP plan. Please leave Cesar Chavez Park alone.

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 08:13 PM

Rachel , do you think that money going to the consultants came from the Marina Fund?

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:14 PM

I wonder where it came from?

**From:** elsa tranter to Everyone 08:14 PM

can you say which commissioner that is? why did we not know anything about this proposal until now? and which waterfront income goes to general fund and not to enhancing the waterfront?

**From:** Maris Meyerson to All Panelists 08:14 PM

Diversity, equity and inclusion are NOT served by commercialization of César Chavez Park.

**From:** Barbara Rydlander to All Panelists 08:14 PM

I can also say that I too am a person with a disability and find Cesar Chavez Park ideal for my condition. The Bay air and vista are so special and refreshing. As a homeowner in West Berkeley this is our closest open space. Please don't take it away from us. The events to be held will destroy this natural environment.

**From:** Camille to Everyone 08:14 PM

How about a sign at entrance to waterfront as a whole, not just Cesar Chavez. This affects all parts of waterfront!

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 08:14 PM

So do !! It could be spent on foxtail reduction at Cesar Chavez and other parks.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:15 PM

I agree and support what the prior speakers said about the park - please preserve this sacred beautiful space. Kathryn

**From:** Masha Gutkin to Everyone 08:15 PM

Completely agree - let's save the park as it is for future generations!

**From:** Aryan Taheri to All Panelists 08:15 PM

I am a new resident of Berkeley and plans like BMASP that take away open space make me extremely upset about the future of the city

**From:** Claudia Kawczynska - Commissioner to All Panelists 08:15 PM

Camille good idea about the sign, we gotta get the word out better

**From:** Barbara Rydlander to All Panelists 08:16 PM

Why can't the restaurant setting be activated again with a lively clientele and fine dining in order to benefit the costs of maintaining the costs of Cesar Chavez & native plant area.

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:17 PM

Sense of place and connection is so precious.

**From:** Claudia Kawczynska - Commissioner to All Panelists 08:17 PM

Julia Cato mail in your remarks, they are lovely

**From:** Mary Barnsdale to Everyone 08:17 PM

Julia makes excellent points about the where" at CCP. The beauty and unstructured open space and community is everything.

**From:** scott to All Panelists 08:17 PM

My dogs and I have enjoyed the open space for twenty years and consider it to be a treasure worth keeping. It's openness and naturalness are worth keeping just as it is. I oppose any plan that would reduce the natural quality that we have been so lucky to enjoy. Thank you for considering the value of leaving well enough alone.

**From:** Mykael Moss to Everyone 08:17 PM

Julia, So true, beautiful parks are crucial for our mental health. Please do not change it.

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 08:17 PM

Thank you Julia. Well said.

**From:** Steven F to Everyone 08:18 PM

I don't have to speak, because Julia said it better than me.

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:18 PM

Thank you Julia.

**From:** Irene Imfeld to All Panelists 08:18 PM

Commercializing Cesar Chavez is a bad plan in every way. Fix the pier!

**From:** meryl siegal to All Panelists 08:18 PM

Thank you Julia, beautiful.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:18 PM

Julia perfectly spoke my feelings about the park - I totally agree and support what she and other speakers have stated - please do not turn our beautiful space into an amusement area.

**From:** Helen Walsh [G] to All Panelists 08:18 PM  
Thank you Julia well said!

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 08:18 PM  
Julia Cato - that was beautiful. Thank you.

**From:** Daniel Larlham to All Panelists 08:18 PM  
Thank you, Julia, for speaking so poetically, from the heart.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:18 PM  
I totally agree with what Chloe just said - thank you Chloe .

**From:** Alan Bernheimer to Everyone 08:19 PM  
I'm opposed to any commercial development at CC Park. Berkeley is a waterfront city, but there is almost no waterfront access. CC Park is the exception. I'd rather pay an increased parcel tax to support it than have any commercial development .

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:19 PM  
It would be a dragger in our collective heart to see the park destroyed.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:20 PM  
Yes, the park is crucial for community mental health for so many residents of the East Bay.

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:20 PM  
Hurray for our parks! They help us stay whole. They support us in these tense times.

**From:** Mark Lowe to Everyone 08:20 PM  
As we sit here tonight listening to an overwhelming out pour of dissent towards the commercial development of the Marina. It has to make every sensible person pause and question What is This Crazy BMASP all about ??????

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 08:20 PM  
Health professionals now "prescribe" time in nature. Thank you so much for speaking!

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 08:21 PM  
Thank you Wendy!!!

**From:** tamarabirdsall to Everyone 08:21 PM  
We bought our home in Berkeley in 1989 and have visited Cesar Chavez Park frequently since then. The space may not be rich with amenities, but that clearly suits this community. It's a wonderful, unique, accessible space that honors humans, wildlife, and the Bay. While a music venue and features like zip lines sounds perfectly nice, it's a commercialized development that can't possibly serve our entire Berkeley community the way this organic Park does now. Developers can find another place for this type of attractions. Further, the BMASP process seems quite covert. It has not been inclusive and transparent.

**From:** Larry Strain to Everyone 08:22 PM  
Please do not let commercial development happen at Cesar Chavez Park. I've been coming to the park since it was a dump, watching birds walking my dog, meeting people, and enjoying the natural beauty of the the bay's ecosystem. It's a gem, let keep it that way!

**From:** susan black to Everyone 08:22 PM  
It is an absolute insult that commissioners have left this meeting and are not interested in how the public feels or thinks

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:23 PM  
Thank you above chatter - a music venue and other recreational features is absolutely not something we should have in that space. Look at Jack London Square - total entertainment area - I am NOT interested that the CC Park will not be developed - just preserved...

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:23 PM

I am in opposition to the proposed commercialization of Cesar Chavez park and Marina area. In our fast-paced urban area I am grateful for the park as a place of calm and peacefulness. I love the off leash area where park visitors talk while we enjoy watching the dogs frolic. I love that all area residents have access to and benefit from this shared community jewel of a park with its sea breezes and priceless uplifting views. It is unthinkable that, with all the love and care that many area organizations and residents have put into creating it, that anyone in our city would support destroying this cherished space. It is distressing that the process of creating the Area Specific Plan has been so opaque. I would expected Berkeley to have an open democratic process with active outreach for input from stakeholder organizations and residents.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 08:24 PM

At least four out of 9 commissioners are listening (thank you)...but is this the public process in Berkeley these days?

