

**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, June 17, 2026 @ 6:00pm

1. Call to Order – 6:01pm
2. Roll Call – Member Robert (Absent)
3. Public Comment -
 - Commenter 1:
 - o Does not enjoy the lot next to Christie Park, was informed of a plan in a different meeting they attended and would like to know what that plan is and where to access that information.
- 3.1. Submit a written comment card at www.emeryville.org/advisorybodies.
4. Approval of May 6, 2026, Special Meeting Action Minutes –
 - Spelling correction of member Patriccia Ordonez-Kim's name
 - Connection of the slides to the minutes as visuals for the votes
 - Vote for pergola in Doyle Hollis Park corrected from Pergola 1 to Pergola 3
 - Approved pending changes
5. Action Items
6. Information Items
 - 6.1. Sutter Hospital Campus Presentation (60 min) -
 - Miroo Desai is the City of Emeryville's Project Manager for the Sutter Health Project
 - Kent Hetherwick, an architect from the Smith Group is the Lead Principal on the project and went over the overall design with the committee
 - o Sutter has purchased four existing buildings
 - o The building plan includes a main hospital building in the center, an ambulatory building and a medical office outpatient center
 - o Some plans for the hospital include:
 - Non-trauma center only labor/delivery and adult medicine
 - 325 individual patient beds with a few doubles for ICU twins

- Emergency department
 - Intervention services
 - Operating rooms
 - Rooftop helipad
 - To maintain an environmentally responsible design while leveraging top notch healthcare
 - 15 occupiable levels of the main hospital building
 - Floors above the 15th level will be for the helipad and mechanical/electrical/plumbing equipment
 - Private cars to drop off and park near Horton St
 - Begin serving medical patients in 2029 with the larger hospital opening in 2033
- Plans for the greenery:
 - Some public trees may be removed during construction and then replaced after project completion
 - There is consideration of adding flowering plants that do not require much water
 - Plan to maintain existing Hollis green park
- Proposals:
 - Chiron way becomes a one-way street for public drop off and emergency department
 - The removal of Horton St traffic diverter to reduce the traffic levels on surrounding streets
 - New garage building
- Efforts to mitigate community impact:
 - Plans to mitigate sound and visually separate shuttle from Hollis green park
 - Acoustical consultants work to mitigate helipad sound for community and wildlife
 - Wind, solar and the greenspace impacts are being looked into
 - Replacing the trees after construction with what trees can be reasonably placed
 - Keeping trash and medical waste secured in the loading doc
- Public Comment:
 - Commenter 1:
 - In support of the hospital project as they largely understand the need for more beds. However, they frequent the bike path on 53rd Street and proposes that Sutter be held responsible for making another street equally as bike safe if they are going to remove some of that bike safety from 53rd Street. Also draws

attention to the city's bird safe building ordinance and that the current building does not have bird safe architecture.

- Commenter 2:

- Many unhoused people use the Hollis park bathrooms and is curious if there will be more bathrooms created for the community as a larger influx of people come into the area due to the hospital. Also hopes that with more people coming in the benches and dangerous lighting will be fixed.

- Commenter 3:

- Agrees with the need to add more hospital beds. Seeks clarification on the number of floors there will be including mechanical/electrical/plumbing levels. Asks if Sutter will be able to accommodate for the drain an influx of people will have on the Emeryville emergency services. Will hold transportation questions for a time when Sutter transportation expert is present.

- Commenter 4:

- Would like to bring attention to the creek under the Bay St Bridge and the wildlife that lives there as plans are being made that will impact that area. Questions which corridors would be used by ambulances, drop off impact and how that intersects with the shuttles? Inquires if the residential building mentioned in earlier documents is to remain residential or if it is to become 100% a medical office building? Highlights the narrow area where shuttle drop off is currently being proposed and suggests the space between building H and building 12A instead if waste is not planned to be there.

- Committee Discussion:

- Jordan Wax:

- Withholding comments for next week's study session

- Andi Eggers:

- Is excited about hospital project and what it will bring but wants to see if there are more opportunities for green spaces.
- Would like to see the addition of a Healing Garden. (Added for edit 7/15/26)

- Gail Donaldson:

- Feels there are a lot of small pockets with the opportunity to be respite or relief areas which are extremely important in medical office settings. However, the green that is present seems to be for decor or storm drainage. There is a need for a functional park when there are people coming with children and families.

Urges the planners and architects to look at the potential to add green spaces and spaces that allow people to escape from the stresses of the hospital as well as consider the effects of the tall building on wind in the area. Has concerns about the traffic on 53rd Street and how it will impact ECDC and the K-12 school nearby, feels the school and ECDC should both receive some of Sutter's offered benefits to support their programs.

