## Agenda Meeting of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) Wednesday, November 10, 2021 - 4:30 PM

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**Public Comments: PRAC meeting dd/mm/yy (date of the scheduled meeting)** >>>Replies will not be sent from this email address<<<

If you have questions, email Diane Boyd, Executive Assistant to the Director of Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development <u>dboyd@oaklandca.gov</u>. Thank you.

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## \*Special Meeting of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

## Agenda Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 4:30 P.M. Zoom Teleconference

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:
- 2. <u>ROLL CALL:</u> ALLEN, DUHE, HA, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, D. SMITH K. SMITH, TORRES, TRAN AND WALTON
- 3. **DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:**
- 4. OPEN FORUM:
- 5. <u>MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:</u>
- 6. <u>CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:</u> ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), A PROVISION OF AB-361.
- 7. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>
  - A. <u>REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY</u> <u>COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENTS ON</u> <u>INTERPRETIVE SIGNS AND THEIR PLACEMENT AROUND LAKE</u> <u>MERRIT.</u>
  - B. <u>THE INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE ESTUARY PARK</u> <u>RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT.</u>

- C. <u>REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY</u> <u>COMMISSION TO REVIEW, PROVIDE COMMENTS, AND RECOMMEND</u> <u>ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS</u> <u>COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER</u> <u>PERMANENTE, AND PROJECT DELIVERY PARTNER CREATIVE</u> <u>SPORTS CONCEPTS, FOR THE MOSSWOOD PARK OUTDOOR</u> <u>BASKETBALL COURTS PROJECT.</u>
- 8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:
- 9. MEASURE Q: OVERSIGHT/UPDATES/REPORTS:
  - Measure Hiring Tracker
- 10. <u>UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR, COMMITTEES, RECREATION ADVISORY</u> <u>COUNCILS, COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>
- 11. OPEN FORUM CONTINUED:
- 12. ADJOURNMENT:

<u>Next Meeting:</u> Wednesday, month date, 2021 Zoom Teleconference



## \*Special Meeting of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

## Special Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 13 2021, 3:30 P.M. Zoom Teleconference

## Meeting Recording Link:

http://oakland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish\_id=7aab6839-38e4-11ec-88a7-0050569183fa

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:54PM
- 2. <u>ROLL CALL:</u>

## ALLEN, DUHE, HA, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, D SMITH, K SMITH, TRAN, TORRES, WALTON

Present (8): Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Moore, Reilly, D. Smith, Tran, Torres and WaltonExcused (3): Commission Ha, Kos-Read and K. Smith

3. **DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:** 

None

4. OPEN FORUM:

There were no speakers present.

- 5. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:
- 6. <u>CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:</u>
- 7. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>
  - A. ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), A PROVISION OF AB-361.

Staff informed the Commission that the Resolution presented came as a results of State action and the adoption of this Resolution is required before the PRAC can conduct any business after September 30, 2021 and will have to be re adopted at each meeting moving forward until it is rescinded. The Resolution will appear on subsequent agendas under Item 6 - Consent New Business.

**Motion:** Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to adopt the Resolution as it is currently stated. **Moved by:** Commissioner Allen and **Second by**: Commissioner Duhe. **Vote:** Yes - Allen, Duhe, Moore, Reilly, D. Smith, Torres, Tran and Walton Motion: Pass.

- 8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:
- 9. MEASURE Q: OVERSIGHT/UPDATES/REPORTS:
- 10. <u>UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR, COMMITTEES, RECREATION ADVISORY</u> <u>COUNCILS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>
- 11. OPEN FORUM CONTINUED:
- 12. ADJOURNMENT: 3:59PM

NOTE: Chair Reilly adjourned the proceedings until PRAC convenes the regularly scheduled meeting at 4:30PM.

<u>Next Meeting:</u> Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 4:30PM Zoom Teleconference

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ J. Nicholas Williams</u> J. Nicholas Williams Secretary

<u>/s/ Diane Boyd</u> Diane Boyd Acting Recording Secretary



## \*Special Meeting of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

## Special Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 13 2021, 4:30 PM Zoom Teleconference

## **Meeting Recording Link:**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:35PM
- 2. <u>ROLL CALL:</u>

## ALLEN, DUHE, HA, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, D SMITH, K SMITH, TRAN, TORRES, WALTON

Present (8): Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Ha, Reilly, D. Smith, K. Smith, Walton and Tran Excused: Commissioners Kos-Read, Moore and Torres

## 3. **DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:**

• August 11, 2021 Minutes

**Motion:** Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to approve the August 11, 2021 meeting minutes with the corrections noted. **Moved by:** Commissioner Allen and **Second by:** Commissioner Walton. **Vote:** Yes 6 - Allen, Duhe, Reilly, K. Smith, Tran and Walton. Abstained 2: Commissioners Ha and D. Smith. Motion: Pass.

• September 8, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to approve the September meeting minutes with the corrections noted. Moved by: Commissioner Walton and Second by: Commissioner Duhe. Vote: Yes 6: Allen, Duhe, Reilly, K. Smith, Tran and Walton. Abstained 2: Commissioners Ha and D. Smith. Motion: Pass.

- 4. <u>OPEN FORUM</u>: There were 2 speakers.
- 5. <u>MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:</u> NONE

## 6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

## 7. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

• Election of Commission Officers

Chair Reilly announced that his term on the Commission officially ends in November, but as is allowed, he will retain his seat on the Commission until a replacement is seated. The Commissioner will attend the December meeting.