**From:** Claudia Kawczynska - Commissioner to All Panelists 08:24 PM

I think they are here, just turned off their video

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:24 PM

Given how the community clearly feels, the only reasonable approach is to terminate the BMASP consultants' plan immediately.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:24 PM

I agree and support what Jeff has spoken to in his statement. Thank you Jeff. Do not develop this space into any commercial venue - just horrific to think about it. Thank you for ALL of your wonderful grass roots efforts Jeff!!

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 08:25 PM

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**From:** Anna Kamerow (she/her) to Everyone 08:25 PM

Thank you, Jeff, for helping us stay informed and get involved!

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 08:25 PM

Thank you, Jeff!

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:25 PM

Yes - Rachel - I agree - terminate the BMASP consultants plan immediately...

**From:** mio kataoka to Everyone 08:26 PM

i decided to leave the east coast and move to the bay area 15 years ago as I stood to watch the sunset at the CC park. because places like this don't exist elsewhere. Please realize how special this space is and don't destroy it.

**From:** Paul Leondis to Everyone 08:26 PM

Yes, Thanks to Jeff!

Keep up the good work

**From:** Judy Jamerson to All Panelists 08:27 PM

I live in Emeryville and visit CC park weekly, it's the best bay side outdoor space in the area and I am alarmed to learn there is an effort to develop it... the city of Berkeley shouldn't even be entertaining this idea. If you need revenue, install reasonable parking meters and EV chargers. Leave the park alone! We need spaces like this for our mental health. I also support the pubic restroom comment, that would be helpful. Thanks to all those who are fighting to save this wonderful park!!

**From:** Audrey webb to All Panelists 08:27 PM


Yes, a big thank you to Jeff for keeping us informed.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:27 PM

The diverse wildlife and native plants need us to protect them - preserve NOT develop into anything commercial...

**From:** Daneen to All Panelists 08:27 PM

Please do not move forward with the commercial project. People have to matter not always revenue. I'm African American and have lived here in Berkeley over 30 years and have absolutely loved CC Park. The park is essential to our mental health. I count myself fortunate to live here and would be totally heart broken if my families opportunity to enjoy and experience CC park.

**From:** Helen Walsh  to All Panelists 08:28 PM

I oppose BMASP [\[3\]](#)

**From:** Camille to Everyone 08:28 PM

The Hargreaves Jones contract is a public document and is available from the City Clerk. You can check out how the consultant was directed in their work. We also need to let city know how we want to proceed with a vision for waterfront development. Also check out: [https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/tell-berkeley-officials-to-not-sell-out-the-marina?just\\_launched=true](https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/tell-berkeley-officials-to-not-sell-out-the-marina?just_launched=true)

**From:** Jeff Malmuth to Everyone 08:28 PM

Two weeks after the Berkeleyside article appeared on April 29 I started savecc6@gmail.com. In a little less than 2 months we are now a group of 313 households that all deeply love and appreciate the open space at Cesar Chavez Park. On a related issue, I think it is significant that not one of the hundreds of park goers I have personally spoken with knew anything about the proposed large scale commercial attractions that are euphuistically called "revenue opportunities" by the BMASP consultants.

Our group of 313 concerned park goers comprise an amazing cross section of social, economic, professional, racial and gender groups. Yet, of all the letters, emails and conversations I have had with this wonderful group I feel confident in stating that we are united in our belief that Cesar Chavez Park should remain untouched for ourselves our families and the larger community. All the letters to the PRW commissioners have demonstrated that Cesar Chavez Park has profoundly touched the emotional, physical and spiritual soul of so many. I therefore humbly ask that Cesar Chavez Park remain as it is: an important uncluttered space to be loved and appreciated by all park goers now and in the future. I intend to continue to reach out to more Park goers so that they can also voice their opinions regarding the BMASP plan at the next meeting whenever that is.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 08:28 PM

Bring on the vote! At least then the people of Berkeley will be notified about this plan.

**From:** emma to All Panelists 08:29 PM

My name is Emma, and I am 34 years old. I moved to Berkeley in 2021 from Austin, TX, where I have been since 2005. I would like to share a bit about my background. I originally moved to Austin at the age of 17, and have lived in the heart of the city, near Barton Springs and Lady Bird Lake. The city was once a peaceful haven, full of close community, natural beauty, and wildlife. Austin, Travis County, and the State of Texas have sold Austin out to private and corporate financial interest. The waterways, which we all know are extremely vulnerable ecosystems have been damaged due to construction of new "developments." Every turn of this development has pushed long time residents out, and deteriorated the heart and soul of a once extremely special place. Myself and is no longer that special place. It feels like living in an amusement park. (Zip Line, really???) Please, please - do not do this to Berkeley, especially the marina and Cesar Chavez Park. Do not make these same mistakes. They are irreversible and a

**From:** chris in berkeley to Everyone 08:29 PM

NO to commercialization.

**From:** Alexandra to All Panelists 08:29 PM

Please do not develop Cesar Chavez Park. Please leave it wild, please fund it correctly, and please do not turn it a developer's dream.

**From:** emma to All Panelists 08:29 PM

They are irreversible and

**From:** Julia Cato to Everyone 08:30 PM

Was this whole thing plotted by this commission, the Council, or the city manager?

**From:** Summer Brenner to All Panelists 08:30 PM

We are so fortunate to live in an urban area with such access to a gorgeous park adjacent to the waters of the Bay and views of islands, the city, and the contours of the hills of Marin. This is a refuge for humans and many other species. It is a model of how urban life and its intrusions on well-being can be relieved by an immersion into the natural environment. It is a remnant that must be honored and preserved. I am absolutely opposed to the proposed BMASP elements.

**From:** emma to All Panelists 08:30 PM

They are irreversible and at the end of the day serve private corporate profit interest.

Open, public space is vital to every community. Do not take this away from the People. Cesar Chavez and the Marina are the lifeblood of my community in Berkeley. Sailing brought me to Berkeley. Sailing in and out of that marina is everything to me and my friends. The sunsets picnics and late night dog walks brought me to Berkeley. The kites in the wind, the

view of the entire bay, the city to the south, the bridge, Mount Tam,, watching the stars shift through the seasons over all of it down by the rocks...

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:30 PM

I completely agree and support with what the prior speaker said about the development. Thank you..

