

**PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 5:30 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).
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Absent: None.
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/Kawczynska/U): Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noe: None; Absent: None.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for February 15, 2024 (Chair).\* (M/S/C: Kawczynska/ Hurtado / U): Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noe: None; Absent: None.
6. **Public Comment.** a) Naomi Friedman, Animal Care issues; b) Jim McGrath, Cesar Chavez Park landfill; c) Shreas Chan, Cal Sailing Club; d) Robert Ofsevit, Cal Sailing Club; e) Lisa Dent, Cal Sailing Club; f) Paul Kamen, Cal Sailing Club; g) Camille Antinori, Cal Sailing Club; h) Ann Moth, Cal Sailing Club.
7. **Chair's Report.** March 9 Tree Planting Event was successful (Kawczynska/Wozniak/Diehm);
8. **Discussion/Action: Election of Officers** (chair). (M/S/C: Wozniak/ Abshez / U) to elect Claudia Kawczynska as Chair: Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noe: None; Absent: None. (M/S/C: Kawczynska/Ranuzzi/ U) to elect Erin Diehm as Vice-Chair: Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noe: None; Absent: None.
9. **Director's Report** (Ferris): PRW Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget; Grants. Update was provided.

- 10. Presentation: Upcoming Waterfront Parking Study** (McNulty). Presentation was provided. Public Comment: a) Allan; b) Paul Kamen; c) Merrill; d) Maylou; e) Jim McGrath; f) Naomi Friedman.
- 11. Discussion/Action: New Developments Adjacent to Public Parks/Open Space (2136 San Pablo Ave)** (Kawczynska/Diehm).\* (M/S/C: Diehm/Kawczynska/U) to send the communication from the packet, as modified at the meeting, to Council and the Zoning Adjustment Board): Ayes: Abshez; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noes: None; Abstain: Cox; Absent: None. Public Comment: a) Kelly Hammargren; b) Meryl; c) Naomi Friedman; d) Jim McGrath; e) Merrill; f) Aimee Baldwin; g) Kristin Leimkuhler.
- 12. Discussion/Action: Proposed updates to Berth Fee Waiver Resolution** (66,544-N.S.) (Kawczynska/Ferris).\* Held over.
- 13. Discussion/Action: Update on FY25-26 PRW Capital Projects submittals** (Ferris).\* Held over.
- 14. Information: Recent Council Reports.**\*
- 15. Future Agenda Items:** Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); PRW Commission Workplan 2024; Parks Development Fee; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Locations for Dog Parks.
- 16. Communications.**\* Robert Ofsevit, 2024-03-07.
- 17. Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024.
- 18. Adjournment.** 10:00pm.

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

\*\* document will be provided at the meeting

- Commissioners in attendance: 8 of 8 appointed.
- Public in attendance: 18
- Public speakers: 22