

**T1 PH2 D5-D6 LARGE COMMUNITY MTG – THURS – 10/08/2020: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (via zoom)**

**Meeting notes:**

- Parks: Adult exercise equipment is needed in City, e.g., the ones at Aquatic Park (1).
- Parks: Berkeley Pier needs repair (1).
- Parks: Cazadero Music Camp needs important repairs (1).
- Parks: John Hinkel Park - Boy Scout Hut needs renovation (3).
- Parks: John Hinkel Park – Needs lighting (1).
- Parks: King School Park - fix damage and trees (1).
- Parks: King School Park - remove the concrete barrels from the former slide area (1).
- Parks: Live Oak Park - bridge used to have lighting. Erosion at bridge (1).
- Parks: Live Oak Park - lawn was badly renovated, too many bumps for disabled persons (2).
- Parks: Live Oak Park - Needs revitalization (2).
- Parks: Parks Master Plan (1).
- Parks: Pickleball (2).
- Parks: Pier - Rising Sea Level might affect Aquatic Park and Ferry Pier (1).
- Parks: Pools need fixing (1).
- Parks: Stone Face Park needs attention (1).
- Streets: Bicycles - Berkeley High Mountain Biking Team needs a place for biking (1).
- Streets: Bicycles - Bike lane at MLK has a dead end (1).
- Streets: Bicycles - Biking on bumpy roads problem needs fixing (1).
- Streets: Creek restoration is needed (1).
- Streets: Crossings - Hopkins/MLK crossing at Library needs attention (2).
- Streets: Fix any street in North Berkeley is sorely needed (1).
- Streets: Fix Colusa Ave from Thousand Oaks to park border (1).
- Streets: Fix Oxford St from University to Cedar (1).
- Streets: Fix Shasta Rd to the Park (1).
- Streets: Marin Circle Fountain Walk needs major renov, irrigation, path needs to be replaced (1).
- Streets: Need disaster projects in the hills to help disabled (1).
- Streets: Need more electric charging stations (1).
- Streets: Need to rethink streets, allocate streets to people (1).
- Streets: Pathways - need more maintenance and repair and handrails (2).
- Streets: Pillar repair needed at Marin / Spruce. Homeowner offered to pay (1).
- Streets: Stormdrain on roads problems need fixing (1).
- Streets: Street trees need attention (1).
- Streets: Traffic circles need attention (thanks for fixing one at Spruce & Vine) (1).
- Streets: Vision Zero funding needed to reduce pedestrian fatalities (1).

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**CHAT LOG** (note: minor edits removed comments about technical issues, audio, etc.)

**From** Ray Yep to All Panelists: 06:34 PM

Good evening to the rock stars to T1!!

**From** Betsy & Raines to All Panelists: 06:40 PM

fully ADA accessible Rose Garden- that's great!

**From** Kelsey N. to All Panelists: 06:43 PM

We'd love to see the Berkeley Art Center included in improvements along with Live Oak Park to help create a vibrant center in North Berkeley.

**From** Ednah Friedman to All Panelists: 06:43 PM

I really like these meetings via Zoom; I suspect there are more and different participants than who often attend in person meetings. That is a good thing.

**From** Kelly Hammargren to Everyone: 06:43 PM

is this being recorded and posted for people who cannot attend this evening?

**From** Eileen Murphy to Everyone: 06:45 PM

Recording would be a great idea.

**From** Ednah Friedman to All Panelists: 06:45 PM

I'm interested in more sidewalk repairs. I understand that the City maintains a lengthy list of sidewalks to repair 50-50 with the homeowner. Is there a plan to use T1 funds for those sidewalks?

**From** Alina Constantinescu to All Panelists: 06:46 PM

Thank you for the shout-out and for your support for the paths, CM Wengraf!

Alina, on behalf of the Path Wanderers.

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Everyone: 06:46 PM

These T1 meetings are not recorded. All of the comments made at these meetings and sent to the t1 email address will be made public in November 2020 once all of the community meetings have been held and we have gathered all of the comments.

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Ednah Friedman, All Panelists: 06:48 PM

Existing infrastructure and facilities, including sidewalks, are eligible for T1 funds.

**From** Robert Collier to All Panelists: 06:49 PM

Should we write suggestions in the Chat, or will there be a public comment period in which we can speak?

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Everyone: 06:50 PM

There are 3 ways to provide feedback tonight: there will be a public comment period after the presentation, you can write suggestions in the chat, or you can email [t1@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:t1@cityofberkeley.info).

**From** Robert Collier to All Panelists: 06:52 PM

Thanks. If I do it in public comment, can I ask a question and will it be answered by staff, or will the question simply be noted without response? (the question is for an update on the King Park repairs and renovations).

**From** Margot Smith to All Panelists: 06:53 PM

What about rising sea? Will this affect Aquatic Park or the Ferry Berth?

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Robert Collier, All Panelists: 06:55 PM

Yes, you can ask questions.

**From** Margot Smith to All Panelists: 06:56 PM

When will you pave Oxford?