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:30 PM

Berkeley has a proud history of preserving open space, a valued feature of who we are and what we prioritize and hold dear. Let us honor our forebears and uphold cherished values, as they did, against the commercializing of our sacred open spaces. As stewards we must protect our natural areas from the misguided ideas of corporate design firm staff who do not appreciate, know or value the legacy of Berkeley's open spaces. These special places are not here to be trampled on and destroyed for profit. I hope we will collectively choose to continue to protect our open spaces, fought for by our predecessors, and draw lessons from their wisdom and legacy to guide our course.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:31 PM

Yes, the process has been very opaque. Very poorly run. Another failure by the consultants, as well as the city.

**From:** Mark Lowe to Everyone 08:31 PM

Comment about which Commissioners seem to be actually considering the overwhelming comments against Commercial Development. These folks have the final say. What a corrupt process. All Developer driven under the current City Government.

**From:** emma to All Panelists 08:31 PM

The Berkeley Marina, Cesar Chavez Park, and the community that orbits around this place are accessible to people of all classes. Do not turn it into an entertainment park for affluent people only. Cal Sail, Berkeley Marina, Berkeley Yacht Club, and Berkeley Marine Center are long standing, vibrant communities that are hands down the reasons I chose to relocate. I continue to be an active member of the aforementioned organizations and current paying customer of Berkeley Marine Center, Berkeley Yacht Club, and soon to be Berkeley Marina. I will be encouraging my community in those circles to actively participate in this dialogue moving forward.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:32 PM

Yes, thanks to Jeff and his outreach, I know about the proposed development, but most of my dear friends and community who love the CC Park are not aware of this development plan

**From:** emma to All Panelists 08:32 PM

In regards to referenced "revenue opportunities" envisioned by the "consultant" Hargraves. Specifically in regards to the inclusion of "large events and concerts at the proposed Pavilion." The "consultant" writes: "City staff estimates that there is demand for 4 large events and 3 large festivals." First off - where does the city staff's estimated demand come from and who are they? I can assure you that music festivals are detrimental to community, land, and wildlife. I have lived in the near vicinity of several in Austin, and they are misery. Don't pander to tourists who do not care about this special place. There will be immense increase in trash and waste (on the water!), the noise is unbearable (People also live at the marina!), the traffic will worsen to an impenetrable degree. Music festivals chase long time residents (including wildlife) out - for good.

I want to reiterate the need for utmost transparency in this process. I also want to reiterate the environmental irresponsibility on this proposed "development." We all know the clay cap on the land is already vulnerable. I would also like to implore the City of Berkeley to make Reparations and Land Rematriation efforts to the original Indigenous communities and Peoples Resisting Colonization. I second the emphasis on accessibility disability as well. Do not sell out to "consultants" and private corporate interest. Listen to your community, your constituents.

**From:** emma to All Panelists 08:32 PM

Spend this money to clean up the park, implement bioremediation methods to the land and water and habitat, improve accessibility to all, and improve existing facilities. Don't turn this gem into an amusement park.

Thank you  
Emma Chevalier

**From:** naomi to Everyone 08:33 PM

The neighborhood group I live in and with have never heard of this plan. At the minimum, neighborhood groups would be a good way for the City to make outreach of major planning projects!

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:33 PM

Sense of place and connection.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:34 PM

A place of belonging for all, a place to develop civic relationships and share with others we don't otherwise have many opportunities to interact with. Yes!

**From:** Sarah Schwid to Everyone 08:34 PM

Beautifully said, Meryl

**From:** Mary Barnsdale to Everyone 08:34 PM

The eloquence of the speakers tonight is really profound. Thank you all.

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:34 PM

Laugh, feel joy watching the dogs frolic. Kite flying! Sailboats on the bay. the fog rolling in. Birds in flight.

**From:** Cathy Mattison to Everyone 08:34 PM

Please listen to these eloquent speakers about the value of the natural open space of Cesar Chavez Park. The cost to the environment will far outweigh any monetary opportunities this plan purports. Save the park for the people and wildlife. It integrates so beautifully with McLaughlin Eastshore State Park and the Bay Trail. As a member of the Citizens for East Shore Parks, I believe to save Cesar Chavez for the future it needs to become part of the East Bay Regional Park system. It must never be desecrated with such a horrible plan. Cathy Mattison, Albany CA resident

**From:** Dina Roumiantseva to All Panelists 08:35 PM

Beautifully said, Meryl!

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 08:35 PM

Thank you, Meryl!

**From:** Amy to All Panelists 08:35 PM

I believe the public has not been made known of your plans. I only know of this because of Jeff's postings. There is no signs posted about your plans. And it is not right that there has not been proper transparency about this development. And the public would not like this. It is good that everyone can enjoy it for FREE and Accessible!

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:38 PM

I always bring out of town guests to this incredible sacred space - what a jewel.

**From:** Stephanie Sullivan to All Panelists 08:39 PM

I am against commercialization of any kind. Please ensure the off leash dog area is maintained at its current size or expand it. The residents of Berkeley and the East Bay need open unstructured space to decompress from our increasingly stressful urban lives.

I am a single mom and oncology nurse. I have found peace, solitude, play, wonder, and new friends to pull me through the pandemic at Cesar Chavez. Please leave CC as it is.

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 08:40 PM

Thank you Gina!!!

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:40 PM

Were any of the many organized groups supporting park contacted? Was there outreach to Chavez Park Conservancy, the Cesar Chavez/Dolores Huerta Homage Solar Calendar organization, Chavez Park Off Leash Area dog owner group, Golden Gate Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, the California Native Plant Society, Citizens for Eastshore State Parks and the many area residents who cherish this park?

**From:** Mimi Mougovan to Everyone 08:40 PM

Gina -- "ALL THESE THINGS THAT CAN'T BE PURCHASED"-- ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU.

**From:** meryl siegal to All Panelists 08:40 PM

"which can't be purchased" HANDS OFF OF CESAR CHAVEZ PARK!

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 08:41 PM

Thank you Gina, good remarks to the commissioners



**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:41 PM  
Counting what counts not just what is countable.

**From:** Stefani Berger she/her to All Panelists 08:41 PM  
I would like to speak to the noise pollution that would occur if this development project would take place. Cesar Chavez park is quiet and natural space for all of us already bombarded by urban living. During the pandemic this park was a godsend for so many.  
Please no development. I am walking in the park as we speak. It is so beautiful and quiet and lovely.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:41 PM  
I agree and support what the last speaker said about the park - as well as these amazing words this current speaker is expressing.

