



PARKS RECREATION & WATERFRONT

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COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 2023; 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Scott Ferris, Director of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department – City of Berkeley
- Evelyn Chan, Supervising Civil Engineer – City of Berkeley
- Stacey Rutherford, Associate Civil Engineer, Project Manager – City of Berkeley
- Cathy Garrett, Principal – PGA Design
- Evan MacGregor, Landscape Architect – PGA Design

2. General Updates

- Environmental
 - Case assigned to CA Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), follow updates on DTSC website (linked on City website)
- Schedule
 - Grant deadline extension (from December 2025 to December 2027)
 - Remediation: Fall 2024
 - Park construction: 2024 – 2025

3. Park Design Update

4. Budget Conversation

- Budget shortfalls
 - Original grant for \$5 million
 - Total project budget at \$8.4 million
 - Reasons for budget shortfall
 - 1. Construction Cost increases, escalation
 - 2. Remediation costs (currently projected to cost more than \$2.7 million)
- Grant Opportunities
 - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grant, anticipated release in January 2024
- Discussion
- Poll to rank blocks in order of preference

5. Parcel 1 Unprogrammed Area Discussion

- Poll to choose what to do at this area in the future:
 - Relocate passive dog park
 - Expand community garden
 - Install outdoor fitness area
 - Other, please specify in chat

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6. Fencing, Lighting

7. General Comments and Discussion

8. Related/Nearby City Projects

- Public Art by Civic Arts Program
 - If you are interested in being notified about the artist selection process milestones and opportunities for public comment, please contact Civic Arts at CivicArts@berkeleyca.gov
- [Parker-Addison Mobility and Safety Improvements Project](#) managed by DPW, funded by a State of California Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities Grant in conjunction with the Blake Apartments housing development at 2527 San Pablo Avenue.
 - If you have any questions, please contact Pedram Massoudi at PMassoudi@berkeleyca.gov

9. Next Steps and Schedule

- Presentation posted on City's Website
- Park: Public Comment Period (2 weeks)
- Park: Construction Documents (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)
- Environmental: DTSC review and additional sampling (present – Fall 2023)
- Environmental: Remediation Action Plan (Winter 2023)
- Environmental: DTSC Review and Public Process (Winter 2024 – Spring 2024)
- Environmental: Remediation Bid and Construction (Spring 2024 – Winter 2024)
- Park: Permitting, Bid and Construction (Spring 2024 – Winter 2025)

For questions or comments please contact, Stacey Rutherford at srutherford@berkeleyca.gov

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