**Motion:** Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion elect Commissioner Allen and the new Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. **Moved by:** Commissioner Duhe and **Second by**: Commissioner K. Smith. **Vote:** Yes 8: Allen, Duhe, Ha, Reilly, D. Smith, K. Smith, Tran and Walton. Motion: Pass.

## 8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

## 9. MEASURE Q: OVERSIGHT/UPDATES/REPORTS:

Oakland. Public Works staff provided a brief update regarding Measure Q

- Measure Q Hiring Update
- Measure Q Maintenance-of-Effort Documentation
- Measure Q Equity Analysis Update

## Hiring Update: Sean Maher

Staff informed the Commission that information and documents shared during PRAC meetings will be posted on the Measure Q website that was launched in September 2021. The presentation included a brief review of the department's activities related to the status of positions including new hires, pending interviews, acting positions, recruitment and onboarding efforts.

## Maintenance-of-Effort - Tom Morgan

Staff reviewed the Fund 2244 Parks Measure Q - 2020 Oakland Parks and Recreation Preservation, Litter Reduction, and Homelessness Support Act report showing Measure Q funding and the breakdown of those funds allocated to parks landscape maintenance and recreational services including old services.

## **Equity Analysis: Sean Maher**

Staff informed the Commissions on the department's effort to apply to Measure Q supported services, the citywide administrative instruction to implement equity principles and practices across City services. Technical assistance will be provided from the City's Department of Race Equity. A staff report will be presented to PRAC in December 2021 where the initial effort and outcome regarding the implementation of the principals will be applied to city mini parks.

The Commission learned that staff will look a subset of 25 mini parks in the initial equity analysis which will be used to establish a model moving forward to major parks.

Public Comments: There were 2 speakers.

## 10. <u>UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR, COMMITTEES, RECREATION ADVISORY</u> <u>COUNCILS (RAC), COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>

## **Director Williams Report:**

- 354 kids participated the Town Camp Afterschool Program from October 11 15
- 50 youth participated in the Ace Kids Junior Golf championship at Lake Chabot on October 10. Ace Kids Golf will host another tournament on December 12, 2021. Participants will tee-off at 9:00am.
- The adult softball league resumed in September. 500 adults and team members are playing at Owens Field, Allandale Park and Curt Flood Field. For more information contact Frederick Morris III at <u>fmorris@oaklandca.gov</u>.
- The pool Dimond Park and East Oakland Sports Center are operating and open to the public. OPRYD is currently offering lifeguard certifications classes for teens 16 and older. Contact the department for more information.
- OPRYD facilities are available for rental reservations. COVID safety protocols apply.
- OPRYD is working to reach accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation for Parks and Recreation Association (CAPRA).

Director Williams informed the Commission that this would be OPRYD's first attempt to pass the 116 standards necessary to reach accreditation status which will be effective for between 3 to 5 years if granted.

## **Recreation Advisory Committees:**

Commissioner Allen:

- DeFremery Recreation Center:
  - Held meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> with Center Director Greg McClain. Reported plans to reboot the Center's RAC. Mr. also met with the Community Resource Office to discuss current concerns.
- Lowell Park:
  - Attended a community meeting held on October 20<sup>th</sup> regarding the artwork and basketball resurfacing project presented at the September PRAC meeting.
     Because few community members attended, a second meeting will be scheduled.
- Mosswood Park:
  - Mosswood held it Creek to Bay cleanup event on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.
     Approximately 40 volunteers helped collect 23 bags of trash and 44 brown bags of brush and other debris. The project manager and architect displayed pictures of new Community Center. Kick off for the built will be held in the spring of 2022. Staff held an October RAC meeting.

Commissioner Ha:

- San Antonio Park:
  - As a result of the multiple community engagement meetings held at San Antonio Park regarding the proposed Master Plan and relocation of the fire station, a new Friends group has been formed. Meetings were held in August and September, there are plans to hold a third. The meetings and project reports are posted on their website at <u>www.friendsofsapark.org</u> Will confirm if two staff positions have been filled for the recreation center.

### Announcements:

Commissioner Allen:

• At Arroyo Park, on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, We Lead Ours, a local non-profit headed by former Commissioner Dwayne Aikens, will host a Creek to Bay cleanup for 9:00am to 12:00pm. Councilmember Taylor and his staff will be in attendance. Funding was secured through Wells Fargo Bank.

## **Communication:**

PRAC members requested to have a discussion related to PRAC Priorities and Objectives, and Training for the Brown and Sunshine Acts.

## PRAC Priorities and Objectives

Commissioner Tran:

Would like to have a discussion as a group on goals given the body's responsibility to Measure Q. specifically interested in equity issues. Would like to know PRAC's history of addressing objectives.

Chair Reilly:

Chair Reilly informed the Commission of the body's past practice of holding annual retreats for several hours on Saturdays which allowed members and staff time to tour various sites throughout the city to see projects under development or proposed or to meet and delve into issues and priorities.

Retreats were held at sites other then the Lake Merritt Garden Center, the in-person meeting place prior to COVID. Chair Reilly informed the Commission because board issued would be discussed, and a quorum of members present, the retreats were required to be publicly noticed with the agenda posted. The Chair suggested that because COVID has ended in person meetings, a virtually retreat could be held, but recommended that it would be more effective if the body formed an ad hoc committee of Commissioners interested in thinking through some of the issues and bringing that back to the full Commission.

