

PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 5:30 P.M., Corp Yard Green Room, 1326 Allston Way

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; Diehm; Hurtado; Kamen; Kawczynska; Absent: Cox; Lee; 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: Kawczynska/Diehm/U): Ayes: Abshez; Diehm; Hurtado; Kamen; Kawczynska; Noes: none; Absent: Cox; Lee; Ranuzzi.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for January 10, 2023 (Chair).* (M/S/C: Diehm/Hurtado/U): Ayes: Abshez; Diehm; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Noes: none; Abstain: Kamen; Absent: Cox; Lee; Ranuzzi.
6. **Public Comment.** a) Mina Sun, Adaptive sports & rec; b) Naomi Friedman, commission meeting time; c) Jim McGrath, public comment; d) Camille Antinori, RFQ for Parking study
7. **Chair's Report.** Feb 3 Tree Planting Event at Aquatic Park (Kawczynska); upcoming March 9 Tree Planting Event at Aquatic Park (Kawczynska); March 2 pickleball tournament (Kawczynska); March 9 ground-breaking at Willard Park project (Kawczynska); DRC mtg – new building near park should have impact fee to cover park maintenance (Kawczynska).
8. **Discussion/Action: Election of Officers** (chair). Item was held over.
9. **Director's Report** (Ferris): PRW Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget. Update was provided.
10. **Discussion: Update on Capital Projects at the Waterfront** (Ferris).** Update was provided. Public Comment: a) Camille Antinori.
11. **Discussion: Upcoming Waterfront Parking Study** (Kawczynska).* Discussion was held. Public Comment: a) Gordon Stout, b) Jim McGrath.

12. Discussion: Update on Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Methane System at Cesar Chavez Park (Kawczynska). Update was provided.
Public Comment: a) Jim McGrath.

13. Information: Recent Council Reports.*

14. Future Agenda Items: Berth Fee Waiver Policy revision; Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); Priorities for parks capital projects FY2023-24; PRW Commission Workplan 2024; Parks Development Fee; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Berth Fee Waivers for community service organizations; Locations for Dog Parks.

15. Communications.* a) Mina Sun, 01-16-2024; b) Camille Antinori, 02/02/2024; c) Martin Nicolaus, 01/25/2024; d) Jim McGrath, 01-10-2024; e) Gordon Stout, 01/02/2024; f) Carol Hirth, 02/06/02024; g) Cameron Woo, 02/07/2024.

16. Next PRW Commission meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 (in-person).

17. Adjournment. 7:55pm.

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

** document will be provided at the meeting

- Commissioners in attendance: 5 of 8 appointed.
- Public in attendance: 7
- Public speakers: 8



From: Mina Sun biomxsun@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Team sport programs for disabled children in Berkeley
Date: January 23, 2024 at 10:38 PM
To: Harrison, Kate KHarrison@berkeleyca.gov
Cc: Cerami, Sara SCerami@berkeleyca.gov, Erin Diehm erindiehm@hotmail.com, Kathi Pugh kathipugh@gmail.com, Naso, Christopher CNaso@berkeleyca.gov, Ferris, Scott SFerris@berkeleyca.gov, Gregory, Thomas TGregory@berkeleyca.gov, Miller, Roger RMiller@berkeleyca.gov

Dear Kate,

Thank you for your enthusiastic response, and for resonating with me on this important issue. I just want to add that such city programs do exist around us already. For example, the City of SF Park and Rec has an [adaptive sport department](#), which provides specialized adaptive sports and recreation programs for people with disabilities. Their programs include after school programs, teen programs, summer day camps, inclusion week camps and special events.

ARPD (Alameda Recreation and Park Department) and City of Oakland have also included the adaptive sport programs and summer camps on their 2025 proposed programs and budget. The City of Berkeley has a long standing history of being a national leader of disability rights, equity and inclusion. I would like to request a concrete program of Adaptive Sports and Recreation being implemented in the City of Berkeley serving its underserved communities. Aside from being a mother, I have extensive professional experience in leading disability and equity programs, in both large-corporate and non-profit settings. I would love to be involved in helping to scope out and establish such programs in Berkeley.

