## PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION



## **Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 7:00 P.M. 2800 Park St, Berkeley, CA 94702 Frances Albrier Community Center auditorium

Parks and Waterfront Commission

### **Agenda**

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).
- 2. Roll Call (Secretary).
- 3. Land Acknowledgement: The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.
- 4. Action: Approval of Agenda (Chair).
- 5. Action: Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2023 (Chair).\*
- 6. Public Comment.
- 7. Chair's Report.
- **8. Director's Report** (Ferris): Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget.
- 9. Discussion/Action Potential FY2023-24 PRW Capital Projects Reductions (Ferris).\*\*
- 10. Update Marina BMASP Project Timeline (Ferris).
- 11. Update Marina project grant funding from State Coastal Conservancy (Ferris).
- 12. Update Aquatic Park Water Quality (Ferris).
- 13. Update Aquatic Park Berkeley Commons 600 Addison St Project (Ferris).
- 14. Discussion/Action: PRW Commission Workplan 2023 (DRAFT) and approval of new liaisons (Kawczynska/Diehm).\*
- 15. Information: Recent Council Reports. \*
- **16. Future Agenda Items**: priorities for parks capital projects FY2023-24; PRW Commission Workplan 2023; Parks Development Fee; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Dogs in Parks.
- **17. Communications**. Toni Mester, Aquatic Park, 03-02-2023; Susan Schwartz, Aquatic Park minutes, 02-15-2023; Erin Diehm, Birding While disabled, March 16, 2023; Claudia Kawczynska, BMASP, 03-08-2023.
- **18. Next PRW Commission meeting**: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 (in-person).
- 19. Adjournment.
- \* document is attached to agenda packet and on the commission website.
- \*\* document will be provided at the meeting.

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#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Mayor - Gordon Wozniak	District 3 - Brandon Floyd	District 6 - Anna Avellar
District 1 - Reichi Lee	District 4 - Erin Diehm	District 7 - Davina Srioudom
District 2 - Claudia Kawczynska	District 5 - Brennan Cox	District 8 - Allan Abshez

## **Current assignments**

Subcomm on Marina Fund (12-14-2022) Subcomm on dogs and parks (02-08-2023) Liaison - Civic Center Planning – Erin Diehm Liaison - Civic Arts in Parks – Brennan Cox Liaison - Commission on Aging – Anna Avellar

## **2022 Commission Meeting Dates**

Name of Commission: Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

Commission Secretary: Roger Miller

Location: Frances Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St

Month	Meeting Day and Date (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday per month)	Time	Notes
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February	Wednesday, February 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg (Zoom)
March	Wednesday, March 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg (in-person)
April	Wednesday, April 12	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
Мау	Wednesday, May 10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
June	Wednesday, June 14	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
July	Wednesday, July 12	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
August	No meeting		
September	Wednesday, September 13	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
October	Wednesday, October 11	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
November	Wednesday, November 8	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg
December	No Meeting		
2024			
January	Wednesday, January 10	7:00 p.m.	Regular Mtg

## PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION

## **Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 7:00 P.M., Zoom Meeting

#### Minutes - Draft

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- 1. Call to Order (Chair): 7pm.
- **2. Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Abshez; Avellar; Birnbach; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Srioudom; Wozniak; Absent: Floyd.
- **3. Action**: **Approval of Agenda** (Chair), move item 9 to 8 (M/S/C: Kawczynska/Avellar/U): Ayes: Abshez; Avellar; Birnbach; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Srioudom; Wozniak; Noes: none; Absent: Floyd.
- **4. Action**: **Approval of Minutes** for January 11, 2023 (Chair)\* (M/S/C: Cox/Avellar/U): Ayes: Abshez; Avellar; Birnbach; Cox; Kawczynska; Wozniak; Noes: none; Abstain: Diehm; Srioudom; Absent: Floyd.
- **5. Public Comment**. No speakers.
- **6. Chair's Report**. Fiscal subcommittee held mtg on Jan 30 (Wozniak); Role of PRW commission in BMASP (Abshez); upcoming BMASP update to Council on March 8 (Wozniak); upcoming Civic Center workshop (Cox).
- 7. Action: Election of officers: chair and vice-chair (Wozniak).

