

**Emeryville Parks & Recreation  
Committee Members**



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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting

ECCL – Building B Conference Room  
4727 San Pablo Ave, Emeryville, CA 94608

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026 @ 6:00pm**

1. Call to Order – 6:03pm
2. Roll Call – Member Carlin Dacey (Absent), Vice Chair Colin McClure (Absent)
3. Public Comment – none
  - 3.1. Submit a written comment card at [www.emeryville.org/advisorybodies](http://www.emeryville.org/advisorybodies).
4. Approval of April 15, 2026, Regular Meeting Action Minutes – Corrected Action Item 5.1 (Building A will not be the new meeting place going forward) - Approved Pending Corrections
5. Action Items
  - 5.1. Park Improvements
    - 5.1.1. Temescal Creek Park Improvements
      - Picnic Table Replacement
        - Assume:
          - 2 ADA tables along path
          - 1 at basketball court
        - Recommending: City standard concrete table with space for wheelchair on one side
      - Benches
        - Assume adding new benches:
          - 1 at basketball court
          - 3 along path
        - Recommending: City standard bench with durable powder coated finish metal frame and composite wood slats for the seats
      - Public Comment
      - Committee Discussion (no vote for this park)
        - (Jordan Wax) Reiterated that this is the beginning of the process and shared it was the first the committee is seeing it

- (Patricia Ordonez-Kim) Inquired about opportunities to communicate with contractors & budget committee to see about reprioritizing items
- (Rebecca Sermeno) Presentation is based on current budget but comments are being recorded and shared with the people involved in projects as recommendations
- (Gail Donaldson) Emphasizes this being the beginning of the process and how the strategic plan is due for an update and will better define all the parks and improvements, very in support of rewilding, speaks about recently passed law regarding rewilding and including the resources we have.
- (Nicholas Robert) Emphasizes safety improvements as a higher priority than park benches
- (Andi Eggers) Notices the orange cone over electrical belt at recent visit, also supports safety before benches and tables
- (Jordan Wax) Fixing lights takes priority in general, agrees with idea of highlighting the creek, appreciates it being one of the well shaded places in the city, benches are important for providing shaded seating
- (Rebecca Sermeno) Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights is launched next month on the website and looking into signage being added
- (Andi Eggers) Tables are cracked which is also a safety issue

#### 5.1.2. Stanford Park Improvements

- City Survey Top Priority:
  - Hydration Station Replacement
  - Picnic Table Replacement
    - Assume 3 ADA tables
- Optional Items Not In Survey
  - Chain Link Fence
    - Assume 190 LF
  - Accessible Route Re-pavement
    - Assume replacement of 190 SF of concrete pavement. The other paved areas are ADA compliant
- Public Comment
- Committee Discussion:
  - (Jordan Wax) Very in between designs as Boyd's plays a big role in final design, emphasizes bathrooms, WiFi, shaded space, message board necessity, multiple locations could benefit from a more upscale and heavy-duty trash allowance

- (Nicholas Robert) Surrounding fence and having people be able to still walk through the park would be something to consider, options to fully enclose the fence vs. partially enclosing it
- (Andi Eggers) Due to long term goals, changes seem to potentially be temporary and feels compromises will probably be made as these things may change when the park gets redone later
- (Patriccia Ordonez-Kim) Agrees with seeing these as immediate public health and safety fixes, curious on if there would be a report regarding the materials and their safety/toxicity/brand name, more in depth than pictures
- (Additional Presenter to Clarify) Materials in the slides would be what are used right now and a more in depth report can be provided to the committee
- (Gail Donaldson) Appreciates safety concerns regarding the parks and inquires if there is other funding that can be used as well for these issues as they are not just park issues but also city safety/maintenance concerns, supports the use of the redwood as an alternative or at least included, if a gate is installed it needs to be better than other gates that have repeatedly gotten stuck and needed to be fixed which may encourage more people to be open to using them
- (Additional Presenter to Clarify) Have been noting maintenance issues and will be fixing them separate of the project
- (Jordan Wax) Shared that C click fix works and the city does respond to reports on there for maintenance requests

### 5.1.3. 61st Mini Park Improvements

- Top Priority Items in City Survey
  - Inclusive Play
    - Assume 1 new play structure
  - Bench
    - A new bench was recently installed by the city
  - Bike parking
    - Existing rack deemed sufficient by the city
  - Optional items not in survey
    - Toy Parking Zone
      - Assume creative/playful striping and surface painting
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Discussion

- (Andi Eggers) Agrees with comments but feels like markings on the ground are intended to distinguish a designated location for toys
- (Jordan Wax) Suggests emulating the Marina and having it be boat parking, also agrees with usage of natural materials however feels that because this isn't a location with climbing and because everything is on concrete it would be an appropriate place for non-natural materials as well
- (Andi Eggers) Park already has infrastructure for non-natural materials, agrees with more natural for a park overall change but for a few small installations non-natural better matches what is already there
- (Nicholas Robert) Agrees with paint striping imaginability, wants to draw more attention to the gate and see if there is any ability to allocate some budget to that
- (Gail Donaldson) Feels there are multiple opportunities to add nature to the park, the planting zone was initially used as a buffer for cars but as there are no cars now, it can be made into a more interactive area that includes more wood and trees to provide shade (maybe funding for tree planting could be used)
- (Nicholas Robert) Emphasized survey desire for inclusive play structure
- Play Structure Votes
  - Motion for priority order of Playhouse, Musical Instruments, Table & Wall Panel Structure: Passed
    - Gail Donaldson: aye
    - Jordan Wax: aye
    - Andi Eggers: aye
    - Nicholas Robert: aye
    - Patriccia Ordonez-Kim: abstain