Members agreed it would be beneficial to form an ad hoc committee to share knowledge and information and to support new members including an orientation process. The Commission also discussed onboarding of new Commissioner with possible mentorship by veteran members, establishing an overarching plan, mission statement, guiding principles and cohesive plan.

Staff will provide the Commission with supporting documents including the Measure Q Ordinance 13622.

Chair Reilly confirmed that the membership agreed to move forward with forming an ad hoc committee to look at strategies for setting goals for PRAC and addressing a process for onboarding and orientation.

Staff confirmed that it was not necessary for the Commission to make a motion to form the ad hoc committee, but the minutes must reflect the names of the members.

The Commission formed a Priorities and Goals Ad Hoc Committee. Members include: Commissioners Tran, Duhe, Allen and D. Smith.

• Brown and Sunshine Training

OPRYD staff informed the Commission that City of Oakland has a new and revised digital training for the Brown and Sunshine Acts. Members will receive an email and link to attend the training. Staff suggested that the platform could be used as a refresher at annual PRAC meetings.

Public Comment: There was 1 speaker.

11. OPEN FORUM CONTINUED: 11. ADJOURNMENT: 6:03PM

<u>Next Meeting:</u> Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Zoom Teleconference

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams J. Nicholas Williams Secretary

<u>/s/ Diane Boyd</u> Diane Boyd Acting Recording Secretary



## CITY OF OAKLAND Oakland Parks & Recreation

TO: Princess Allen, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
 FROM: Jennifer Stern, Watershed and Stormwater Management Division
 DATE: October 22, 2021
 SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
 COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENTS ON
 INTERPRETIVE SIGNS AND THEIR PLACEMENT AROUND LAKE
 MERRIT

## **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to request review and comments from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on the Lake Merritt Interpretive Signs Project's (Project) six interpretive signs and their placement around Lake Merritt.

The signs are designed to connect people to Lake Merritt and the wildlife that live there, and to encourage stewardship of the Lake and the surrounding park. The signs feature information on the Lake Merritt watershed, wildlife refuge history, birds of Lake Merritt, wildlife habitat, the Lakeside Drive rain gardens, and the tidal lagoon ecosystem. The signs also encourage lake visitors to visit the Rotary Nature Center and <u>www.oaklandcreeks.org</u> for more information. The sign locations were chosen based on the sign content and the view of the Lake at the sign location.

The Project is part of the Measure DD Lake Merritt Water Quality Program, approved by Oakland City Council in 2005. The City of Oakland's Measure DD bond for Clean Water and Safe Parks (Measure DD) was approved by Oakland's voters in 2002 and has provided funding for programs to improve water quality at Lake Merritt, restore creeks and parks, acquire open space, and preserve watersheds.

The interpretive signs are proposed to be installed around Lake Merritt in summer 2022. Each of the six signs is 24-inches high by 72-inches wide and will be installed on two pedestal posts that will feature an aquatic design.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts associated with the recommended actions in this report, which are for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) to review and provide comments on six interpretive signs and their placement around Lake Merritt. After staff receives and considers comments from the PRAC, the design of the signs and the plan for their placement will be finalized.

## PROJECT / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Project's six interpretive signs is to connect Oaklanders to Lake Merritt, the wildlife that live there, and to encourage stewardship of Lake Merritt that will result in improved water quality and habitat for people and wildlife. The addition of these signs will provide information to lake visitors about the Lake Merritt watershed, the history of the wildlife refuge, the birds and wildlife of Lake Merritt, the tidal lagoon ecosystem, and the rain gardens along the Lakeside Drive that clean roadway stormwater runoff before it enters the lake. The signs will also encourage people to visit the Rotary Nature Center and the Oakland Watershed and Stormwater Division webpage at <u>www.oaklandcreeks.org</u> for more information. The webpage will include information related to each sign topic. The signs will improve public information about the importance of and how to be a steward of Lake Merritt.

The interpretive signs are in final draft stage and are proposed to be installed around Lake Merritt in summer 2022. The interpretive signs are shown in Exhibit A and can be accessed online here: <u>Draft</u> <u>Interpretive Signs</u>. Proposed locations are shown in Exhibit B, which can also be accessed online here: <u>Map of Proposed Sign Locations at Lake Merritt</u>. Each of the six signs is 24-inches high by 72-inches wide and will be installed on two pedestal posts by Oakland Public Works (OPW) Facilities Division.

Once signs are installed, annual costs will include minimal staff time to remove graffiti as needed. The signs will be fabricated by Gopher Signs and made from Image-LOC aluminum graffiti proof, vandal resistant durable material. This material was selected based on a recommendation from our designers and has a good track record for being graffiti and vandal resistant. The fabricator will apply an anti-graffiti coating to the finished signs to make it easier to remove graffiti.

## **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

The sign content (species, language, and illustrations), and proposed sign locations were developed with input from stakeholders from the community and other city departments and divisions including the Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development Department, City Administrator's Office, and OPW, Environmental Services Division, and Parks and Tree Services Division. Stakeholders were provided two opportunities to comment on the sign content, design, and locations. The first comment period was December 21, 2020 – January 22, 2021. The second comment period was May 19, 2021 – June 15, 2021.

In December 2020, WSMD staff requested input from community stakeholders on proposed sign locations and concepts, featured species, and illustrations. The stakeholder list was composed of groups and individuals involved in the stewardship of Lake Merritt, lake recreation, and hosting educational activities at the lake. The full stakeholder list is included as Exhibit C. Some of these stakeholders included:

- Lake Merritt Institute.
- Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development Department.
- Measure DD Coalition, an inclusive coalition of Oaklanders and organizations interested in the implementation of Measure DD.