  M/S/C (Cox/Avellar/U) to elect Commissioner Kawczysnka as chair: Ayes: Abshez;

  Avellar; Birnbach; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Srioudom; Wozniak; Noes: none; Absent: Eloyd
  - M/S/C (Birnbach/Cox/U) to elect Commissioner Diehm as vice-chair: Ayes: Abshez; Avellar; Birnbach; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Srioudom; Wozniak; Noes: none; Absent: Floyd.
- **8. Presentation**: **Animal Care issues at City parks** (Amelia Funghi). Presentation was provided. Public comment: Kelly Hammargren.
- **9. Director's Report** (Ferris): Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget. Report was provided.
- **10.Discussion**: Return to in-person public meetings as of March 2023 (Ferris). \* Public comment: Kelly Hammargren.
- **11.Discussion**: **Update on PRW capital projects in FY2023-24** (Ferris).\* Update was provided (see handout). Public Comment: Kelly Hammargren.
- **12.Discussion/Action**: **create a subcommittee on dog parks** (Kawczynska). It was M/S/C (Kawczynska/Avellar/U) to create a subcommittee on dogs and parks (commissioners Kawczynska, Avellar, and Srioudom).
- 13.Information: Recent Council Reports. \*
- **14. Future Agenda Items**: priorities for parks capital projects FY2023-24; PRW Commission Workplan 2023; Parks Development Fee; Citywide Accessibility Plan; BMASP Update.
- 15. Communications.
- **16. Next PRW Commission meeting**: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (in-person).
- 17. Adjournment. 8:50pm.
  - \* document is attached to agenda packet and on the commission website.
  - \*\* document will be provided at the meeting.

• Commissioners in attendance: 8 of 9 appointed.

Public in attendance: 7Public speakers: 3

\*Note: For any handouts distributed at the meeting, please see the Draft Minutes for February 8, 2023 on the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission webpage at the following link online:

https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/boards-commissions/parks-recreation-and-waterfront-commission

#### Parks and Waterfront Commission 2023-2024 Work Plan

#### DRAFT

#### **FUNCTION**

(BMC 3.26.040) The Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission shall be an advisory board and shall review the following related to all City/public parks, open space, greenery, pools, programs, recreation centers, the Waterfront, and resident camps: their physical conditions, policies, projects, programs, planning efforts, activities, and funding; early childhood education programs; and animal care issues in parks, and shall advise the City Council on these matters.

#### LIAISONS

- Civic Center Planning Erin Diehm
- Civic Arts in Parks Brennan Cox
- Commission on Aging Anna Avellar

#### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Fiscal Matters understand challenges facing Waterfront and identify solutions
- Fiscal Matters requesting funds from City develop a Prioritized list of funds needed for PRW to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee for regular review
- Fiscal Matters bringing in funds for Parks Parks Development Fee, Increased Parks Tax, Philanthropy
- Dogs in Parks
- Promoting Equity and Inclusivity in the Parks
- Promoting Nature into Our Parks (Aquatic Park, Birdability, Habitat Gardens, Biodiversity Initiative)
- Adding amenities in our parks targeted specifically to seniors

#### **WORK ITEMS**

PROJECT	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	LEAD
BMASP	Ongoing	Evaluate proposed development strategies while ensuring recreational availability to current and future stakeholders	
Liaisons	Ongoing		
T1 Phase 2 oversight	Ongoing		
Waterfront Fiscal	Established Dec '22		Subcommittee: Gordon Wozniak, Brandon FLoyd, Allan Abshez, Claudia Kawczynska

PROJECT	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	LEAD
Dogs in Parks	Initiated Q1-23	Establishing a dogs in park subcommittee to review new opportunities for off leash recreation.	Subcommittee: Claudia Kawczynska, Anna Avellar, Davina Srioudom
Budgetary Priority List		Development of a priority list of projects for funding and to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee for regular review	Gordon Wozniak, Erin Diehm, Allan Abshez
Promoting Nature in Our Parks		Explore opportunities to promote nature in our parks and accessibility (e.g. Birdability, Habitat Gardens, Aquatic Park)	Erin Diehm
Fundraising Opportunities		Bringing in funds for Parks - Parks Development Fee, Increased Parks Tax, Philanthropy	Brennan Cox/Gordon Wozniak
Promoting Equity and Inclusivity in the Parks		Meet with community based organizations	Reichi Lee
BUSD and Parks		Exploring opportunities to expand cooperative agreements for green space usage	Reichi Lee

## Agenda Item 15. Recent Council Reports

#### PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION

#### **RECENT COUNCIL REPORTS**

The following recent PRW council reports can be accessed from the City Council Website by using the following URL's:

## February 28, 2023 (regular)

- 18a.-Adding a Youth Member to the Environment and Climate Commission URL: https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02-28%20Item%2018a%20Adding%20a%20Youth%20Member.pdf
- 18b.-Support for Youth Appointee to Environment and Climate Commission URL: https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02-28%20Item%2018b%20Support%20for%20Youth%20Appointee.pdf
- 18c.-Adopt an Ordinance Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.82 Modifying Membership and Appointment Procedures for the Environment and Climate Commission URL: https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02-28%20Item%2018c%20Adopt%20an%20Ordinance%20Amending.pdf

TO: PRW Commission FROM: Toni Mester

Date: 1/2/23 Re: Aquatic Park

If you've been to Aquatic Park in February or read articles in Berkleyside or Next Door, you're probably aware of a significant die-off of large fish in the main lagoon, specifically leopard sharks and bat rays. The City staff picked up 12 leopard sharks including one that was sent to the department of fish and wildlife for analysis, and 10 bat rays, but many more have been spotted in various stages of decomposition in the lagoon, and others have probably washed back through the tide tubes in to the bay. We don't know the total number of dead fish, perhaps around 50.

What caused the die-off? Probably a pathogen that has been responsible for similar die-offs in past years, particularly in 2017 when hundreds of sharks and rays died in shallow waters around San Francisco Bay after heavy rains in late winter. These species spawn in the shallows, where fresh storm water runoff, laced with all kind of urban toxins, enters the Bay, decreases the salinity of the Bay Water and weakens their immune system. The danger is particularly dire in gated lagoons like Aquatic Park and Redwood Shores, which also serves as a storm water retention pond and has seen a similar die-off this year.

The upside of this tragedy is that it has raised awareness of the problems of Aquatic Park among the general population. For example, a a concerned entry with a photo of a dead ray by posted by Cassandra on Next Door West Berkeley got over 100 likes. Unfortunately, these citizens are being denied access to the informative scientific and engineering documents that were generated over the last 20 years in hopes of improving Aquatic Park. All the links have been removed and not restored despite our many requests. These include a natural resources management study as well as technical reports. And so we are requesting that The Parks and Waterfront Commission direct staff to restore links to these documents on the Aquatic Park web page.

Although there are many interesting documents dating back before 2000, the more recent relate to the current condition of the Park. Please restore links to these four essential studies.

Aquatic Park Natural Resources Management Study, 2003. Laurel Marcus et. al. Aquatic Park Waterbird Population Disturbance and Response Study 2004,

Avocet Research Associates

Aquatic Park Improvement Program Technical Report, probably 2008 or 2009. Aquatic Park Improvement Program Draft Environmental Impact Report 2011 SCH 2009062093

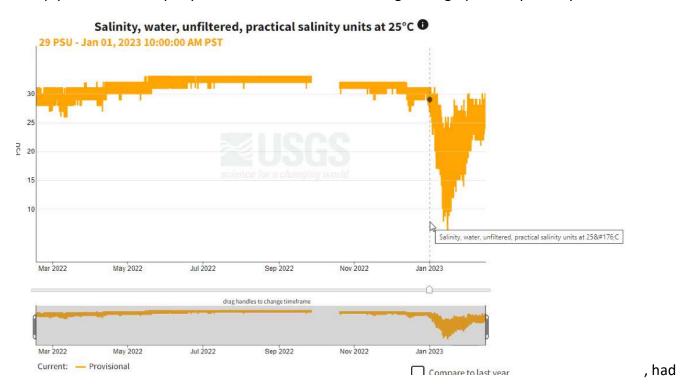
### Notes from webinar on Aquatic Park 6:30 - 7:30 PM Feb. 15, 2023

Grouped by topic, not chronological. Corrections and additions welcome at f5creeks@gmail.com

**City of Berkeley (COB) early involvement**: City began receiving reports of smells and dead elasmobranchs early week of Feb. 5, contacted EBMUD, filed a morbidity report with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and contacted consulting geochemist Dr. Kahlil Phelan Abu-Saba (WSP, Alameda).

**Safety of water for people:** Ron Torres, COB Manager of Environmental Health, said that levels of *Enterococcus* (indicator of sewage pollution) has been unsafe during recent atmospheric river rains but began declining Jan. 26, no-contact advisory removed Feb. 7.