**From:** meryl siegal to All Panelists 08:41 PM  
a place for reflection and peace.

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 08:41 PM  
He is Haseeb Chaudhry

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:42 PM  
Exactly, Haseeb!

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:42 PM  
Thank you Haseeb. I agree!

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 08:42 PM  
I agree with you Haseeb. Thank you for speaking.

**From:** kelly hammargren to Everyone 08:43 PM  
I switched from my ipad to my computer to capture the chat, but I can only see from 8:30 pm on. If anyone can send the chat from the beginning to kellyhammargren@gmail.com, I would really appreciate it. THANKS

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:43 PM  
Thank you Haseeb - beautifully stated. And I agree totally with current speaker - ORANGE COUNTY plan - please preserve our beautiful open Berkeley space..

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 08:43 PM  
Kelly - I would love to have the chat also, but I don't seem to have a way to save it.

**From:** Helen Greenspan to Everyone 08:44 PM  
As a Hospice Nurse for 30 years I have had hundreds of patients tell me that they go to CC Park for reflection and solace in the the last months of their lives. At some point we have to say no to more development in order to preserve the open spaces which are essential for our well being, for our future and for our planet. Please do the right thing.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:44 PM  
Oh please - there are SO MANY OTHER VENUES for music venues in Berkeley and the Bay Area - atrocious to imagine this happening in this sacred space!!!!!!!!!!

**From:** meryl siegal to All Panelists 08:44 PM  
IT IS PRICELESS!

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 08:44 PM  
Yes and the city manager will issue a negative declaration.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:45 PM  
Please assure us that you are not just listening, but you are hearing, the uniform opposition of the citizens. We are fed up with not being heard.

**From:** Stephanie Sullivan to All Panelists 08:45 PM  
I appreciate Helen's unique perspective as a hospice nurse. Thank you, Helen!

**From:** lindamaio to Everyone 08:45 PM

Thank you. I have reviewed the plan and ask that you thank the preparers but reject the plan. People enjoy the Park because it offers a flavor of wildness, opportunities for birding, and critical habitat. It is clear that this direction is inappropriate and I suggest that you recommend that the Council reject it. Thank you.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:46 PM

Helen Greenspan I agree - I am a hospice social worker - and also go to this space every morning before I embark on this deep and profound journey as a hospice worker - peace, tranquility, nature, beautiful preservation of this incredible space.

**From:** Allen to All Panelists 08:46 PM

Can we get in the speakers queue by raising our Zoom hand?

**From:** Stephanie Sullivan to All Panelists 08:46 PM

Thank you, Kathryn! Me too.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:47 PM

I agree and support what the previous speaker Marci said about the park and the plans for development...

**From:** Erik Radock to Everyone 08:48 PM

Bravo Celeste!

**From:** meryl siegal to All Panelists 08:48 PM

Good point! IT is the only natural place that is accessible by public transportation!  
(in berkeley)

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:49 PM

Listen again - thank you Jeff for making this issue aware to the hundreds/thousands of people who go to the park. Yes Celeste - so agreed...

**From:** Allen to Everyone 08:49 PM

Can I get in the speakers queue now by raising my hand in the Zoom app?

**From:** emma to All Panelists 08:49 PM

Yes thank you Jeff

**From:** emma to Everyone 08:49 PM

Yes thank you Jeff

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 08:50 PM

Thank you Celeste!!!

**From:** Gael Alcock to Everyone 08:50 PM

fromGael, you are speaking for me! Thankyou celeste

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:50 PM

Welcome to Berkeley Emma! Thanks for your perspective.

**From:** kelly hammargren to Everyone 08:50 PM

to virginia and everyone i did a screen capture on my mac that is shift command 4 to get copies of the chat,

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:51 PM

In my lifetime I have witnessed the relentless and heartless destruction of natural communities for profit. Please don't allow this to happen here in Berkeley Marina on our watch.

**From:** Claudia Kawczynska - Commissioner to All Panelists 08:52 PM

Kelly can you share that with me later?

**From:** Elizabeth Strain to All Panelists 08:52 PM

This Park is particularly valuable for people who need to have easy walking locations in nature. My mother retired to Berkeley in 1987 and walked daily at the park to keep her health and lift her spirits. The park was key to her happiness

and well being, as it has been to many other people I know. I don't understand why the community has been left out of this process.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 08:52 PM  
Excellent points Emma!

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:53 PM  
I agree with Emma - this is our community and our beloved sacred space for all humans. This is a beautiful area open to all - and our duty is to protect our open spaces and our wildlife, our birds, sea creatures, our native plants, our water space, our retreat space...

**From:** emma to Everyone 08:53 PM  
Also meant to highlight that people live at the Berkeley Marina!!!!

**From:** lila to All Panelists 08:53 PM  
Please don't compromise and destroy precious nature in CC park!. Berkeley should be able to afford a quiet nature refuge for its residents. Finance in other ways – straighten out what is wrong - Helga Holtmann

**From:** Daneen to Everyone 08:53 PM  
I just found out about this plan for CC park from my sister and cannot believe it. I've lived in Berkeley over 30 years and practically grew up at the Berkeley Marina. This is awful news. Count me in on what I can do to help convince the commission not to move forward with this. I'm Afro American and feel so fortunate to live near the Marina. There are many other sites in Berkeley that can accommodate your plans to develop. Please don't do this to us... the marina matters to our well being and peace of mind.

**From:** Aryan Taheri to All Panelists 08:54 PM  
That was highly informative thank you

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 08:54 PM  
Is there another way to get a copy of the chat messages other than screen shots?

**From:** Mary Barnsdale to Everyone 08:55 PM  
Jeff, could you post how people can get on your email list, if they're not already?

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 08:55 PM  
Ask the mayor and your councilmember if they want to monetize the Marina. & there are four seats up this November. Districts One, Four, Seven and Eight.

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 08:55 PM  
"Nothing there" except everything that matters :)

**From:** kelly hammargren to Everyone 08:55 PM  
the copy paste for the chat isn't working, so I went to screen capture

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 08:56 PM  
ok, thanks

**From:** Aryan Taheri to All Panelists 08:57 PM  
Letting people in those four districts know about this plan would be helpful for their decision making process for voting

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 08:57 PM  
I again agree and support what the prior speakers said about the park. And the legacy of our beloved Berkeley community - due to Jeff making us aware of this development plan - our community is stepping up to reject this awful plan.