- Andi Eggers:
 - In support of having a play area for the large volume of children that will be at the hospital as well as somewhere to just take your lunch or get coffee.
- Jordan Wax:
 - Suggests roof terrace opportunity for a park with controlled access. Feels the area is very community forward and wants to ensure the hospital doesn't take away from that.
- Patriccia Ordonez-Kim
 - Echoes colleague points regarding the traffic and greenspace access. Would like to highlight the resident concerns about construction and the sound impacts it would have on the community. They are not looking forward to the noise, dust and quality of life changes to Bay St and surrounding area access. They frequently visit Chiron Plaza with their dog and want to maintain the space and its laid-back feel even with the increase in people from outside Emeryville. UCSF was able to maintain quiet spaces with their hospital design, and they would like to aim for something similar in this one.
- Jordan Wax:
 - Is the existing park between Building H and Building 12A going to be maintained?
 - The building is not Sutter property and will remain the same.
- Patriccia Ordonez – Kim:
 - Urges Sutter to look into the committee's work on the ECOBOR and Emeryville's Strategic Plan to align themselves with the city's goals and values throughout their project build.

6.2. Committee Member Individual Park Tour Assessment Review (20 min)

- Patriccia Ordonez – Kim:
 - South Bay Front Bridge
 - Visited: Friday, June 12, 2026, 9:15am – 10:00 am
 - Saw no clear beginning or end to the park but a lot of foot traffic throughout their time

- Saw drought resistant plants and mulch under the bridge
- There are two benches on the Horton side and one bench leading to the pedestrian bridge
- Many signs posted about the usage of recycled water in the area, but it is unclear as to if they are city signs or not
- Top three likes:
 - Connectivity
 - Lighting
 - Dog and people friendly features
- Top three needed improvements:
 - More trashcans in key spots
 - Clarify the usability of greenspace under the bridge
 - Increase shade and comfort
- Fixes:
 - SeeClickFix was done for a couch on Friday, and the couch is still there
 - More illegal dumping was done of Trader Joes shopping carts, SeeClickFix was done and they were removed by morning of meeting
 - There are exposed irrigation lines with no indication if people should be stepping on them or not
 - Suggests adding dog waste bags at the bottom of the stairs

6.3. Planning Division Updates (10 min)

- Alyssa Chung (Assistant Planner for the City of Emeryville):
 - Planning division has approved noise waiver for Rivian to begin prep work on their mural and planting of trees
 - City Council has approved the funding for 4300 San Pablo, for Intergenerational Affordable Housing Project
 - Groupon Opened this week
 - Park on Powell converted existing restaurant space into six ADUs and the planning division has been conducting inspections for a few weeks now as they approach the occupancy stage

6.4. Department Updates-Staff (10 min)

- Officially welcomes Beatrice as an advisory committee member
- Spent the previous Saturday doing trainings with the community services department in preparation for summer
- Aquatics:

- Guillermo was able to get an agreement with the Manatees and have them be the swim teachers for the teen and adult swim lessons at the pool (all the lessons are full)
- The pool is offering open swim
- Youth Services:
 - There are a few spots left for summer camp enrollment with about 270 kids enrolled
 - They will be going to Bay St to watch Toy Story 5 for the upcoming Pixar Week
- Events:
 - Finding Nemo at the pool on July 17
 - Cars anniversary showing in Christie Ave Park at sundown on August 21
 - Monsters Inc anniversary showing in Doyle Hollis Park at sundown on September 18
- Rentals:
 - Offering rentals (no deposit for residents) through instant book via <https://www.rec.us/organizations/emeryville>

6.5. Review Parking Lot Tracker (15 min)

- Skate Park Updates:
 - Spoke with electrical contractor who suggested adding a floodlight to solve lighting issue, floodlight will not work and a solar light is being considered instead.
- Shorebird Beach Improvement:
 - Information received on May 6 regarding the trellis removal
 - Public Works to update on ice plant removal as well
 - Increase in accessible trails
 - Will be a part of Marina Project
- Adopt – A – Spot:
 - Officially launched on the city website and has an inaugural group at Temescal Creek Park
 - Will present to committee in July
- Volunteer Coordinator
 - Will come at some point in the fall to discuss volunteer opportunities and do a presentation
- Beaudry St closure is on the CIP
 - Time frame updates pending from Public Works
- Pedestrian path at Point Emery
 - No updates at this time

7. Future Agenda Items

7.1. Adopt-A-Spot Program

- 7.2. Cancel August meeting
- 7.3. Park Improvements Review
- 7.4. Chair/Vice Chair Nomination
- 8. Announcements / Member Comments
 - 8.1. Parks Make Life Better Proclamation Invitation July 7
 - 8.2. Andi welcomes Beatrice and is grateful to have a young student's perspective on the committee
- 9. Adjournment – 7:58pm