Rotten egg (hydrogen sulfide) smell: Elaine Baden, President, Berkeley Paddling and Rowing Club, confirmed local smell. Scott Ferris, COB parks head, said EBMUD had reports of this smell from the Oakland Coliseum to Pt. Isabel (locations of their two treatment plants), so unlikely to be exclusive local problem, and EBMUD investigation found no evidence of hazard found. Dr. Abu-Saba said that the cause was not clear but likely to be "natural coastal processes" as neap (moderate) tides reduced flushing after atmospheric-river rains had sharply reduced salinity Bay-wide. He showed the following USGS graph of Bay salinity near Alcatraz:



Elaine Baden, President, Berkeley Paddling and Rowing Club, confirmed local smell.

Jim McGrath, longtime coastal scientist and engineer, retired chair of SF Bay Water Board, commented that hydrogen-sulfide and sewage smells are common at urban outlets to Bay after storms, and the causes are likely intertwined; sewage and other urban pollution are likely contributors.

He pointed out that Aquatic Park is not a natural lagoon and not a true estuary, that it is shallow with very limited tidal exchange through gates and tubes, with flushing of runoff and its pollutants taking weeks. (*Later* 

1 Notes from Aquatic Park webinar Feb. 15, 2023, Susan Schwartz, f5creeks@gmail.com

addition: 1994 and 2007 studies found flushing freshwater runoff took 21 days, with about 22 acre-feet exchange per tidal cycle.

**Tide gates** (in main lagoon near island): Ron Torres said all five gates were open Jan. 3-20 to reduce flood risk. Since then, only two have been open, as is normal. This reduces flushing but maintains water levels for recreation. Elaine Baden confirmed that only two now consistently open. *See tide tubes, below.* 

**Leopard shark and bat ray mortality**: Elaine Baden said that a single survey around the main lagoon identified about 50 carcasses of sharks and rays. (*Not said: F5C survey of main lagoon Feb. 11-12 documented just under 50 carcasses, see INaturalist. So about 50 sounds like a good minimum count.)* 

Scott Ferris said COB did not observe unusual numbers of other dead animals. They saw about a half dozen bat-ray and leopard-shark carcasses and collected one, not yet transferred to Dr. Mark Okihiro. CDFW senior fish pathologist. He summarized Dr. Okihiro's written communication, which is below as also sent to others working on the die-off Feb. 12 (there may be slight differences):

The leopard shark and bat ray deaths in Aquatic Park and Redwood Shores Lagoon are likely related to infection by lethal protozoan pathogens: Miamiensis avidus. There is a strong correlation of shark and ray deaths in South San Francisco Bay with wet winters and heavy spring runoff into the Bay. The prior four epizootics - in 2006, 2011, 2017, and 2019 - have all followed wet winters. For whatever reason, more sharks are infected with Miamiensis avidus and end up stranding when there is a lot of rainfall in northern and central CA. This could be due to immunosuppression from low salinity or contaminant exposure (e.g., chemical contaminants - herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, etc. - flushing into the Bay), or possibly some factors which favor proliferation of the parasites.

The protozoa gain access to the sharks via the nose and invade the sensory olfactory epithelium before migrating into the brain. Once the parasites are in the meninges and parenchyma of the brain, the sharks have no hope and eventually become disoriented, strand, and die.

If you can keep track of the animals that strand, and remove them so that they are not counted twice, that would be a great help. Basically, we (CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife) want to determine what species are affected and where the deaths are taking place. You can either e-mail me or Sean directly, and/or make a report to the iNaturalist website. Other species that we have seen strand and die during these epizootics include: bat rays, shovelnose guitarfish, striped bass, smoothhound sharks, and halibut. We strongly suspect these other species are also being killed by Miamiensis avidus but only have definitive proof for infections in leopard sharks.

If you find a live or recently dead shark or ray, you can also ice it and send it to me at the address below. With a careful necropsy, we can usually determine cause of death if the animal is not too rotten.

Thanks for you help.

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2 Notes from Aquatic Park webinar Feb. 15, 2023, Susan Schwartz, f5creeks@gmail.com

Susan Schwartz, Friends of Five Creeks, pointed out that CDFW wants multiple carcasses -- there is not yet evidence that the pathogen affects fish other than sharks, there may be other or multiple causes. She mentioned and placed in Chat CDFW's ongoing request that anyone observing a <u>fresh</u> carcass <u>promptly</u> notify Kiana Hargreaves, of CDFW, who can pick it up, put it on ice, and transfer it for analysis:

- GPS'd photos may be texted directly to her at 530-681-1802 or emailed to kiana.hargreaves@wildlife.ca.gov
- Non-GPS'd photos may be emailed with a short description of the location and a pin on a Google map.
- CDFW cannot use links to I-Naturalist, Dropbox, Google Photos, or other non-state applications.