- Lake Merritt Advocates, a coalition of existing organizations, both formal and informal, which work to foster stewardship of Lake Merritt and the beauty of its surrounding parkland.
- Golden Gate Audubon Society.
- Jim Covel, Director of Guest Experience and Interpretation at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.
- James Carlton, marine biologist who began his career at Lake Merritt and continues to do research at Lake Merritt.
- Hilary Powers, Golden Gate Audubon Society docent.
- Vanessa Pope, Mudlab Zero-Waste Café owner and organizer of trash cleanups at Lake Merritt.
- iNaturalist BioBlitz at Lake Merritt community.

The input received during the two comment periods on the proposed sign locations and sign content (species, language, and illustrations) is summarized here:

- Signs should be located next to overlook areas, not inside, as to not block the view of the Lake.
- Oakland Public Works Facilities Division staff have approved the proposed sign locations.
- Signs should be placed along the Lake in areas frequented by Lake visitors.
- Species suggestions: birds and other wildlife to feature.
- Add specific items to the history timeline.
- Add anti-littering language.
- Emphasize positive behaviors.
- Add more focus on pollution prevention.
- Add information about Canada Goose.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Oakland Public Works staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

- Review and provide comment on the draft interpretive signs provided in Exhibit A, which can only be accessed online here: <u>Draft Interpretive Signs.</u>
- Review and provide comments on the placement of the six interpretive signs. See Exhibit B accessible online here: <u>Map of Proposed Sign Locations at Lake Merritt.</u>

The placement of these interpretive signs at Lake Merritt will result in improved public information and encourage stewardship of Lake Merritt.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by: Jennifer Stern Watershed Program Specialist

Kith Harry

Approved by:Kristin HathawayWatershed and Stormwater Division and DD Program Manager

## **Identification of Support Documents:**

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Draft Interpretive Signs (link to google drive) and attached

Exhibit B – Map of Proposed Sign Locations at Lake Merritt (link to google map) and attached

Exhibit C – Stakeholder List for Lake Merritt Signs Review

## Exhibit A Draft Interpretive Signs

Link to google drive

**Draft Interpretive Signs** 

### **Un Punto Caliente** A Hot Spot for Birds In the Heart of the City! Pacific Flyway Ruta de Vuelo del Pacífico 太平洋航道 para Pájaros -¡En el Corazón de la Ciudad! Lake Merritt, with its islands and park features such as lawns, trees, and even light **Double-crested Cormo** poles, offers resting, nesting, and foraging places for resident and migrating birds. Cormorán de Doble Cresta The lake provides a refueling stop in spring and fall for migrants traveling along 雙冠狀科莫蘭特 ¡Un lugar caliente para los pájaros en el corazón de la ciudad! the Pacific Flyway - a major migration route for birds extending from Alaska to Esta laguna de marea ofrece un lugar de parada para una gran cantidad Patagonia. Watch for ducklings and fledglings in spring as resident birds safely de aves que migran a lo largo de la ruta migratoria del Pacífico de 4,000 breed and raise their young here. Seasonal populations increase as millas, donde pueden descansar y buscar comida. La ruta migratoria del different ducks, shorebirds, and songbirds arrive for the winter. Pacífico es una ruta de migración importante para las aves que se How many birds shown on this sign can you see? extiende desde Alaska hasta la Patagonia. Las islas en el lago y las How many different bird calls can you hear? características del parque, que incluyen césped, árboles e incluso postes de luz, brindan a las aves residentes y migratorias lugares seguros para descansar, anidar y criar a sus crías. Aves playeras, cantores, rapaces y aves Ring-billed Gull Gaviota de California White Pelican acuáticas encuentran refugio aguí. Pelicano Pardo 布朗-佩利坎 **TOHNER** ¿Cuántos pájaros mostrados en este letrero puedes ver? City of Oakland Official Bird ¿Cuántos cantos de pájaros diferentes puedes oír? Ciudad de Oakland Pájaro oficial 奧克兰市 官鸟 Visit the Rotary Nature Center to learn more. Report bird sightings at oaklandcreeks.org. Min UN Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge Visite el Rotary Nature Center para obtener más información e 参观扶轮自然中心以了解更多信息并报告您的鸟类发现 nar sobre los avista



## Keep Wildlife Wild! Play Fair-Don't Feed the Fowl

### Nature's Bird Buffet

The water birds of Lake Merritt have an abundance of natural food sources including fish, worms, mussels, small mammals, and crustaceans such as shrimp, amphipods, crabs and marine isopods. Empty broken shells around the lake are a sign that birds have

feasted on mussels.

White Pelican Please don't feed the birds. It may be fun, but could be harmful to them. Pelícano Pardo 布朗·佩利坎 Many kinds of human food can make the ducks and other waterfowl sick, cause nutrition loss, spread of disease, water pollution, and dependency on humans.

Can you see the ducks diving and bobbing for food? And the wading birds stalking small fish?

## Help Keep Wildlife Healthy

- Tell friends and family how feeding wildlife damages
  their health and habitat.
- Dispose of leftover food and trash properly. Plastic trash on the ground and in the lake can entrap and otherwise harm birds.