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 08:57 PM  
To the Council: what is it that you need to hear from us as Berkeley citizens on this issue? Do you need to hear how deep and wide our need and commitment is to preserving the integrity of Cesar Chavez Park? Do you need to know of our demand for transparency in this process going forward? Please tell us what it is that is your bottom line. Let's do this work together! Thanks!

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 08:57 PM

Is there a limit to public comments? I think we'll all be off by the time it ends and they finally tell us the process!!! I'd like to know WHO will make the final decision??

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 08:59 PM

The Council, NOT the Commission will make any final decision. However, Measure L "says" we Berkeley voters must have a vote. Stay tuned.....

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:00 PM

A good idea that CC Park designated as a bird sanctuary - as it already is - but let's formalize this..

**From:** Jeff Malmuth to Everyone 09:01 PM

If anybody would like to be with our group who isn't already on it, please email me at [savecc6@gmail.com](mailto:savecc6@gmail.com) and I will keep you updated on developments.

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 09:01 PM

Thank you, thank you, Gael!

**From:** Julia Mass to Everyone 09:01 PM

thank you for organizing and outreach, Jeff!

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:01 PM

So many East Bay community members will step up if this is actually designated as a sanctuary.. I will be first on the list.

**From:** Chloe Chaudhry to Everyone 09:01 PM

I wanted to mention that I participated in the survey a while back, but it basically asked "would you rather have a ropes course here or here, an event pavilion here or hereo"—it didn't say do you want these at all.

**From:** kelly hammargren to Everyone 09:01 PM

the mayor said some months ago that the people who spoke in opposition to the pier and ferry did not represent Berkeley. we haven't talked about the pier and ferry tonight we have been addressing Cesar Chavez Park, but I would expect the same kind of answer. we should keep in mind developing the park is coming from the mayor and council who have a habit of not listening.

**From:** Erik Radock to Everyone 09:01 PM

+ infinity for everything Gael said.

**From:** Emma to All Panelists 09:01 PM

Likewise, thanks, Jeff!

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:03 PM

Reminder - BMAASP is not just dealing with CCP - rather the whole Marina.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:04 PM

I think it is time for a ballot measure that provides rules for public process in Berkeley--including Zoom calls.

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:04 PM

David: then why are we bothering talking here? if the Council decides? does this group have any influence??

**From:** Mary Barnsdale to Everyone 09:04 PM

Thank you, David. Yes: the whole Marina!

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:05 PM

Let's keep this great energy going for the Marina and for other important issues in our town! Citizens need to flex their muscles and not assume our representatives will take care of everything for the best.

**From:** Leslie Brogan to Everyone 09:05 PM

I moved to the East Bay permanently last Fall after visiting. Cesar Chavez and the surrounding organizations, like CalSail, Berkely Yacht Club, Berkeley Marine Center and Odyssey Open Water Swimming club played the LARGEST part in my decision to stay. I depend on this area almost daily and we'll lose an incredible sense of community and public access if this plan goes through.

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 09:05 PM  
Bravo Lucy!!!!

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:05 PM  
Thank you Gordon S for your words about the south cove which is being affected by BMASP process, too.

**From:** micky duxbury to All Panelists 09:07 PM  
Really!! Who decided to pay these consultants?? We should have been able to figure this out without paying over \$1,000,000 to a consultant. Just think of how many small tiny houses or large tents could have been purchased instead of giving this money to developer consultants that have no idea of who Berkeley is?

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:08 PM  
I agree with everything this speaker is saying. And - yes this is our sacred space, but we have a duty to the wildlife to protect this space - because truly this is their space before our space...

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:08 PM  
Not to diminish, but in reality Commission(s) have much less "clout" than you'd hope. Thus several recent PRW resignations. Just go back to the Berkeley Minimum Wage struggle in the 1990's. The City's Labor Commission was totally ignored by Council.

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 09:09 PM  
Commissions study and then make recommendations. The City Council will make the final decision. We'll be writing more letters to the mayor and council for many months.

**From:** Maya Blum to All Panelists 09:09 PM  
I am firmly opposed to commercialization of the marina. As a resident of Berkeley for over 50 years, the nature and open space of the marina has long been a sanctuary for me, back to childhood. Please protect this gem.

Further, most people in the community don't yet know about these appalling plans. You can be assured that opposition will only grow exponentially. The marina is incredibly dear to GENERATIONS of locals, and we will be resolute.

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:09 PM  
IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN, PLEASE SEE CHAVEZPARK.ORG for many details and re how monetizing DOESN'T PENCIL.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:09 PM  
Yes, people who understand these things thoroughly say these ideas will not make significant money, but this treasure is priceless and should not be monetized in any event.

**From:** Maya Blum to Everyone 09:10 PM  
I am firmly opposed to commercialization of the marina. As a resident of Berkeley for over 50 years, the nature and open space of the marina has long been a sanctuary for me, back to childhood. Please protect this gem.

Further, most people in the community don't yet know about these appalling plans. You can be assured that opposition will only grow exponentially. The marina is incredibly dear to generations of locals, and we will be resolute.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:11 PM  
Notice that not one human who supports this plan has spoken tonight. Isn't this pretty clear Berkeley council members and commissioners?

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 09:12 PM  
Great, salient questions from the last speaker!!!

**From:** Jeff Malmuth to Everyone 09:12 PM  
David on account of you, I was able to share with our group some of the most awesome videos of CCP from the sky. Thank you. I will send them out again for people to see.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:13 PM  
Does anyone know how many people are in this zoom??

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:13 PM  
How about demanding that candidates for the 4 Council positions up for election state how they will approach this issue? Then vote to ensure YOUR representative listens.

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 09:13 PM

There were over 100 people in the zoom.

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 09:13 PM

at one point early in the meeting they said 127 I think was the number

**From:** Audrey webb to All Panelists 09:13 PM

Please let's have time to discuss this before they leave for evening.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:14 PM

Good idea David!

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:15 PM

Thanks - I added in late -I bet a lot more joined in after the initial 127 -

Full heartedly agree with what Mark just said.

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 09:15 PM

before that they said 119, then said 127 - I think those were the only 2 times they mentioned that

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:15 PM

This is exactly what's wrong with process. We can't see each other or even know (except via Chat comments) who is even involved. This is conscious effort to minimize our input. Zoom allows us to be listed and viewed - but Staff controls it and prohibits.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:15 PM

In a democratic society, the names of people on the call (and their pictures) would be available on a Zoom call.

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:16 PM

Is there a contact person for chavezpark.org?

