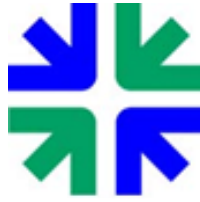


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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

ECCL – Building B Conference Room
4727 San Pablo Ave, Emeryville, CA 94608
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ 6:00pm

1. Call to Order – 6:00
 2. Roll Call – All present
 3. Public Comment – No Written Comment
 - 3.1 *Submit a written comment card at www.emeryville.org/advisorybodies.*
 4. Approval of July 16, 2025 , Regular Meeting Action Minutes – Minutes Passed
 5. Action Items – None
 6. Information Items
 - 6.1 McLaughlin Eastshore Bioswale Updates (Ignacio) (15 min) - Worked out permit with park district for work needed to prevent drain backflow, need grant funding in order to complete and have been given indications of approval but are waiting for official confirmation. Proposed demo of plaza and replace with bike parking, benches and interpretive signage. Add bird watching platform and fencing for habitat preservation. Want to add a maintenance access point to more efficiently prevent backflow (not grant funded).
- Public Comment:**
- Whitney Grover (Director of Conservation at Golden Gate Bird Alliance) - The trail acts as a high tide refuge for shore birds and urges the importance of the trail to not be along the shoreline to allow these birds the space for refuge and for environmental impacts to be considered in location of the trail. Potential for a trail more adjacent to the sidewalk.
 - Aurthur Feinstein (Chair of the Sierra Club's Sea Level Rise Committee) - Habitat shores around the bay are threatened. Emeryville was recognized as a critical site to save, and the trail would destroy the site causing the birds to flee
 - Norman LaForce (President of Sustainability, Parks, Recycling, and Wildlife Legal Defense Fund) - Past attempts to include a trail in this area have failed due to the impacts it would cause to the environment that cannot be mitigated. Bio soil is great but not the rest.
 - Robert Cheasty The Executive Director and Founder of The Citizens for Eastshore Parks– Shoreline birds need the upland space and will not survive being pushed closer into conflict with people.
 - Committee Member comments clarified that any trail would go along Powell Street and not run parallel to the I-80/580 freeway. This was a mild relief to some of the public commentators, but their sentiment was the same, that encroaching on that habitat would harm it.

- 6.2 Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Review (20 min) - Ribbon cutting for Children in Nature pilot collected feedback will review feedback in a future meeting, push for state level changes to allow for more changes
- 6.3 Davenport Park Loose Items Recommendations (15 min) - Supervised use of bamboo sticks and mud kitchen, use of on the ground nature materials to play, rearranging bricks. Public Works is committed to allowing a 3-month pilot, QR codes to allow for feedback, working in partnership with East Bay Children in Nature to maintain the space. Moved into an action item and recommended to add a nature exploration area.
- 6.4 Committee Member Individual Park Tour Assessment Review (15 min) -
 - Andi: Shorebird – A few people there, overall good shape, damaged railing, awning poles are crooked (felt sturdy), more accessibility for community to enjoy (highlighting it more), unclear on what was walkable and what was unwalkable area (more signage)
 - Carlin: Davenport – No shaded area in the park (more needed specifically over the picnic tables), exceptionally clean, good community member feedback, a lot of empty space by picnic table, overall beautiful park
 - 41st St – Hard to find and unclear if accessible, loose toys, sharp planter edge
- 6.5 Planning Division Updates – Chung (10 min) - Three new Lyft bike stations are still under review (hopefully soon), no updates on Sutter (waiting for comprehensive project description from Sutter), Planet Fitness incoming on San Pablo where former CVS was (public art piece will be included), October is the first City of Emeryville Cultural Month with a number of events (sign up <https://www.rottencityculturaldistrict.com/events>)
- 6.6 Department Updates – Staff (10 min) -
 - Youth Services - ~300 kids served over summer, Giants Game, Cull Canyon, Six Flags, started the school year about 190 kids in program, relaunching sports program, first newsletter for afterschool program
 - Events coming up, Harvest Festival, Movie Nights, Emeryville Pride, Peace in Park, Pool of Pumpkins, National take back day
 - Public Works – Graffiti is down from 33 – 7 days to get fixed, gutters is down from 93 – 2 days, flooding and storm drain down from 50 – 8 days, litter and dumping from 36 – 3 days, tree issues from 42 – 5 days, weed and brush from 22 – 4 days, city park issues down from 62 – 4 days
 - Pool is open again after water main break due to staff willingness to work on a Saturday
- 6.7 Review Parking Lot, Public Works Ongoing Coordination, and CIP Items (10 minutes) - Kept Shorebird beach improvement (on CIP), looking for spaces in the city to rewild (planted out 20 plants as part of nature exploration), rooftop park requires outside company help, trash concerns (looking for volunteers to coordinate these cleanups). Moved to make trash concerns a future agenda item. Possible future agenda item is revenue capture opportunities in permitting organized activities.
7. Future Agenda Items
 - 7.1 Landscape Architect Outreach Plan – Stanford Park Fence included
 - 7.2 Revenue Capture Opportunities in Parks
8. Announcements / Member Comments – Poopertrator signs reducing dog poop
9. Adjournment