In community,

Mina Sun, PhD
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On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 9:59 AM Harrison, Kate <KHarrison@berkeleyca.gov> wrote:

Dear Mina,

Thank you for reaching out and bringing our attention to this crucial issue of limited access to team sports programs for children with disabilities in Berkeley. I share your concerns about the current limitations and believe that every child should have the opportunity to participate in team sports. I am extremely disheartened to hear about the challenges your child faces in finding suitable team sports options.

I want to assure you that I take this matter seriously, and I am committed to addressing it. I will be discussing your concerns with both my Parks and Disability Commissioners and with the Parks Director (tomorrow) to explore ways we can enhance and expand our programs to be more inclusive.

I appreciate your willingness to continue this conversation and identify resources.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Kate Harrison
Berkeley, District 4

From: Mina Sun <biomxsun@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 2:21 PM
To: Harrison, Kate <KHarrison@berkeleyca.gov>; Miller, Roger <RMiller@berkeleyca.gov>; Ferris, Scott <SFerris@berkeleyca.gov>

Cc: Gregory, Thomas <TGregory@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Team sport programs for disabled children in Berkeley

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Director Scott, Members of the Park, Rec and Waterfront Commission (Roger, please pass this email message to the members of the commission),

(cc'd Commission on Disabilities via the secretary)

My name is Mina Sun, I am a Berkeley resident (district 4), a mother of two kids, one of them is blind. I am writing to you requesting kids camp/team sports programs for disabled children Berkeley. As policymakers and administrators specialize in Park and Recreation Services, you need no introduction on the significance of sports and recreation opportunity on children, and the impact of team sports on our younger generation in their development of team work, collaboration, finding identity and community. There are currently 70 Sports and Rec programs offered by City of Berkeley, in the format of either afterschool sport programs, or summer camps. If you take a second to think of any child in your lives, they probably have been a part of a team sport programs. It is universally acknowledged that team sports have a positive correlation to academic excellence, student retention rate and professional achievement in a child's life.

However, the access to any team sport opportunities are shockingly limited for kids with disabilities, especially for those with physical, hearing, and visual disabilities. My blind child is 11 and very athletic. The only team sport he can play competitively is a Paralympic Sport called goalball ([What is goalball?](#)). The only team practice we could find in the bay area is an adult goalball practice which does not allow kids. My child is just one of the examples. What about other disabled kids? What options do they have? When we talk about how important team sport is in someone's lives, my non-disabled child can choose any sport City of Berkeley has to offer, but this is not true for my blind child. As far as I know, there is currently not any program designed specifically kids with disabilities offered by City of Berkeley.

I am writing to bring this critical issue to your attention. 25% of our residents have visible/invisible disabilities, the budget and programmatic planning of the Park and Rec services should reflect the diversity of our residents. I am writing to request team sport programs designed specifically to serve kids with disabilities, especially in City of Berkeley Summer Camps and Programs. Those programs can be extremely beneficial for the siblings, friends, allies and educators of those children, for their total integration to the greater Berkeley community.

I am happy to continue this conversation and identify resources. I can be reached by email or phone. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department - Capital Projects List/ Status
PRW Commission 2/15/2024