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:16 PM

Why the heck isn't there a council representative in this meeting then???

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 09:16 PM

write Marty at [info@chavezpark.org](mailto:info@chavezpark.org)

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:16 PM

Thank you.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:17 PM

Will do Lex - Who is Marty??

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 09:17 PM

Martin Nicolaus - he founded chavezpark.org and has done and continues to AMAZING work for the park

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:17 PM

So what should we tell the council to do for financing without destroying the place?

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:18 PM

That is the council's problem.

**From:** Leslie Brogan to Everyone 09:18 PM

DEFUND THE POLICE

**From:** Mary Barnsdale to Everyone 09:18 PM

I'm disappointed that -- despite lots of feedback and pushback on this issue -- once again this important Zoom meeting was apparently not recorded.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:19 PM

GORDON!! More people will come b/c the road has been improved - this is enough - we do not need any commercial development - peeps can pick up their picnic goods at Seabreeze - enough...

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:19 PM

re finances: fix the financial structure that diverts money away from marina to the city as well as don't depend on Marina Fund solely to maintain entire acreage.

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:19 PM

Capital improvements? There are volunteers here and elsewhere, and could be more. I know someone well who was a parks employee. There is a LOT that can be done by volunttterr labor.

**From:** Daneen to Everyone 09:19 PM

Where can I find a detailed description of the proposed project?

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:20 PM

Have Council return the TOT tax to the Marina, Notably, the latest WETA business plan for the ferry terminal suggests that TOT funds may need to be used to subsidize that operation. They also mention increased property taxation. Be very afraid....

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:20 PM

Are you kidding me?? This meeting is not recorded? How is that possible???

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 09:20 PM

Thank you Commissioner Kawczynska for starting the off leash area! We love it!

**From:** Helen Greenspan to Everyone 09:20 PM

"getting more people to come down there" makes me think you are missing the point here.

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:20 PM

City staff think it is illegal.  
illegal to record, that is.

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:20 PM

yeah claudia!

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:21 PM

Again, Staff chooses to not record - in spite of months of voter complaints....

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:21 PM

how much is this "problem"? ie the financial need?

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:21 PM

& what does the city attorney say?

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:21 PM

Thank you Claudia!

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 09:21 PM

East Bay Regional Parks has offered to make it part of the regional park system.

**From:** Mary Barnsdale to Everyone 09:21 PM

It's definitely not illegal to record a public meeting. In fact, it's best practice.

**From:** Mark Zoidis to All Panelists 09:21 PM

Why does it desperately need capital investment? It's fine the way it is. Are the other commercial relationships clear already there? Marina center, cal sailing, etc

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:21 PM

My goodness - My zoom yoga classes are recorded - and this very important public record cannot be recorded????  
Shame shame..

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:21 PM

Council meetings are recorded - try and justify the discrepancy?

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:22 PM  
Hopefully at least the chat will be saved and put in the record.

**From:** Kristin HANSON to All Panelists 09:23 PM  
I am a resident of southwest Berkeley, and at least once a week I bicycle down there to walk at the marina for a couple of hours. I was shocked and appalled by the plans to develop the park and the marina more generally with a view to revenue generation. Sunsets, moonrises, herons, owls, voles, flowers, grasses — how are these supposed to be “self-supporting” -- the goal the plan states for the place? We, the city's residents, need to support our open spaces financially -- not, absurdly, expect them to "support" themselves financially.

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:24 PM  
So, who is running for Council??  
Do you think that might color their approach to this issue?

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:24 PM  
re recording: another point to make comments on, here and with your councilmember.

**From:** Masha Gutkin to Everyone 09:25 PM  
Another concern is traffic! It's already out of control on weekends on the 80  
Yes to bird sanctuary!!!

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 09:26 PM  
Golden Gate Audubon is very active and might be interested in being involved.

**From:** Jim McGrath to Everyone 09:26 PM  
A parking fee won't even cover the cost of administering it. That is true of of the suggestions

**From:** Leslie Brogan to Everyone 09:26 PM  
traffic is a huge concern - The West Oakland Action Steering Committee did a study in 2019 showing the additive cancer and asthma risks in surrounding neighborhoods from local traffic. This will only get worse. Read the report here <https://www.baaqmd.gov/~media/files/ab617-community-health/west-oakland/100219-files/owning-our-air-plan-summary-pdf.pdf>

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:27 PM  
Thank you Erin - you clearly are paying close attention to our feedback and I really appreciate that.

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:27 PM  
The City of Berkeley sends out city-wide mailings when it is in their interest. The City should not expect volunteers to notify the public. Take some of that \$15 million the State just gave you and send out real information--not cooked by City Hall.

**From:** Yar to Everyone 09:27 PM  
+1

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:28 PM  
you can save by firing the consultants! DEFUND the consultants!

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:28 PM  
But wait?!? Council and Mayor want to turn the Marina into a Commuter Hub via the WETA ferry....

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 09:29 PM  
I wrote to my council member several times and they never responded 😞

**From:** micky duxbury to All Panelists 09:30 PM  
Dont pay the consultants any more \$\$! What staff in the city is pushing these consultants?

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:31 PM  
Mr. Cox, you have not heard much of what was said about how many people in the community have NO IDEA this process is happening.

**From:** kelly hammargren to Everyone 09:32 PM  
Brennen has consistently been in the developing the marina camp



**From:** Emma to All Panelists 09:32 PM

I think the commission could benefit from actually seeing this park space. That is allowable.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:32 PM

There are plenty of other beer halls in town. We don't need one at the marina.

**From:** Anna Kamerow (she/her) to Everyone 09:33 PM

The Greek Theater

**From:** Daniel Larlham to All Panelists 09:33 PM

Cal Shakes, UC Greek Theater

**From:** Erik Radock to Everyone 09:33 PM

Down there, out there?

**From:** Masha Gutkin to Everyone 09:33 PM

This is a false dichotomy - we don't have to either tear everything down or completely develop the park. We want to maintain what we have but not destroy the nature and open space. NO ONE HERE MENTIONED A BEER MARKET as desirable. NO ONE wants large events. There is Greek Theater already!

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:33 PM

Who appointed Mr. Cox?

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 09:33 PM

Hinkel Park has an amphitheater

**From:** Daneen to Everyone 09:33 PM

I feel strongly about the Berkeley Marina being preserved in all of its beauty and natural habitat. My dad was the first black heavy equipment machine operator in Berkeley and he filled in the land there at the marina so that we could enjoy it today. He has since passed on, but he helped dress it up and I just feel had it not been for my roots here in Berkeley and the marina, I don't think I'd be inspired to run and exercise. Please let us come together and do our part to preserve this gift.

