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PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Frances Albrier Community Center - auditorium
2800 Park Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

Draft Minutes

1. **Call to Order** (Vice-chair): 7:05pm.
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary). Present: Diehm; Nash; Stewart; Rybczynski; Absent: Abshez (LOA); Cardile.
3. **Action:** Election of Commissioner Rybczynski as vice-chair: (M/S/C: Diehm/Nash/U): Ayes: Diehm; Nash; Stewart; Rybczynski; Noes: None; Absent: Abshez (LOA); Cardile.
4. **City of Berkeley Land Acknowledgement:**¹
5. **Action: Approval of Agenda.** (vice-chair) (M/S/C: Diehm/Rybczynski/U). Ayes: Diehm; Nash; Stewart; Rybczynski; Noes: None; Absent: Abshez (LOA); Cardile.
6. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for Wednesday, July 9, 2025 (vice-chair).* (M/S/C: Rybczynski/Diehm/U). Ayes: Diehm; Nash; Stewart; Rybczynski; Noes: None; Absent: Abshez (LOA); Cardile.
7. **Public Comment** (2 min each). a) Bonnie Borucki, South Berkeley Senior Center; b) Ruth Rogow, South Berkeley Senior Center; c) third speaker, South Berkeley Senior Center; d) Judith Lascher, Senior Center Ceramics; e) Edward Kuczynski, Cal Sailing Club; f) Jim McGrath, Coastal Conservancy grant, 2026 Measure P; g) Phil Allen, Medians condition; h) Paul Kamen, Marina Fees; i) Julia McEvoy, Parking passes for BRCC; j) Gordon Stout, \$100 tickets;
8. **Chair's Report/Discussion.** Commissioners Stewart and Nash were welcomed (Rybczynski); Commissioner Diehm was acknowledged for her contribution to the commission for the past eight years.
9. **Director's Report:** Update on special events, community engagement, capital and maintenance projects, forestry, recreation (Erickson). Update was provided.
10. **Discussion/Action:** Potential November 2026 bond measure for city facilities and parks projects (Councilmember Taplin) (vice-chair).* Discussion was held. Public Comment: a) Jim McGrath, history of Measure T1.
11. **Discussion/Action:** Create subcommittee on proposed Waterfront Fees (chair). Item was held over to the next meeting. Public Comment: a) Camille Antinori, Cal Sailing Club; b) Paul Kamen.
12. **Discussion/Action:** Appoint a PRW Commission liaison to the Civic Arts Program (vice-chair). Commission took action to appoint Commissioner Rybczynski to be the liaison to the Civic Arts Program. (M/S/C: Diehm/Nash/U). Ayes: Diehm; Nash; Stewart; Rybczynski; Noes: None; Absent: Abshez (LOA); Cardile.
13. **Information Reports:** Recent PRW Council Reports.*
14. **Future Agenda Items:** 3-on-3 basketball tournament; Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavond); Citywide Accessibility Plan; Dog Parks locations.
15. **Communications.**
16. **Next PRW Commission meeting:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025.
17. **Adjournment.** 8:30pm.

¹ Text of the City of Berkeley Land Acknowledgement: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-agendas/SSCOC%20Agenda%20and%20Memorandum%20July%202%2C%202025.pdf>

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* document is attached to agenda packet and on the commission website.

** document will be provided at the meeting.

- Commissioners in attendance: 4 of 5 appointed.
- Public in attendance: 14
- Public speakers: 12