Project	Type /Funded	Status
Camps		
Echo Lake ADA pathway Improvements	Funded -Construction	In Construction
Echo Lake Tree Removal	Unfunded- Requesting FY25	In Process (Phase 1 and 2 Cor
Tuolumne Camp EVC Charging Stations	Funded -Construction	In Closing
Tuolumne Camp Generator Installation	Unfunded -Requesting FY25	Not started
Cazadero Riverbed Erosion	Partially Funded	Phase 1 complete/ Phase 2 u
Waterfront		
199 Seawall Structural Evaluation	Funded	In Process
199 Seawall Structural Improvements	Unfunded- Requested in FY25	Not Started
Bike Park	Conceptual Design Only	Final Design nearing completi
Cesar Chavez Perimter Pathway	Design in Process	In Design
Cesar Chavez Park Restroom	Funded - Construction	In Design
D and E dock Replacement	Funded - Construction	Bidding
F and G Dock Resurfacing	Funding Requested in FY25	Not Started
J dock Resurfacing, Piling Improvements	Construction	Phase 1 starting in April
K Dock Restroom	Funded - Construction	In Design
Main Channel/Harbor Dredging	Funded - Construction	Bidding
Marina/Virginia Sea Level Rise	Conceptual/ Planning only	Preliminary design only
Misc Piling Replacements	Construction	In Closing
Pier with Water Transportation	Funded through Design/ Plannig	In Process
South Cove Seawall Repair	Unfunded- Requested in FY25	Not Started
South Cove West Parking Lot	Funded- Construction	In Design
South Sailing Basin Dredging	Conceptual Design/Planning Only	In Process
University Ave Sea Level Rise	Unfunded- Grant App Pending	Preliminary design only
Waterfront Specific Plan	Funded	In Process
Facilities/Large Buildings		
African American Holistic Resource Center	Funded - Construction	In Conceptual Design
John Hinkel Hut	Funded - Design	In Conceptual Design
MLK Jr. Youth Services Center	Funded - Construction	In Design
Willard Clubhouse and Restroom	Funded - Construction	In Construction
Parks		
63rd Avenue-Community Garden	Funded- Construction	In Closing
Aquatic Park - ADA Parking Lagoon Access	Funded - Constuction	In Closing
Aquatic Park - Dreamland Area Design	Funded through Design/ Planning	Not Started
Aquatic Park - West Side Tree Planting	Funded- Construction	In Construction
Aquatic Park- East Bolivar Landscape and S	Funded- Constuction	In Construction
Aquatics Park Tide Tubes	Design Unfunded, Partial Construction	Preliminary Design Only
Berkeley Way Mini- Community Garden	Unfunded- FY25 MM	In Design
Berkeley Way Mini- New fencing/ Picnic Ar	Funded- Construction	In Process
Cedar Rose Playgrounds	Funded - Construction	In Design

Internal

Civic Center Upper Plaza Improvements/TI	Funded - Construction	In Design
Codornices Play Structure	Unfunded- Requested in FY25	Not Started
General- Misc Sport Court Resurfacing	Funded- Construction	In Closing
Glendale La Loma Play Structures	Unfunded- Requested in FY25	Not Started
Greg Brown Park- Community Garden	Unfunded- FY25 MM	In Closing
Grove Park- Play Structures, Mural Gartder	Funded - Construction	In Constrction
Grove Park- Sports Field Improvements	Funded - Construction	In Construction
Harrison Park Restroom Remodel	Funded - Construction	In Design
James Kenney Restroom	Unfunded - Requested in FY25	Not Started
James Kenney Skate Spot	Concepal Design Only	In Closing
Live Oak Park Tennis Lights	Unfunded FY25 MM	Not Started
Ohlone Park Lighting	Funded- Construction	In Design
Ohlone Park Restroom	Funded - Construction	Bidding
Shorebird Park Play Structure Replacement	Unfunded -Requested in FY25	Unfunded
Solano- Peralta Play Structure/Elements	Funded - Construction	In Construction- Phase 1
Tom Bates ADA, Restroom and Community	Funded- Construction	In Design
Tom Bates- Gilman Street Sewer Line	Funded - Construction	In Closing
Tom Bates Pickle Ball and Soccer field	Funded- Construction	In Design

Pools

West Campus Pool PTC, Pool Filters, Floor	Funded- Construction	In Closing
King Pool PTC, Mechanical, Electrical, Floor	Funded - Construction	In Closing
King and West Interior Painting	Funded- Construction	Bidding