Watch birds from afar so they have the fr eat and play in their natural bird way



### Ayude a mantener la vida silvestre saludable

- Cuénteles a sus amigos y familiares cómo la vida silvestre daña su salud y su hábitat.
- Deseche los restos de comida y basura correctamente. La basura plástica en el suelo y en el lago puede atrapar y daña a las ave
- Observe a los pájaros desde lejos para que tengan la libe



## 帮助保持野生动物健康

- 告诉朋友和家人,喂食野生生物如何损害他们的健康和感息地。
- 正确处理剩余的食物和垃圾。地面和湖泊中的塑料 垃圾会困住鸟类,并以其他方式伤害鸟类。
- 从远处观看鸟类,这样他们就可以不受干扰地进食



rn more. Report bird sightings at oaklandcreeks.org. Visite el Rotary Nature Center para obtener más inf ar sohre los avista 参观扶轮自然中心以了解更多信息并报告您的岛类发现

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## Lake Merritt - America's First Wildlife Refuge A History of Sanctuary

Lake Merritt's unique history and environmental protections make it the special place we enjoy today. Named America's first wildlife refuge in 1870, its interpretive programs became a model for other refuges and National Parks.

The lake is a tidal lagoon or estuary, formed more than 10,000 years ago by rising and falling sea levels during the Pleistocene. Since its formation, it has played a vital role in the history of the area and the lives of those living here.

## Lake Merritt: el primero de **Estados Unidos Refugio de Vida Silvestre** Una historia de santuario

La historia única del lago Merritt y las protecciones ambientales lo convierten en el lugar especial que disfrutamos hoy. Nombrado el primer refugio de vida silvestre de Estados Unidos en 1870, sus programas interpretativos se convirtieron en un modelo para otros refugios y parques nacionales.

El lago es una laguna de marea o estuario, formado hace más de 10,000 años por el aumento y la caída del nivel



# 梅里特湖 - 美国第一 野生动物保护区

## 庇护所的历史

梅里特湖独特的历史和环境保护使其成为我们今天享受的特殊地方。 1870年被命名为美国第一个野生动物保护区,其解说项目成为其他保 护区和国家公园的典范。

该湖是一个潮汐泻湖或河口,形成于10,000多年前,由更新世期间海 平面上升和下降形成。自成立以来,它在该地区的历史和生活在这里的 人们的生活中发挥了至关重要的作用

## **Lake Merritt Watershed** From Creek to Bay: The Watershed That Connects Us

Creeks from the surrounding hills, and stormwater runoff, deliver fresh water to Lake Merritt. Saltwater flows in from the Oakland Estuary via the channel. As the city has grown, many stretches of those formerly natural creeks including Glen Echo, Pleasant Valley, Indian Gulch, Trestle Glen, Wildwood, and Park Boulevard have been diverted beneath neighborhoods and roads through underground pipes or culverts called the storm drain system. The storm drain system and remaining aboveground creeks carry runoff from the surrounding seven square mile watershed into the lake through over 60 storm drain outfalls.

Runoff from rainfall and activities such as car washing and lawn watering can carry chemicals, oil, trash, pet waste, fertilizers, and other pollutants into Lake Merritt. These toxins can sicken or kill wildlife and damage the health of the lake habitat.



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## Cuenca del Lago Merritt De Creek a Bay: La cuenca que nos conecta

Los arroyos de las colinas circundantes y la escorrentía de aguas pluviales entregan agua dulce al lago Merritt. El agua salada fluye desde el estuario de Oakland a través del canal. A medida que la ciudad ha crecido, muchos tramos de esos arroyos anteriormente naturales, incluidos Glen Echo, Pleasant Valley, Indian Gulch, Trestle Glen, Wildwood y Park Boulevard, se han desviado debajo de vecindarios y carreteras a través de tuberías o alcantarillas subterráneas llamadas sistema de drenaje pluvial. El sistema de drenaje pluvial y los arroyos sobre el suelo restantes llevan la escorrentía de la cuenca hidrográfica circundante de siete millas cuadradas al lago a través de más de 60 desagües pluviales.

La escorrentía de la lluvia y actividades como el lavado de automóviles y el riego del césped pueden transportar productos químicos, aceite, basura, desechos de mascotas, fertilizantes y otros contaminantes al lago Merritt. Estas toxinas pueden enfermar o matar la vida silvestre y dañar la salud del hábitat del lago.



Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge



## Makings of a Tidal Lagoon Bay Tides Bring Seawater

The "Jewel of Oakland", Lake Merritt is the largest tidal lagoon within a U.S. city. Twice a day, the Lake Merritt channel delivers salty tidal water from the Bay into Lake Merritt. At the highest tides, the depth of the lake is no more than 13 feet. The lake ranges from 1.5 to 13 feet deep. Aquatic plants such as sea lettuce, widgeon grass, and red algae that thrive in brackish (a mixture of fresh and salt) tidal areas provide food for fish and waterfowl. Tidal flows bring many different marine and saltwater-friendly species into Lake Merritt from the Bay including many exotic and invasive species.

### Intertidal Habitat

The intertidal zone is where the tide meets the land. It is home to plant species like pickleweed, salt grass, and marsh gumplant.



In addition to being a wildlife refuge, Lake Merritt provides flood control for Oakland. Alameda County operates a flood control station with tide gates and pumps at 7th Street, These prevent flooding by keeping tides out during heavy rain allowing the lake to absorb the stormwater that flows into it. Excess algae

Además de ser un refugio de vida silvestre, Lake Merritt proporciona control de inundaciones para Oakland, El condado de Alameda opera una estación de control de inundaciones con barreras de marea y bombas en la calle 7. Estos previenen las inundaciones al mantener las mareas bajas durante las fuertes llovias para permitir que el lago absorba las aguas pluviales que fluyen hacia él.