#### 5.1.4. Doyle Hollis Park Improvements

- Top Priority Items in City Survey
  - Picnic Table Shade
    - Assume 3 shade structures
  - Options: Metal frame with perforated metal roof, metal frame with solid ribbed metal roof, redwood pergola
- Public Comment

- Committee Discussion
  - (Andi Eggers) Enjoys 1 & 2 more as they allow for more sun to keep you warm, appreciates the deterrent of camping as that is a potential issue
  - (Patricia Ordonez-Kim) yes to the pergola and brings up past meeting discussions of including a pergola in park design
- (Gail Donaldson) motions to choose pergola if possible with vines
  - (Andi Eggers) motioned to choose a second preference, likes 1 for its openness and it being a single structure
    - (Votes) - Motion Passed
      - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
      - (Jordan Wax) Aye
      - (Patricia Ordonez-Kim) Aye
      - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
      - Andi Eggers) Aye
- (Andi Eggers) Motioned to extend meeting an hour if needed, motion passed
  - (Votes) - Motion Passed
    - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
    - (Jordan Wax) Aye
    - (Patricia Ordonez-Kim) Aye
    - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
    - Andi Eggers) Aye
- New Play Structure
  - Replace 2 elements with 1 new element (ages 5-12)
  - Options to complement existing structure: Fun Point, Double Tower, Geoplex Navigator, Evos, Netplex
- Public Comment
- Committee Discussion
  - (Jordan Wax) Out of the available options likes the Netplex, then the Evos, then the Geoplex. Feels the Netplex colors are adjustable however, doesn't love the material mix but it looks like it would be fun to play on from a child's perspective and allows for climbing and group play. Does not love the look of the Geoplex but loves the amount of climbing enabled.
  - (Andi Eggers) Likes the group play and climbing aspects as well especially because it would require the removal of the current group play spinning wheel. Aesthetically only likes the Evos but as far as play likes the Netplex.
  - (Patricia Ordonez-Kim) while ignoring the material, is more interested in the Fun Point due to its inclusivity and accessibility

in the type of play that people with mobility challenges would be able to participate in. Would prefer Fun Point if there were better materials that were more public health forward and maintainable.

- (Andi Eggers) feels the Fun Point seems dangerous with the movement elements but likes the accessibility of it.
- (Nicholas Robert) Leaning between 3 & 4 but likes the Evos
- (Andi Eggers) Feels the Evos is open ended enough for kids to use their creativity and make it fun for them in multiple ways
- (Gail Donaldson) Looks like a lot of play value in Evos & Netplex as they both have accessible features on ground level and for that reason those are first two choices, is having a hard time getting past the Geoplex color
- (Andi Eggers) Although they have values for natural elements, they feel a soft fall zone is important, will keep the park clean and is cohesive with existing structures
- (Andi Eggers) Motion to make order 1. Evos 2. Netplex
  - (Jordan Wax) Seconded
  - Motion: Passed
    - (Jordan Wax) Aye
    - (Patricia Ordenez-Kim) Aye
    - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
    - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
    - (Andi Eggers) Aye
- New Safety Surfacing
  - Assume full play area (3850 SF)
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Discussion
    - (Jordan Wax) Are there any other surfacing options?
      - (Presenter) Engineered wood fiber, safety gravel/sand have been phased out but can look into more natural materials if there is a strong desire

#### 5.1.5. Marina Park Playground

- Top Priority Items in City Survey
  - Hydration Station
  - Nature Play Exploration Area
    - Public Comment
    - Committee Discussion
      - Option A

- (Andi Eggers) Park is windy and that should be considered. Feels function is more important over theme and would like how views are obscured with the addition of hills to be considered
- (Jordan Wax) Agrees with the benefits of topography diversity. Favorite is log climbing frame and boat because it brings in fun themes and allows for climbing, wants to see more nature
- (Andi Eggers) Motion to prioritize the Boat with Rustic Climbing Frame second
  - (Nicholas Robert) Seconded
  - Motion: Passed
    - (Jordan Wax) Aye
    - (Patricia Ordenez-Kim) Aye
    - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
    - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
    - (Andi Eggers) Aye
- (Andi Eggers) Motion to extend an additional thirty minutes
  - (Gail Donaldson) Seconded
  - Motion Passed
    - (Jordan Wax) Aye
    - (Patricia Ordenez-Kim) Aye
    - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
    - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
    - (Andi Eggers) Aye
- Option B
  - (Andi Eggers) loves the mast climbing frame but feels being up and far from parents poses a potential bully zone would prioritize 3,2,1
  - (Nicholas Robert) also recommends 3,2,1 and sees it as a loss to not have it in the park
- (Nicholas Robert) Motion for priority order 3,2,1
  - (Andi Eggers) Seconded
  - Motion Passed
    - (Jordan Wax) Aye
    - (Patricia Ordenez-Kim) Aye