Handout: 2-15-2024: PRW Commission

PRW CIP Budget Requests - FY25 and FY26
DRAFT - 2/14/2024

Parks Tax / CIP Budget	FY25	FY26	Notes
Parks Tax (baseline)	1,065,000	1,090,000	
Parks Tax (addl)	2,500,000	2,000,000	Taken from fund balance; included in fund forecast.
Marina Fund	-	-	No fund balance available for capital projects.
Camps Fund	-	-	No fund balance available for capital projects.
CIP (baseline)	2,400,000	2,400,000	Assumes we maintain FY24 CIP Fund baseline of \$2.4M/year.
Total budget	5,965,000	5,490,000	11,455,000
Unfunded Need			
Waterfront (shown in Marina Fund 5-year forecast)	(1,010,000)	(2,065,672)	
Camps (shown in Camps Fund 5-year forecast)	(450,000)	(100,000)	
Other	(850,000)		
Total Unfunded Need	(2,310,000)	(2,165,672)	(4,475,672)
Project Needs			
<u>Highest priority projects</u>		<i>*Note: Grey projects can be funded with existing budget.</i>	
MLK YAP	(3,500,000)		Total project is \$12.5M. \$3.5M is the gap. Applied for \$3.6M grant to cover. April 2024
Santa Fe ROW		(3,000,000)	Total project is \$8M-\$10M. We have \$5M. \$3M is the min gap. Applied for \$5M grant to cover. Feb/March 2024
Tom Bates	(3,900,000)		Total project is \$8M. We have \$4.1M. \$3.9M is the gap.
Echo trees	(200,000)		Estimated amount. Note: also need funds in FY24 for tree removal prior to camp opening.
South Cove West parking lot (gap from SCC grant)	(250,000)	(250,000)	
K-Dock Restroom gap		(110,000)	
199 Seawall beam/piling	(260,000)		Critical beam and piling at risk of failing. Design and study in FY25, construction in FY26.
Additional Piling Replacements (J Dock)		(140,000)	
Total highest priority projects	(8,110,000)	(3,500,000)	(11,610,000)
<i>Note: could fully fund these projects by accelerating FY26 allocations.</i>			
<u>Additional emergency needs</u>			
199 Seawall beam/piling		(765,672)	Critical beam and piling at risk of failing. Design and study in FY25, construction in FY26.
Design for seawall repair at South Cove	(500,000)		South Cove seawall failing. Possible grant for construction.
Caz riverbed erosion	(300,000)		River wall eroding camp property. Assumes 50/50 share with Caz Music Camp, total cost is \$600K.
Addl MM for Camps, as per FY23-24	(100,000)	(100,000)	
Total addl emergency needs	(900,000)	(865,672)	(1,765,672)
<u>Additional high priority needs</u>			
Aquatic Park Tide Tubes Planning (grant match)	(66,000)		FY24 grant application; will need this allocation if awarded. (Separate from \$800k match in AAO1).
University Ave SLR (grant match)	(64,000)		FY24 grant application; will need this allocation if awarded.
Convert JK Restroom to Public RR	(150,000)		
South Berkeley Landscaping / Here There	(400,000)		
Design for Codornices Play	(250,000)		Play structure is deteriorated and needs to be replaced.
Design for Shorebird Play	(175,000)		Play structure is deteriorated and needs to be replaced.
Design for Glendale LaLoma Play	(250,000)		Play structure is deteriorated and needs to be replaced.
Generator at BTC	(150,000)		This is required; but a generator could be rented in summer 2024.
Re-deck F&G dock		(500,000)	
Finger Dock Replacements		(300,000)	
Total addl high priority needs	(1,505,000)	(800,000)	(2,305,000)
GRAND TOTAL - Project Needs	(10,515,000)	(5,165,672)	(15,680,672)

Note: This gap may be fully or partially offset by 2 grant applications totalling \$6.6M for MLK YAP (\$3.6M) and Sante Fe ROW (\$3M).

Internal

<u>Citywide Request</u>		
Grant writing services	\$100,000	\$100,000
Architectural services for grant work	\$50,000	\$50,000 <i>Renderings</i>
Matching funds for grants	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Total Citywide Request	\$5,150,000	\$5,150,000