

UNIVERSITY AVE BIKE PARK

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 NOTES

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- Are skateboard elements a consideration?
- A skatepark would be great, there is one in Berkeley but its not street skating. There is a regional park for mountain biking 2 miles away.
- Advocating for skate plaza, hard to skate at Berkley park.. closed part of year. Want a street plaza... even if bike majority, some street skating plaza would be beneficial.
- Advocating for skate in new site. Berkeley Skate Park is dated. Skate park of all ages and walks of life can all convene at a skate park. Consider having a street skate course at the site. Using existing skate park for bmx, work with Tony Hawk.
- BMX street park wanted, plus pump track. City does not have dedicated bmx park and is needed.
- Right off Bay trail, people are already there on bikes.
- Build a new skate park, existing skate park takes a long time to dry.
- Skateboarding – Berkeley skate park is too far from house, too many people, and no street elements.
- Support for bike park, mountain biking birth place was here, mountain biking not represented. Would like a pump track for kids. Place for high schoolers to train to build skills for high school students, Marin high schoolers have great skills. Need training opportunities.
- Had bmx jumps on water, torn down 15 years ago, asphalt preferred for little to no maintenance. If asphalt, skate boarders could use it.
- Skate Park for quad skates. Straight skating with street elements. Hybrid park? Bikes / skateboards / quad skates
- Like downwind flow. Work with wind. Drop zones.... Ladder drops.... Build up skills
- Any park is awesome, long linear shape means for breaking up into areas.... Paved area for biking and skateboarding.
- Seating and other furnishings could be skate elements. Ledges.. drops, Places to sit and skate.
- Want a bike park, not a skate park. Bay area has hardly any biking, skating can go anywhere. Mixing skating and biking would make the park too complicated.
- 2 daughters 7 and 12, advocating for skating friendly skate park or multi use like the one in Vallejo. Have to drive far to a skate park. Skate park is family friendly. Skating for different levels.

- Earth based features, progressive jumps, shade for resting. Should be dedicated space for bikes.
- Mixed use space – paved pump track for bike and skates. Biking at Berkley skate park not allowed. Small area for ledges for skaters and possibly bikers. Paved area preferred for maintenance reasons.
- Skateboard features liked, all inclusive space for mainly mountain bikes. No street features at Berkeley skate park. Park for all users.
- Has 7 year old skater, and is a life long skater. Want little pump track for mountain bikers but want also want skate parks.
- Excited for a new park, ...neighbor on 5th street. Concern for dirt park... more people that can use it for skaters and bikers. Emeryville has a long and narrow park with combined features .
- Pump track preferred, paved pump track can be used by skateboarders and rollerbladers could be sued. Wooden skinny features are fun and other bike specific features.
- Bike specific park preferred. Already quite a lot of opportunities for skateboarders. Advocate for pump track plus ramps, tables, gaps etc.
- Skate park essential for Berkeley community, some skate park should be included.
- New skate park needed.
- Existing skate park has rough concrete. Smooth concrete for skate boarders is essential.
- Want skate and bike park. Include some skate park, very supportive of it being a skate park. Do go to other areas for dirt. Want comfortable area for parents to watch with shade, shelter from wind, drink fountains. Upgrade existing Berkeley skate park.
- Started this process a few years ago... other park went away, Hooked up with professor Watchel landscape arch professor, had students to design.... They came up with 3 parks for students and adults and little kids (east end), larger area in middle for adult and big kids adventure.. west end to include for adaptive cycling... this would be unique, very inclusive to have these 3 spaces. As a narrow space, lends itself to 3 spaces.
- Want more skate parks in Berkeley, existing one ok, but heavily used, need 1 or 2 more. Parking and accessibility need to be considered in this area, as well as drainage.
- Son loves skateboarding, not a lot of opportunities for street skating. Skating has uplifted many kids in pandemic, opportunity for another environment, share space for whole community
- Berkeley skate park, enjoyed time, but has fallen there... but compared to other space... other parks a little something for everyone. Berkeley skate park takes too long to dry. No street skating at Berkeley skate park. Doesn't want to drive too far to other skate park.
- Roller skaters in Bay Area. Like mini half park at other park, and is very smooth. No skate park close to them that is smooth. A lot more roller skaters now, would like half pipe.
- Mountain biker, mountain biker coach. City should fix Berkeley skate park. Narrow space, not a lot of options, jump line would work well. Breaking up into 3 zones would work. Need more bike access.
- Skateboarder advocating for skateboarding, existing park very rough. Berkeley doesn't have any street skating.
- Want street skate park. Berkeley is just a few bowls.
- Shade for parents, Stafford lake did a good job on elevated wood features, wide features not too tall for learning like Stafford lake.