**From** Ednah Friedman to All Panelists: 07:00 PM

Many street bulb outs, median strips, etc are littered and filled with weeds. I believe these are part of the City's infrastructure. The unkempt condition of these structures is a shame. Can clean-up and maintenance of these be included in T-1?

**From** Robert Collier to All Panelists: 07:02 PM

Thanks Scott

**From** Linda Franklin to All Panelists: 07:03 PM

please email all of us the updates on King Park

**From** Kelsey N. to All Panelists: 07:05 PM

As the Board President of the Berkeley Art Center, in the heart of Live Oak Park, where there is already revitalization happening with the Community Center, we'd love to be a stronger center of this North Berkeley neighborhood that is a destination for not only Berkeley and the East Bay, but all of the Bay Area with our diverse and inclusive programming. Our small budget allows us to push forward with engagement for artists and citizens of Berkeley and beyond, but is difficult to manage upkeep and restoration for our historic building.

**From** ja to Everyone: 07:05 PM

can Kelsey clarify what investment she wants for Live Oak?

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Ednah Friedman, All Panelists: 07:05 PM

Renovation of those areas would be eligible for T1 funding; clean-up and maintenance would not.

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Margot Smith, All Panelists: 07:09 PM

Oxford is not on the City's 5-year paving plan.

We can provide you more background, and will follow up via email.

**From** Ednah Friedman to All Panelists: 07:09 PM

How will on-going maintenance on these new capital projects be provided for?

**From** Kelsey N. to All Panelists: 07:13 PM

BAC would love for connections to be made with the overall Park infrastructure and Community Center across the street- and specifically our historic building is facing structural erosion from the creek that runs below us. This includes a public thoroughway bridge and decking around our building that connects up to Oxford Street.

**From** Eileen Murphy to Everyone: 07:16 PM

**From** Friends of the Fountain and Walk: We request a full package of improvements on Fountain Walk, including: Installing a new sidewalk; repairing or replacing the staircase; installing a new, esthetically appropriate handrail (that meets ADA requirements); installing new lighting all along the walk; re-landscaping and installing a permanent irrigation system all along the walk; and doing a full repair of the balustrade.

**From** Bob Colah to All Panelists: 07:17 PM

Hello City of Berkeley,

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Ednah Friedman, All Panelists: 07:17 PM

T1 funds improvements only to existing infrastructure and facilities, not new projects. We rely on existing non-bond funding sources for on-going maintenance.

**From** ja to Everyone: 07:19 PM

Hello, my name is Laura Rissman and I would like to ask for some traffic control at the corner of Berryman and Henry streets, near the Madeline school

**From** Karen Borst-Rothe to All Panelists: 07:20 PM

As a board member of FOFW that Mike Gray just mentioned. We really need to work on the walk infrastructure, especially the uneven stairs. Many people walk this route every day. The Walk is more than a hundred years old, and volunteers work there monthly. Please consider the irrigation and plantings on the Walk now that many trees have been cut back. Also lighting of some sort would be great. Thank you, Karen

**From** Eileen Murphy to Everyone: 07:20 PM

One other idea from FOFW: On The Circle, the landscaping around the perimeter, on the island and on the median between Los Angeles and Mendocino, mostly redone some years ago now, has suffered from lack of attention and irrigation issues. Invasives have taken over in most spots. We should suggest another re-do but only after any faulty irrigation in all those areas is repaired/replaced. Thanks.

**From** Peggy Mendelson to All Panelists: 07:21 PM

agree that Hopkins Alameda is a mess. get rid of traffic stuff

**From** Doug Lindsey to Everyone: 07:21 PM

Friends of the Scout Hut in John Hinkel Park seek support --renovation of the Hut. John Hinkel donated the 4.9 acres, the Hut is a 1938 landmark. Cub Scouts, Boys Scout, Camp Fire Girls and the Berkeley Shakespeare group utilize the Hut. Support its renovation.

**From** Joan Bell to All Panelists: 07:23 PM

I am a constituent of Sophie Hahn. I would like to support some urgent projects at Cazadero Music Camp. My whole family has spent time at camp over the last 14 years and it is a very special place for us. I also have been a chaperone for Berkeley High School with kids there for jump start weekends. There are health, safety, and

accessibility upgrades that the camp needs. I understand that the camp will pay for most of the \$1.2 million needed, but they need the city to pick up \$400K. Especially in this uncertain time for the arts we need to show a commitment to our children that music matters.

**From** Lissa Miner to All Panelists: 07:23 PM

RE: Hopkins and The Alameda, I've also seen many bikers not use the designated bike lanes and just ride in the car lane bc it is easier to navigate. I am glad to hear there is support for it to it will be reevaluated

**From** Vice Mayor & CM Sophie Hahn to Everyone: 07:26 PM

Ramsey Siblerberg, please email me about your ideas. shahn@cityofberkeley.info

**From** Ednah Friedman to All Panelists: 07:35 PM

The 700 block of Neilson Street used to have a beautiful canopy of street trees. Many of those trees have died or appear not to be thriving. I believe that these were trees that were planted by the City many years ago. Is there any plan to replant trees on that block?