- (Nicholas Robert) Aye
    - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
    - (Andi Eggers) Aye
  - Option C
    - (Andi Eggers) Loved walking on logs and balancing as a child, in great support of Log Pile as a balancing activity and it is age inclusive
    - (Nicholas Robert) Likes the Log Stack as well, feels it is a good opportunity for imaginative play.
    - (Gail Donaldson) Also supports Log Pile. Feels that the Log Pile has different play opportunities and that it is the one they would've wanted to play on as a child.
    - (Andi Eggers) Wishes there was bird nest swinging near the log pile area.
  - (Andi Eggers) Motion to prioritize 3,1,2
    - (Nicholas Robert) Seconded
    - would prefer to replace the C options with the B option 2 (bird nest swing or mast climbing frame) supplanting
      - (Nicholas Robert) Seconded
        - Motion Passed
          - (Jordan Wax) Aye
          - (Patricia Ordenez-Kim) Aye
          - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
          - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
          - (Andi Eggers) Aye
- Benches, Tables, Fences, Extra Play Structure & Hydration Station
  - Public Comment
  - Committee Discussion
    - (Jordan Wax) Thematically likes log everything but feels like for certain options it seems least comfortable and accessible (Gave example of table with moveable seats)
    - (Andi Eggers) Likes the natural wood but likes more practical long-term materials for

things like fences and it doesn't compete with other items as it is there purely for function.

- (Jordan Wax) Feels the extra play structure will serve as thermal mass and soak up sun and be a useful warm spot
- (Andi Eggers) likes the contrast of boulders and wood
- (Patricia Ordonez-Kim) Wants to include consideration of the public's suggestion of 3 bin system for trash cans
- (Andi Eggers) Likes bench 51 for function and cohesive but not the most beautiful
- (Nicholas Robert) Likes bench two for sitting function over styles and fits in with the others also likes bench one
- (Patricia Ordonez-Kim) Supports bench 51 as it provides lumbar support as compared to bench one
- (Gail Donaldson) likes bench 51 and likes that its available with arms, bench three could be part of play structure
- (Andi Eggers) proposes 1 (greenway) as a durable, accessible and cohesive option, will maintain in weather
- (Jordan Wax) likes number 2
- (Patricia Ordonez-Kim) Likes number 1 as it is more ADA
- (Gail Donaldson) Likes number two but feels it will cost more and take away from play area
- (Andi Eggers) Motions to rank 1, 2, 3
  - (Nicholas Robert) Seconded
  - Motion Passed
    - (Jordan Wax) Aye
    - (Patricia Ordonez-Kim) Aye
    - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
    - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
    - (Andi Eggers) Aye
- (Andi Eggers) Motion to extend the meeting until 9:40pm
  - (Nicholas Robert) Second

- Motion Passed
  - (Jordan Wax) Aye
  - (Patricia Ordenez-Kim) Aye
  - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
  - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
  - (Andi Eggers) Aye
- (Nicholas Robert) motion to prioritize 2 with arms, then 1, then 3
  - (Jordan Wax) Seconded
  - Motion Passed
    - (Jordan Wax) Aye
    - (Patricia Ordenez-Kim) Aye
    - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
    - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
    - (Andi Eggers) Aye
- (Nicholas Robert) motion to rank Playground 2, 4, 3, 1
  - (Andi Eggers) Seconded
  - Motion Passed
    - (Jordan Wax) Aye
    - (Patricia Ordenez-Kim) Aye
    - (Nicholas Robert) Aye
    - (Gail Donaldson) Aye
    - (Andi Eggers) Aye
- Increased Shade
  - Addressed in city tree planting project, 100 trees recently planted in marina park

## 6. Information Items

### 6.1. Shorebird Park Trellis

- (Mike Roberts w/ public works)
- Intent to remove trellis that is falling apart at Shorebird Park
  - (Andi Eggers) in favor of removing trellis but not sure about leaving nothing behind
  - (Gail Donaldson) taking the trellis off improves the view and you can see what is out there better
- Future Agenda Items

### 6.2. Sutter Hospital Campus Presentation

### 6.3. McLaughlin Eastshore Bioswale Updates

## 7. Announcements / Member Comments

- Announcer 1

- Would like to note for the community members present that the Community Development Department puts out a report every month with everything they've done and plan to do upcoming
- Daylighting Sutter project and in June will be going to Parks and Rec Committee, Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Committee on Aging, also will be going to Planning Commission and City Council for study sessions, members of the public are encouraged to attend as many as they would like for different contexts
- Sutter team is hosting a community meeting on May 18 at 5300 Pyron Way on the second floor, this will be the first opportunity for community to receive information, ask questions and provide feedback

8. Adjournment – 9:32pm