

Office of the City Manager

December 24, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

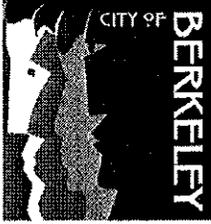
From: Christine Daniel, Interim City Manager

Subject: Update on Civic Center Park – Turf Restoration

As you know, the encampment at Civic Center Park has been mostly resolved. However, some of the impacts of the encampment remain and we now need to restore the Park to its former healthy condition. The turf in several areas of the Park was significantly damaged by the lengthy encampment, both from the tents and other activities associated with the camp. This memo is to let you know that staff has erected a temporary fence around the oval in order to start an intensive process of rehabilitating the turf. It is staff's hope that with an intensive focus over the next week to ten days, we can restore much of the area to a better condition. After restoration of the oval is underway, staff will begin rehabilitating other damaged areas of the park. The process for restoring the damaged turf includes: adjusting and replacing irrigation, dethatching, mowing, aerating, bringing in soil to backfill damaged areas, applying top dressing, over seeding, applying fertilizer and irrigating.

In order to facilitate the rehabilitation process, and pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code Section 6.32.030, I have issued a temporary rule (see attached) for Civic Center Park in order to preserve park property that prohibits anyone from being in the oval (inside the temporary fencing). Signs will be posted notifying the public of the restriction and the reasons for it. We will reevaluate the need for this at the end of next week as we assess the effects of our focused work. Please let me know if you have any questions about this process.

cc: William Rogers, Interim Deputy City Manager  
Deanna Despain, City Clerk  
Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor  
Scott Ferris, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront  
Michael Meehan, Chief of Police  
Mary Kay Clunies-Ross, Public Information Officer



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To: Scott Ferris, Acting Director Parks Recreation & Waterfront

From: Christine Daniel, Interim City Manager 

Subject: Directive Prohibiting Entry Into Restoration Area In Civic Center Park

Pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code section 6.32.030, the City Manager hereby issues this directive to enclose the damaged turf area inside the oval sidewalk in the middle of Civic Center Park with a temporary fence in order to restore the turf in that part of the Park.

The fenced area shall be posted with signs as follows: "No Entry Into Fenced Area; Restoration Work In Progress BMC 6.32.030." This is a temporary restriction to attempt to restore the turf to good condition.

Violation of this directive is a violation of Berkeley Municipal Code section 6.32.030.

cc: William Rogers, Interim Deputy City Manager  
Andrew Clough, Public Works Director  
Mike Meehan, Chief of Police