**Disposal of carcasses**: Elaine Baden and others raised the question of disposal of the many carcasses along the shoreline, and offered to help. Scott Farris and others with the city said that their staff had no plans to remove them, that some efforts to remove bat-ray carcasses failed because the decomposing bodies disintegrated, and that calls to Animal Services (which responds to dead animal reports) had not been returned. However, fish remains could be taken to the fish disposal station at the Berkeley Marina, which has a grinder. Possible coordination, with the city sending a truck, was discussed.

**Previous city studies and monitoring reports**: Toni Mester and others pointed out that extensive city studies of Aquatic Park's hydrology, bathymetry, water-quality and other environmental conditions, and possible improvements could no longer be found on the city's web site despite requests. Scott Ferris said that Parks etc. also requested that these links be restored, but this has not happened.

**Monitoring:** Scott Ferris said that the only monitoring now done was for *Enterococcus* for human health, and that it is expensive and continually under threat of being cut from the city's budget. Susan Schwartz said she would investigate possibilities for new low-cost automated monitors for factors such as temperature and salinity, with long battery lives, downloadable by cell phone at long intervals. She said that Friends of Five Creeks might pay for these. (*Later addition – low-cost monitors of temperature appear to work well. Those including salinity, dissolved oxygen, and more get mixed reviews for salt water; better to wait. S.S.)* 

**Tide tubes**: See Jim McGrath's remarks on depth and flushing, and Ron Torres' on tide gates, bottom of p. 1 and top of p. 2. Maps in NRMS study attached to this email.

Elaine Baden, Toni Mester, and Susan Schwartz raised existing blockage of tide tubes: Only small quantities appear to pass between the main and middle/Yacht Basin lagoons (east tube may be entirely blocked, but some water still passes through west tube) and tube from west end of middle/Yacht Harbor lagoon to Bay (little water appears to pass). Toni Mester raised the desirability of carrying out the recommendation from Aquatic Park Improvement Project (APIP) of increasing flow between the main and middle lagoons by replacing a section of the east-west leg of Bolivar Drive with a bridge.

Scott Ferris said that the city's (long) capital improvements list includes cleaning the blocked and partly-blocked tide tubes and lining the main tide tubes with a plastic sleeve to prevent collapse, with a current cost estimate of \$5.05 million.

**Future meetings:** Todd Jersey suggested regular meetings, perhaps quarterly. Scott Ferris said that this was impractical but that they would be held as needed, with one or two more expected, one this spring, as construction on other projects began.

3 Notes from Aquatic Park webinar Feb. 15, 2023, Susan Schwartz, f5creeks@gmail.com

## 2023 March e-Gull

## Golden Gate Audubon <rnakano@goldengateaudubon.org>

Wed 3/1/2023 9:01 AM

To: erindiehm@hotmail.com <erindiehm@hotmail.com>

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# 2023 March E-Gull

**Golden Gate Audubon's Monthly Newsletter** 

# **Upcoming Speaker Series**



## **Birding While Disabled**

presented by Bonnie Lewkowicz, Judith Smith, and Susan Glass

Thursday March 16 - 7pm

David Brower Center (Goldman Theater) & Zoom

We are excited to be holding this wonderful March speaker series event both inperson at the David Brower Center (2150 Allston Way, Berkeley) and online via Zoom.

Bonnie Lewkowicz and Judith Smith will share their experiences as wheelchair using birders. Susan Glass will discuss her experiences as a birder who is blind. Find out what they need from the birding community and birding locations for them to feel welcome, included, and able to access birding locations and activities.

**Link:** https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82426821107? pwd=YVBpTmo0SGwwS3Q4R2hIUGplajlHUT09

**Passcode:** 781187

## DRAFT M E M O R A N D U M

Date: 8 March 2023

To: Commissioners – City of Berkeley Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission

From: Claudia Kawczynska, Chair; Erin Diehm, Vice-Chair

Subject: DRAFT – Communication to Council regarding presentation of BMASP to PRW

Commission and City Council and PRW Commission

In recognition of the advisory role that the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission has with the City Council, we request that the upcoming presentation of the BMASP be heard by the PRW commission before it is presented to the City Council. This request will be formalized by the letter addressed to the City Council recommending such a modification of the presentation's scheduling.