

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

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 7:00 P.M., Live Oak Community Ctr, Fireside Room

**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; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Srioudom; Wozniak; Absent: Avellar.
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/Diehm/U) Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Srioudom; Wozniak; Absent: Avellar.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for March 8, 2023 (Chair).\* (M/S/C: Srioudom / Wozniak/Diehm/U) Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Srioudom; Wozniak; Absent: Avellar.
6. **Public Comment.** a) Paul Kamen, Commission Act; b) Camille Antinori, Aquatic Center; c) Robert Ofsevit, Waterfront; d) Jim McGrath; e) Sam Reifsnyder, slip fee waiver for non-profit kayak polo club; f) Julie Sirrup, Nature/Waterfront; g) Susan Schwartz, rules for letters to commission; h) Kelly Hammargren; i) Tetsu Tokunaga, skate boarding; j) Sara Sate, birding at Marina; k) Josh Kornbluth, birding at Marina; l) Rebecca Young, long-term planning, financial transparency; m) Mary Oram, City & schools – parks; n) Naomi Friedman, Cesar Chavez Park.
7. **Chair’s Report.** Recording the meeting (Kawczynska); \$15 million from State Coastal Conservancy was partly awarded (Kawczynska); South Bay Project – BART extension wetlands restoration (Kawczynska); WPS new meetings (Kawczynska); Civic Ctr Plan worksession on 3/21/2023 (Diehm); new commissioner (Gianna Ranuzzi).
8. **Director’s Report** (Ferris): Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget. Brief update was provided.
9. **Presentation – Waterfront Specific Plan (WSP)** (Ferris).\*\* Presentation was provided. Public comment: a) Ellen Sims; Tom Colton; David Fielder; Kelly Hammargren;

- 10. Discussion/Action – Create Waterfront Specific Plan subcommittee**  
(Abshez). Commission took action to create subcommittee, send a report to Council by June 2013 (Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska). (M/S/C: Wozniak/Srioudom/U) Ayes: Abshez; Cox; Diehm; Kawczynska; Lee; Ranuzzi; Srioudom; Wozniak; Absent: Avellar.
- 11. Discussion/Action – Measure T1 budget shortfall – send a letter and appoint a commissioner to represent commission at City Council and Council Budget Committee meetings** (Wozniak, Kawczynska/Diehm). \* The commission took action to send the letter to the Council Budget Committee and designate Wozniak to speak on behalf of the commission.
- 12. Discussion – Proposed Fee Increases to City Recreation and Waterfront fees and programs** (Ferris). \*\* Held over.
- 13. Discussion/Action: PRW Commission Workplan 2023 (DRAFT) and approval of new liaisons** (Kawczynska/Diehm).\* Held over.
- 14. Information: Recent Council Reports.** \*
- 15. Future Agenda Items:** priorities for parks capital projects FY2023-24; PRW Commission Workplan 2023; Parks Development Fee; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Dogs in Parks.
- 16. Communications.** Claudia Kawczynska, Robert Ofsevit, Paul Kamen, Sam Reifsnyder, BAKPC, Jim McGrath, Susan Schwartz, Scott Ferris.
- 17. Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (in-person).
- 18. Adjournment.** 10:25pm.

\* 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: 45
- Public speakers: 18