除了最野生动植物保护区,梅里特海还为奥克兰提 供防洪最务。阿拉米达县(Alameda County) 在第七街说有防洪战,设有湿沙闹门和水泵。这 叠通过在大海影响将激沙挡在外面以使湖泊吸收流 入其中的雨水来防止洪水泛湿。

Excess algae and over-growth of non-native widgeon grass can decrease oxygen levels and restrict boat access. The City of Oakland has a harvester boat that cuts the widgeon grass like an underwater mower.

El exceso de algas y el crecimiento excesivo de pasto widgeon no nativo pueden disminuir los niveles de asigeno y restringir el acceso de los botes. La ciudad de Oakland tiene un barco cosechador que corta el césped como un cortacésped submarino.

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## Nuestro Único Laguna de Mareas Las mareas de la bahía traen agua de mar

La "joya de Oakland", el lago Merritt, es la laguna de mareas más grande de una ciudad de EE. UU. Dos veces al día, el canal del lago Merritt entrega agua salada de la marea desde la bahía hasta el lago Merritt. En las mareas más altas, la profundidad del lago no supera los 13 pies. El lago tiene una profundidad de 1,5 a 13 pies. Las plantas acuáticas como la lechuga de mar, el pasto widgeon y las algas rojas que prosperan en áreas de marea salobres (una mezcla de agua dulce y salada) proporcionan alimento para peces y aves acuáticas. Los flujos de las mareas traen muchas especies marinas y amigables con el agua salada al lago Merritt desde la bahía, incluidas muchas especies exóticas e invasoras.

### Hábitat intermareal

La zona intermareal es donde la marea se encuentra con la tierra y crecen especies de plantas como pickleweed, salt grass y marsh gumplant. Es el hogar de muchas especies como el pez pipa de la bahía, el gobi de aleta amarilla, el cangrejo de orilla amarillo, la lapa de lima y el saltamontes de la playa del lago Merritz.

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梅里特湖被誉为"奥克兰的宝石",是美国城市内最大的潮汐泻湖。梅 里特湖水道每天两次将咸潮水从海湾输送到梅里特湖。在最高潮汐时, 湖的深度不超过 13 英尺。湖的深度从 1.5 到 13 英尺不等。在微咸( 新鲜和盐分的混合物)潮汐区茁壮成长的水生植物,如海莴苣、茭白草 和红藻,为鱼类和水禽提供食物。潮汐流将许多不同的海洋和咸水友好物种从海湾带入梅里特湖,其中包括许多外来和入侵物种



## Keeping Waterways Clean **Raingardens Protect Water Quality**

The City of Oakland built raingardens to improve the water quality and habitat in Lake Merritt. A raingarden is a sunken, planted area that captures stormwater runoff from paved streets, sidewalks, and parking lots. Stormwater runoff picks up pollution on the street such as litter, plastics, oil, chemicals, fertilizers, and pet waste and carries these pollutants into storm drains that lead directly to Lake Merritt. By directing stormwater to raingardens, many pollutants can be filtered out before the water reaches the lake, helping to protect water quality and the wildlife that lives there.

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## **Mantener Limpias** las Vías Fluviales Raingardens lento y Filtrar la escorrentia urbana

La lluvia puede acumular contaminación en la calle, como basura, plásticos, aceite, productos químicos y desechos de mascotas. Cuando desemboca en el lago Merritt, lleva consigo estos contaminantes. Otras actividades como el lavado de autos o el riego del césped pueden transportar contaminantes como jabón, microplásticos, pesticidas y fertilizantes al lago incluso en clima seco. Esta contaminación puede enfermar o matar la vida silvestre, causar un crecimiento excesivo de vegetación, niveles más bajos de oxígeno (que dificultan la supervivencia de los animales) y dañar la salud del hábitat del lago.

## You Can Help Prevent Water Pollution and Keep Lake Merritt Clean and Healthy!

- Pick up litter, especially plastics that can sicken, harm, or kill wildlife.
- Use reusable cups and bags.
- Sweep instead of hosing off your sidewalk or driveway.
- Use compost and natural fertilizers.

## ¡Usted puede ayudar a prevenir la contaminación del agua y mantener el lago Merritt limpio y saludable!

- Utilice vasos y bolsas reutilizable
- Barra en lugar de lavar con manguera la acera o el camino de entrada.
- Utilice abono y fertilizantes naturales.
- Recoja la basura, especialmente los plástico que pueden enfermar o matar a la vida silvestre.