**From** Linda Franklin to All Panelists: 07:36 PM

I want to support Betsey's recommendation for public restrooms, and others suggestions for maintenance of the paths in the hills, which are emergency evacuation routes for residents up oil the hills

**From** Margot Smith to All Panelists: 07:42 PM

I hope when you redo the lawn at Live Oak Park you provide better supervision and make sure it is done well.

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Ednah Friedman, All Panelists: 07:43 PM

We will check on this and get back to you via email.

**From** Doris Fukawa to All Panelists: 07:43 PM

My family's business is the Hopkins Laundereete located in District 5. My mother and sister have been residents of Distridt 5 since 1965. We are calling in to ask Parks and Recs to support the projects at Cazadero Music Camp. Cazadero is a part of the community glue for students and families who want to experience and study music in an incredible natural environment. I myself was a camper and faculty member at Caz in the 1970's and in great part received incredible support to pursue music as a profession. I continue to recommend and send students to Caz and hope that it will be around for our current students and future students/families to also experience . Many students have their first outdoor experience at Caz. Please support the efforts of Cazadero to continue to provide these experiences for current and future generations of Berkeley residents. Thank you for all that you do for Berkeley.

**From** Margot Smith to All Panelists: 07:45 PM

It seems to me there is some waste in spending on some projects. I hope you will be more frugal in the future. Who needs this excessive curbs? They probably cost a fortune. Then on top of that, all the signage to prevent people **From** running into them. So wasteful.

**From** bcsei to All Panelists: 07:45 PM

I'm Bill Seidel on the 500 block of Arlington Ave. I represent about 20 people in this block and nearby. We would strongly appreciate and upgrade and irrigation of the Median. I have lived here for 17 years and have seen quite a few trees planed and then left to die or, pampered and then died. Thank you for your consideration. And for the job all of you do for this City. I will follow up.

**From** Betsy & Raines to All Panelists: 07:46 PM

For reference, Betsy Morris, East Bay Berkeley Gray Panthers, 510-842-7252, speaking for 1) integrating/implementing Vision Zero (eliminating bicycle and pedestrians deaths in upcoming T1 (and all public works) projects. 2) a disaster preparedness system in the event EBMUD and PG&E services are widely disrupted. Specifically, please finish the restroom project, and expand to include waterless accessible toilets/washing stations throughout the city, and consider installing electric charging stations for wheelchairs, small cars, and cell phone charging for our unhoused neighbors, and would be a benefit to all residents in the event of long-term power outages. Many thanks!

**From** Karen Borst-Rothe to Everyone: 07:46 PM

I would like to second Mike Gray's comments on chat and follow up on the WALK down from the Circle at Marin. It's the first public art work in the city and these steps in particular but the whole walk need infrastructure needs much needed attention. Thank you

**From** Margot Smith to All Panelists: 07:49 PM

Any hope for improving the permit processes? They are known as horrible in Berkeley.

**From** Doug Lindsey to Everyone: 07:50 PM

Vice Mayor Hahn, Councilmember Weingraf and PWF Commission Chair McGrath thank you for your public service. Support moving the Scout Hut from the unfunded list to the funded list for complete renovation. we appreciate your consideration.

**From** Peters Laptop HP to All Panelists: 07:52 PM

Can you address what is required to move a project from unfunded to funded please?

**From** patrick sullivan to Everyone: 07:53 PM

Thanks for hosting this outreach. I am also anxious about the Scout Hut in John Hinkel park and would like to see the renovation funded.

**From** Peters Laptop HP to All Panelists: 07:55 PM

So "phase two" means consideration for projects being moved to funded list?

**From** Steven S to Everyone: 07:55 PM

Where should we look for more information on getting involved with the parks commission? I might be missing it, but it's not obvious on their webpage.

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Peters Laptop HP, All Panelists: 07:56 PM

Yes, that's right.

**From** Emily Wainacht to All Panelists: 07:56 PM

new lease, with shared goals to continue providing excellent music education and supporting Berkeley school's music programs. Enhancing school music programs and young musicians experiences reflects the City's overall reputation as a leader in the arts, with a focus on equity.

We also share a goal to continue caring for the aging infrastructure at our campsite in a Western Sonoma County coastal redwood grove. We've agreed on a list of urgent projects that must be completed at camp including health, safety, and accessibility work. Caz can take on about 2/3rds or \$800k of the total \$1.2 million dollars of important work but Caz simply cannot afford the rest. Caz has been hit hard by COVID closures. That's why I'm seeking support to fund the urgent Cazadero project through T1. The dining hall and health center improvements will increase access and improve the camp experience for every single person at camp.

**From** Daniel Nevets to All Panelists: 07:56 PM

Thanks to city staff and Council. As the Executive Director of the Berkeley Art Center and a resident of District 5, we would love to work with the city to split some costs for park infrastructure surrounding BAC, including the bridge, erosion issues, and picnic area and pathways. We appreciate your consideration.

**From** Kelsey N. to All Panelists: 07:56 PM

thank you!

**From** Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, PRW to Steven S, All Panelists: 07:56 PM

We will send you information via email.

**From** Doris Chun to All Panelists: 07:57 PM

thank you.

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