

PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 7:00 P.M., Live Oak Community Ctr, Fireside Room

Minutes – Final

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). 7pm.
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Abshez; Avellar; Cox; Diehm; Lee; Kawczynska; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Absent: Hurtado.
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) and move item 13 to after item 10. (M/S/C: Kawczynska/Wozniak/U): Ayes: Abshez; Avellar; Cox; Diehm; Lee; Kawczynska; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for October 11, 2023 (Chair) with corrections.* (M/S/C: Kawczynska/Wozniak/U): Ayes: Abshez; Avellar; Cox; Diehm; Lee; Kawczynska; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado.
6. **Public Comment**. a) Steve Tracy, Erosion control and trash at Cordonices Park; b) Gina Rieger, missed trash pickup and trash accumulation problems at Glendale La Loma and Codornices Parks; c) Kelly Hammargren, Waterfront Specific Plan; d) Jim McGrath, Waterfront Specific Plan; e) Sam Reifsnyder, Non-profit use of berths for the Bay Area Kayak Polo club; f) Nicolas Waton, Cal Sailing Club, Waterfront Specific Plan.
7. **Chair's Report**. Forum on Waterfront at Berkeley Yacht Club was well attended (Kawczynska); How to report missed trash pickup (Wozniak); Harvest Festival was well-attended on Oct 21 (Diehm); Berkeley Bird Festival was well-attended (Diehm).
8. **Director's Report** (Ferris): PRW Divisions: Recreation; Parks; Waterfront; Capital; Budget. Update was provided.
9. **Discussion/Action: Communication to Council to Update Resolution No. 66,544-N.S., a Policy for the Use of Berths at the Berkeley Marina by Non-Profit Organizations Providing Community Service** (Kawczynska).* Action was taken to update the name to the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission (M/S/C: Kawczynska/Wozniak/U): Ayes: Abshez; Avellar; Cox; Diehm; Lee; Kawczynska; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado. Public Comment: Jim McGrath.
10. **Discussion/Action: Approve Proposed New Historic Plaque at Presentation Park** (Hal Reynolds).* Plaque was approved: (M/S/C: Wozniak/Cox/U): Ayes: Abshez; Avellar; Cox; Diehm; Lee; Kawczynska; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado.

- 11. Discussion/Action: Report on Possible Parks Tax Increase (Wozniak).*** (M/S/C to send PRW Commission Report recommending Parks Tax increase to Council: Avellar/Kawczynska/Cox/U): Ayes: Abshez; Avellar; Cox; Diehm; Lee; Kawczynska; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noes: None; Absent: Hurtado.
- 12. Discussion/Action: Update on the Waterfront Specific Plan (WSP) (Ferris).** See link at <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/WSP-DRAFT-2023-10-30.pdf> Discussion was held.
- 13. Discussion/Action: PRW Commission Addendum to the Commission Recommendations Report on the WSP (Kawczynska/Diehm).*** Discussion was held.
- 14. Discussion: Update on 600 Addison Project (Diehm).*** Update on project was provided; Update on building signage was given.
- 15. Information: Recent Council Reports.***
- 16. Future Agenda Items:** Public Art (Lavvorn); Priorities for parks capital projects FY2023-24; PRW Commission Workplan 2023; Parks Development Fee; Citywide Accessibility Plan; Berth Fee Waivers for community service organizations; Locations for Dog Parks
- 17. Communications.*** a) In Maine, a return of tribal land shows how conservation can work best - The Washington Post, 11-01-2023 (Diehm); b) Why dozens of bird species are losing human names linked to racists - The Washington Post, 11-01-2023 (Diehm).
- 18. Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 (in-person).
- 19. Adjournment:** 9:35pm.

* 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: 15
- Public speakers: 4

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

Approved minutes submitted by:



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