**From:** Emma to All Panelists 09:34 PM

A ropes course does sound cool. Hypothetically. But this is an expensive ropes course in the WINDIEST part of Berkeley.

**From:** Mary Barnsdale to Everyone 09:34 PM

Definitions will become important when discussing themes, going forward. Bird \*sanctuaries,\* for example, don't generally allow people. (You may be able to look at the sanctuary, but you can't enter it.) If CCP were declared a bird sanctuary, then fishing, swimming, kayaking, cycling, and probably even walking would no longer be allowed. Enhancing and expanding habitat is a better way to put it.

**From:** Leslie Brogan to Everyone 09:35 PM

How are you going to protect the 2 foot clay cap holding in 1.6million tons of landfill under Cesar Chavez when the new beer market gets built

**From:** Masha Gutkin to Everyone 09:35 PM

people have different definitions of "thriving"

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:35 PM

what does he mean by "successful?"

**From:** Stephanie Sullivan to All Panelists 09:35 PM

Mr Cox, you have not done your own homework. There are many outdoor event venues all over the east bay. The marina doesn't need it. The restaurants that are closing are closing because there is no demand. Ask and listen to what the people want.

It IS thriving, we are evidence of this.

**From:** MB to All Panelists 09:35 PM

Wow, Brennan, you really don't get it, do you?

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 09:35 PM  
I guess it depends on how one defines "success".

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:35 PM  
that scares me...I don't want "success" if it means financial or "development"

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:36 PM  
What is Brennan talking about? It IS THRIVING -maybe not in the commercial way you are talking about - it is thriving as a public peaceful space for all humans. Gosh Brennan - go to Jack London Square for entertainment and beer gardens.. Protect this space please...

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:36 PM  
have you been to the park? It is very diverse!

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 09:36 PM  
How does a nature area "thrive" and be considered a "success?"

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 09:36 PM  
Adding these things will harm the area and the species there - the "nature" theme in the document is not environmentally sound - driving birds away is not ecologically sound - we don't need big walkways and overview decks in order to overlook bulldozed meadows - the BMASP deck does not have specifics - they give themselves tons of room to build whatever and however many types of venues as they like - this is precisely the problem

**From:** Judy Jamerson to All Panelists 09:36 PM  
+1 KR

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:36 PM  
It is a question of balance - we need some improvements but with a vision of maintaining the natural beauty. There has been no wholistic planning.

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:36 PM  
Yes to ADA. and Yes to good bathrooms!!

**From:** Maya Blum to Everyone 09:36 PM  
Wow, Brennan, you really don't get it, do you?

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:36 PM  
Davina, we all value the diversity of the park, and want to preserve it.

**From:** Alan K to All Panelists 09:36 PM  
Good points, Davina

**From:** Dina Roumiantseva to All Panelists 09:36 PM  
It's shocking to hear that Mr. Cox who has no understanding of Berkeley's history and culture be so involved in this process

**From:** Mimi Mougovan to Everyone 09:36 PM  
Brennan -- you just heard unanimous support that the natural part of it IS successful. as for going to Tahoe-- the city council talks all the time about reducing greenhouse gas effects -- that's another reason why Cesar is great for us. and while it's not Tahoe -- it IS Cesar and it is affordable for almost everyone.

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:37 PM  
Weren't you going to answer what you're talking about re ADA needs? I see disabled folks there every day.

**From:** Herb Schwartz to All Panelists 09:38 PM  
Enjoying nature by destroying nature? Unfortunately development of nature for humans has too many non-mitigation CEQA impacts. This project subject to obvious expensive litigation which is a lose lose equation for the city and for the community the city governs.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:38 PM  
Dear commissioners - go to the park in the early mornings, mid day, end of day at sunset - you will understand soon why we want this space preserved...

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:38 PM

Davina, the area is already a low-cost recreational resource for many. We are trying to enhance that value for a large cross section of the population.

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:38 PM

Does anyone know how much financial gap there is? the "problem" as they refer to it..

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:38 PM

Sorry - preserved..

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:39 PM

that survey was DEEPLY FLAWED! it didn't have an option to choose leave the park as it is, natural!!

**From:** Julia Cato to Everyone 09:39 PM

Our park does not need to be revitalized. What does that even mean? Revitalize is a marketing term. The park is not a product.

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:39 PM

Casual dining? NO one almost no one wanted that on the survey. It would create garbage- clean-up cost.

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:39 PM

kayak rentals, bike rentals

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:39 PM

The maps on the consultants plans showed intrusion on many of the natural spaces.

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:39 PM

Revenue is not what nature creates. Nature is to be preserved by revenue elsewhere.

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:40 PM

See <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/berkeley-marina-area-specific-plan-bmasp-project> and <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/berkeley-municipal-pier-ferry-project>

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:40 PM

Casual dining---the District One commissioner.

**From:** Yar to Everyone 09:40 PM

I didn't get a survey!

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:40 PM

Yes -I have not heard anyone want casual dining - there are plenty of places in Berkeley on the way to the Marina for people who want to take food there for a picnic... Gosh you all - are you hearing us???

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:41 PM

Casual dining would probably mean more pollution (from car fumes, trash, noise, etc.) - probably not a good idea.

**From:** Erik Radock to Everyone 09:42 PM

Casual dining?

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:43 PM

Lots of people's grandkids DO go down there.

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:43 PM

There is a beach area at Albany Bulb

**From:** Daneen to All Panelists 09:43 PM

Absolutely!! Tons of us

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:43 PM

The City of Berkeley installed sand at the beginning of the Shore Bird Park....\$100,000 worth of sand...washed out in the tides.

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:43 PM  
a beach? Now he's talking about spending money...i thought we were trying to save money?

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:44 PM  
My kids loved the adventure playground, a special Berkeley place.

**From:** Masha Gutkin to Everyone 09:44 PM  
Yes - I loved the adventure playground as a kid

**From:** Yolanda to Everyone 09:44 PM  
it really sells itself!

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:44 PM  
We see happy kids there every day. It's slightly decrepit lately because of the cracks in the asphalt. Kids are seen there every day. Many. They love it.

**From:** Stephanie Sullivan to All Panelists 09:44 PM  
Geez, Gordon. It's a place I want to go to every morning! What am I, chopped liver?

