

PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 7:00 P.M., Frances Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St

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: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Wozniak; Absent: Hurtado; Ranuzzi.
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). (M/S/C: Wozniak/Abshez/U): Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado; Ranuzzi.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for March 13, 2024 (Chair).* (M/S/C: Wozniak/Abshez/U): Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado; Ranuzzi.
6. **Public Comment.** a) Ryan Mykida, sports field allocation; b) Susan Schwartz, Aquatic Park; c) Kelly Hammargren, non-agenda; d) Martin Nicolaus, Cesar Chavez Park; e) Jim McGrath, Aquatic Park.
7. **Chair's Report.** 25th anniversary of Off Leash Dog Area at Cesar Chavez Park (Kawczynska); Berkeley Project Day on April 6, 2024 had many students from UC Berkeley; Cesar Chavez Park landfill issue (Kawczynska); PRW Comm ltr to ZAB re 2316 San Pablo Ave (Kawczynska).
8. **Presentation: Proposed project at 600 Bancroft St** (Woodstock Inc., C. Erickson). Presentation was provided. Public comment: a) Susan Schwartz; b) Laura Riggs; c) Kelly Hammargren.
9. **Director's Report** (Erickson): PRW Divisions (Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget; Grants). Update was provided.
10. **Discussion/Action: Proposed updates to Berth Fee Waiver Resolution** (66,544-N.S.) (Kawczynska/Miller).* Item was discussed. Public Comment: a) Paul Kamen. (The commission M/S/C (Kawczynska/Abshez/U) to approve the updated resolution as edited in the agenda package. Ayes: Abshez;

Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado; Ranuzzi.

- 11. Discussion/Action: Development Impact Fee for parks improvements** (Abshez).* Item was discussed. Public Comment: a) Kelly Hammargren; b) Jim McGrath; c) Paul Kamen. (The commission M/S/C (Kawczynska/Diehm) to create a subcommittee comprised of Abshez, Cox, Kawczynska, and Wozniak. Ayes: Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado; Ranuzzi.
- 12. Discussion/Action: Update on FY25-26 PRW Capital Projects submittals and commission recommendations to Council** (Erickson).* Item was discussed and will come back to the commission.
- 13. Information: Recent Council Reports.***
- 14. Future Agenda Items:** Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavorn); PRW Commission Workplan 2024; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Locations for Dog Parks.
- 15. Communications.*** PRW Comm Ltr to ZAB, 3-13-2024; PRW Comm Ltr to Council, 3-13-2024; Special Events, 3-27-2024; Waterfront Scavenger Hunt, 3-30-2024.
- 16. Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024.
- 17. Adjournment.** 9:30pm.

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

** document will be provided at the meeting

- Commissioners in attendance: 6 of 8 appointed.
- Public in attendance: 11
- Public speakers: 12

***Note:** For any handouts distributed at the meeting, please see the Draft Minutes for April 10, 2024 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>

Handout - PRW Comm - 04-10-2024/

Algae at the Aquatic Park Model Yacht Basin/Middle Lagoon, April 8, 2024. This is extraordinarily early, and so far, I have not found anyone who remembers it happening at all. Last year, when the main lagoon's north and south ends were overrun by algae and had to be "mowed," there was no algae to speak of here.

At minimum, this is a sign of instability in these lagoons, which received huge and unpredictable amounts of runoff from West Berkeley. Sediment has made much of this small lagoon very shallow. Algae will speed the fill, and as water warms, this growth may stink. For information see <https://aquaticpark.org>.

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