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:44 PM  
Oh my goodness Gordon - are you kidding?? Have you been to the park recently? NOTHING decrepit about it!! I am insulted by what you are saying - I go every day - it is gorgeous with plenty of opportunities for us and our kids - I love taking the kids there- and they love going there.

**From:** Kristin HANSON to All Panelists 09:45 PM  
We don't need sand, but we could use a ladder at the end of the south cove pier to help swimmers get out.

**From:** Wendy Patterson to Everyone 09:45 PM  
solution to what? pls DEFINE THE PROBLEM??

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 09:45 PM  
No money in the Marina Fund.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:45 PM  
We need some good solid ideas for financial solutions - the city should have some expertise to come up with these!

**From:** Kathryn Ruiz SWer to Everyone 09:46 PM  
Gordon - seriously - there has been SO MUCH improvement down there recently -you are very out of touch and I am offended.

**From:** Julia Cato to Everyone 09:46 PM  
Was he listening at all? None of the other parks have to be entertaining, why this one?

**From:** Dina Roumiantseva to All Panelists 09:46 PM  
Lots of young people and kids enjoy just running around, watching the bay, breathing fresh air, flying kites, and watching wildlife. It's crushing to hear the commissioners ignore everything that was said

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:46 PM  
Work together - great. Last weekend there were MANY volunteers as usual in the native plant planting area. I've been to one, though it was hard to find the notice of it.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:47 PM  
How can we find out when the meetings are?

**From:** Daniel Larlham to All Panelists 09:47 PM  
Are the current consultants hired by the Council or the Commission?

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:47 PM  
Aren't the BMASP meetings now CLOSED to the public? I wish we would CLOSE them to the consults. Please fire them and start over.

**From:** Herb Schwartz to All Panelists 09:48 PM

Berkeley has sufficient expertise in its citizenry to have facilitated meetings so the city and the "people" can work together and should not be relegated to the council until there is consensus.

**From:** Jim McGrath to Everyone 09:48 PM

To Gordon's point--an enhanced beach would be good for habitat, swimming, and resilience. Nothing in the BMASP to date recognizes the increased number of swimmers, or considers how that will increase with a warming climate or what the swimmers need.

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:48 PM

We have asked what is the ADA stuff needed and where do we find out?

**From:** Daniel Larlham to All Panelists 09:49 PM

Could the Commissioner clarify why some commissioners were absent for a good portion of the public comment session?

**From:** Stephanie Sullivan to All Panelists 09:49 PM

I invite every commissioner in this meeting to join me tomorrow morning at 7:30 at the entrance to the off leash area. Walk with me, meet the 40-50 people using just this one small area in this short time, to experience the park and community that already exists and is thriving.

**From:** Dina Roumiantseva to All Panelists 09:49 PM

Thank you Erin for this key point

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:49 PM

How about inviting Zach Stewart, the architect for Shore Bird Park who lives in San Francisco?

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:50 PM

There have already been about a years + worth of BMASP meetings. But community engagement has been restricted as this group has noted. Any suggestions on how these ideas by public and commissioners can be integrated into the process?

**From:** Maggie Goodman to Everyone 09:50 PM

Good points Erin. Keep pushing.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:50 PM

Good points Erin!

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 09:50 PM

Thank you Commissioner Diehm. Maybe we need that Presidio's consultants.

**From:** Mary Barnsdale to Everyone 09:50 PM

Thank you, Erin and Claudia

**From:** David Fielder to Everyone 09:50 PM

Gee - wouldn't it have made sense for "the consultants" to have worked with the PRW Commission PRIOR to developing their proposals.

**From:** Herb Schwartz to All Panelists 09:51 PM

Erin's example of the Presidio is valuable....and it took a long time to come up with the plans that responded to the nature of the place.

**From:** Judy Jamerson to All Panelists 09:51 PM

Crissy Fields is now way too crowded... do you really want that kind of craziness in Berkeley?

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:51 PM

Crissy field is boring compared with Cesar Chavez. It is a monolith.

**From:** Rachel Bradley to Everyone 09:52 PM

This community does not want taco trucks and beer gardens. No one mentioned them tonight.

**From:** Leslie Brogan to Everyone 09:52 PM

Energy = Revenue

**From:** Camille to Everyone 09:52 PM

Actually, this is a good point, Brennan. Maybe city needs to redo contract with HJ or start over with another consultant and process. But city needs to get with an accepted vision and direct a consultant accordingly.

**From:** Mimi Mougovan to Everyone 09:52 PM

I lived in SF 40 years: Chrissy Field is an entirely different place. Energy? Why is beer continued to be mentioned Brennan? NATURE IS THE DRAW HERE . NATURE is NOT entertainment. And we have it.

**From:** Mark Zoidis to All Panelists 09:52 PM

The point of this park is it is not Chrissy field. It is chill

**From:** Daniel Larlham to All Panelists 09:52 PM

The commercial activity needs to be seriously circumscribed and separate spatially from the natural areas, or the wildlife will suffer

**From:** Judy Jamerson to All Panelists 09:52 PM

+1 MM

**From:** Berkeley Resident to All Panelists 09:53 PM

We have enough beer gardens and taco trucks! We can't get more open space once it is gone.

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 09:53 PM

"Energy" means....money from taco trucks?

**From:** Kristin HANSON to All Panelists 09:53 PM

Taco trucks????? You don't have to go to the marina to find one.

**From:** Virginia Browning to Everyone 09:53 PM

ADA?

**From:** Carla Woodworth, Parker Street to Everyone 09:53 PM

2 + hours of testimony and it comes back to beer gardens and taco trucks.

**From:** lex morris to Everyone 09:53 PM

The BMASP document pays lip service to environmentalism but when you carefully look over so many of the actual proposals themselves - and look at the photos at the end of the deck - they're based in proposals to essentially pave over the majority of CCP

**From:** Sally Nelson to Everyone 09:54 PM

Thank you !!!

**From:** Yar to Everyone 09:55 PM

Thank you guys very much.

**From:** Alan K to All Panelists 09:55 PM

Good points, Gordon

**From:** Daniel Larlham to All Panelists 09:55 PM

thank you to the Commission

**From:** Nusi Goldfish to Everyone 09:56 PM

Thank you, Berkeley!

**From:** Mark Zoidis to All Panelists 09:56 PM

Brennan Cox is completely wrong in everything he says

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