### 您可以帮助防止水污染并保持梅里特湖清洁健康!

- 使用可重复使用的杯子和袋子。
   扫掠而不是从人行道或车道上溜走。
- 使用堆肥和天然肥料。
- 捡起垃圾, 尤其是会致病或杀死野生



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### 污染伤害

降雨会加剧街道上的污染,例如垃圾, 塑料,石油,化学药品和宠物垃圾。 当它流入梅里特湖时,它会携带这些污染物。 洗车或浇灌草坪等其他活动,即使在干燥的天气下, 也可能会将诸如肥皂, 微塑料, 农药和化肥之类的污染物 带到湖中。 这种污染会致病或杀死野生动植物,导致过多的 植被生长,降低氧气含量(使动物难以生存),并损害湖泊栖息地的健康。



Exhibit B – Map of Proposed Sign Locations at Lake Merritt: PRAC Item 7A 11/10/21

## Stakeholder List for Lake Merritt Signs Review

Name	Organization		
Adrian Cotter	Community for Lake Merritt and Measure DD Coalition		
Alicia Goode	OCMA exhibits producer, CfLM board member		
Andrew Cohen	San Francisco Estuary Institute		
Bill Threlfall	Measure DD Coalition		
	community of people contributing observations of flora and fauna at		
Bioblitz community	Lake Merritt		
Cindy Margulis	International Bird Rescue		
Clay Anderson	Golden Gate Audubon Society		
	California Center for Natural History, former City staff at the Rotary		
Constance Taylor	Nature Center		
Damon Tighe	subject matter expert - creator of Lake Merritt Bioblitz		
Dana Riley	Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development		
David Wofford	Rotary Nature Center Friends and DD Coalition		
Dianne Fristrom	Community for Lake Merritt (CfLM)		
Ethan Rotman	California Department of Fish and Wildlife		
	General Supervisor, Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth		
Harith Aleem	Development		
Hilary Powers	Golden Gate Audubon Society		
James Robinson	Executive Director, Lake Merritt Institute		
	subject matter expert - marine biologist who began his career at LM		
James T. Carlton	and continues to do research on LM		
James Vann	Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt and Measure DD Coalition		
Jennie Gerard	Measure DD Coalition		
Jim Covel	Director of Guest Experience and Interpretation		
	subject matter expert - Director of Guest Experience and		
Jim Covel	Interpretation at the Monterey Bay Aquarium		
Joe DeVries	City Administrator's Office - Lake Merritt Covid group		
Joel Peter	Former Measure DD manager		
John Kirkmire	LMI/Measure DD Coalition		
John Krause	California Department of Fish and Wildlife		
John Muir Laws	subject matter expert - Wildlife Artist, Illustrator		
Karis Griffin	Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development		
Katie Noonan	Lake Merritt Institute and Rotary Nature Center Friends		
Ken-ichi Ueda	subject matter expert - creator of iNaturalist		
Lake Merritt Advocates	Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt		
Lesley Estes	Former Watershed Division Manager		
Lydia Swann	OPW Park Supervisor for Lake/Downtown area		
Mike Udkow	Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation and Measure DD Coalition		
Naomi Schiff	Oakland Heritage Alliance and Measure DD Coalition		
Nicholas Williams	Director, Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development		
Pam Young	Director, Golden Gate Audubon Society		
Patty Donald	Shorebird Nature Cetner in Berkeley		
Ryan Jones	Oakland Museum of California (OMCA)		
Sean Maher	Oakland Public Information Officer		
Sonomia Byrd	RNC Program Supervisor, Rec Leader II		
Stewart Reid	Community for Lake Merritt and Rotary Nature Center staff		
Terrence Perrier			
Terry Smith	science educator, CfLM board president		
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### **CITY OF OAKLAND** Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development

TO:	Princess Allen, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission		
FROM:	Christine Reed, OPW-PGMD		
DATE:	October 25, 2021		
SUBJECT:	THE INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE ESTUARY PARK		
	<b>RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT.</b>		

## **SUMMARY**

Staff from Oakland Public Works (OPW) and Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD) are providing an information report on the status of the Estuary Park Renovation and Expansion Project. The project will develop a Park Master Plan including a phasing strategy for the park's renovation and expansion. The Park Master Plan concept design/ community outreach began in 2018but was halted in January 2019. During this period, site challenges were identified, including soil contamination, sea-level rise, and associated permitting challenges. Additionally, staff determined that the Hargreaves team was inadequate to address these site challenges and unwilling to consider revising the draft concept that they had developed. A new consultant has been brought on to complete community outreach, which began in September 2021, and is currently underway. Staff will return to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission early next year in order to receive its endorsement of the Master Plan, and subsequently present the Park Master Plan to Council for approval.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Since this report is informational only, no fiscal impacts are included. The Design Team will develop a cost estimate for the Master Plan and for each of the recommended phases for implementation. Funding for Phase One will be provided by the Oakland Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks (Measure DD) in an amount of approximately eight million dollars (\$8,000,000). The Phase 1 improvements will be determined as part of the Master Plan process. Funding for future phases are not identified.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Estuary Park is a 7 acre park located along the Oakland Estuary south of Jack London Square at the mouth of the Lake Merritt Channel. The existing park incorporates the Jack London Aquatic Center, youth and adult rowing programs, a multi-use field for soccer and team sports, a public boat launching ramp, and a group picnic area. The old 'Cash and Carry' property will become part of the park, expanding the total park area by 4 acres to 11 acres. (see Exhibit A – *Project Location Map*).

The project began in 2018 with an intensive community engagement process; then went on hold from January 2019 until March of 2021. The City is restarting the project with a new design team, building on the community input received in 2018 to develop a master plan vision for the expanded park. Improvements will be implemented in phases, as funding becomes available.

The Draft Master Plan Concept (see Exhibit B – *Draft Master Plan Concept*) illustrates improvements currently being considered for the Master Plan, including: playground, dog park, picnic areas, festival plaza, multi-purpose lawns, resilient shoreline improvements, improved Bay Trail connectivity, habitat gardens, expanded parking lot, improved boat launch access, and a boat storage building with public restrooms.

## BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Through a variety of planning processes in the mid 1990's the Estuary Park Renovation and Expansion Project was proposed and thereby incorporated into several local and regional plans over the last twenty years, including the adopted General Plan Open Space, Conservation and Recreation (OSCAR) in 1996 and the Estuary Policy Plan in 1999. As stated in the Estuary Policy Plan: OAK-2.1: Expand & Rehabilitate Estuary Park: "If Estuary Park is to fulfill its potential, it is important to make it more visible from the Embarcadero. It should be expanded and extended to the street, adding to the total amount of useable public space and improving park security. The entire park (including the expansion area) should be improved. Consideration should be given to providing places to observe major civic celebrations and water related festivals."

As a result, the "Cash and Carry" site located at 105 Embarcadero West will be acquired through the Brooklyn Basin Development Agreement, providingvisual continuity from the Enbarcadero to the water. The site is referred to as 'Parcel N' in the development agreement, and is to be transferred to the City upon completion and acceptance of site remediation by the developer.

The Estuary Park Project was listed in the Measure DD – Oakland Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks Bond program (Measure DD) under the category for Estuary Waterfront Access, Parks and Cleanup Program, positioning the City to realize long-held community objectives for the creation of a major open space of citywide and regional significance as described in the Estuary Policy Plan. The plan states "Estuary Park is a significant public asset which can and should be upgraded. It has a historic relationship with nearby Lake Merritt and the Lake Merritt Channel, and there is now a chance to finally reconnect Lake Merritt with the Estuary." Funding for the design of the Estuary Park project was approved on December 13, 2016 by Resolution No. 86516 C.M.S., which authorized the sale of the Measure DD Series C Bond.

In February 2018, a professional landscape architectural services agreement for the Estuary Park project was awarded to Hargreaves Associates. A robust public engagement process was implemented between August 2018 and February 2019. For the non-=performance reasons listed above, the professional services contract with Hargreaves Associates was terminated in October 2019. On July 28, 2020 a design consultant contract was awarded to WRT per Resolution 88239 C.M.S. Project re-initiation began March 2021 with new WRT Design Team.

## Public Meetings held to date:

Community Workshop #1: October 17th 2018 6-8pm Community Workshop #2: December 5th, 2018 6-8pm Community Workshop #3: January 31, 2019 6-8pm Measure DD Coalition Informational Presentation: September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Community Stakeholders Groups Project Update Sessions via Zoom: September 14, 2021 6-7:30pm (Jack London Square Neighbors); September 30, 2021 6-:30pm (Chinatown, Eastlake and San Antonio neighbors); September 28, 2021 Beat 1X NCPC meeting Community Workshop #4: October 23rd, 2021 10am - 1pm

## **Public Input summary:**

Between 2018 - 2019 three community meetings occurred. Workshop participants were asked what they would like to see and do at Estuary Park. Below are the top 3 responses for each park program category.

- Health + Wellness: 1. Walking 2. Enjoying Nature / Beauty3. Cycling
- Social / Gathering / Culture: 1. Picnics / Grilling 2. Outdoor Performances / Events 3. Local Farmer's Market
- Waterfront Activities: 1. Kayak / Paddleboard Rental 2. Viewing Area / Deck / Overlook 3. Human-Powered Boating
- Art / Education: 1. Water-Conserving Gardens 2. Temporary Art Installations 3. Environmental Education
- Support & Mobility: 1. Restrooms 2. Vehicle Parking 3. Bicycle Parking
- Sports / Games / Play: 1. Casual Pick-Up Games 2. Dog Play 3. Water Play

Since the last community workshop in 2019, the following design refinements have been made to address City of Oakland feedback, community input, and technical and construction-cost constraints. Create a more usable waterfront by removing proposed constructed wetland features that would have required extensive excavation into the existing soil.

- Relocate seating, picnic, and play areas to the waterfront.
- Incorporate a dog park.
- Provide emergency-vehicle access along western edge of property and provide more direct access to the waterfront.
- Provide natural garden and program elements along the western edge.
- Retain existing pier and potentially arbor structure.
- Refine parking lot circulation.
- Incorporate resilient shoreline treatment.

A Meeting was held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at the park to confirm community priorities for park improvements and solicit input on project phasing options.

Anticipated Next Steps for Park Master Plan:

- Community Input via online Survey November 2021
- Master Plan Refinement, CEQA Initial Study TBD
- Master Plan approvals and adoption TBD

Respectfully submitted,

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Prepared by: Christine Reed, Improvement Project Coordinator, OPW-PGMD

Approved by: Denise Louie, Supervisor, OPW-PGMD

## **Identification of Support Documents:**

Attachments: Exhibit A – Project Location Map Exhibit B – Draft Master Plan Concept



Exhibit A – Project Location Map: PRAC Item 7B 11/10/21

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## **CITY OF OAKLAND** Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development

TO: Princess Allen, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
 FROM: Myka Hammock, Recreation Sports Supervisor, Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development
 DATE: October 25, 2021
 SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO REVIEW, PROVIDE COMMENTS, AND RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER PERMANENTE, AND PROJECT DELIVERY PARTNER CREATIVE SPORTS CONCEPTS, FOR THE MOSSWOOD PARK OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS PROJECT.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff requests that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission provide comments on the Mosswood Park Outdoor Basketball Courts Renovation Project gifted from the Golden State Warriors Community Foundation (GSWCF), in partnership with Kaiser Permanente, and Creative Sports Concepts. The project scope of work includes repairing cracks on the court surface, recoating and painting the playing area, repainting playing lines, replacing the bench seating, and replacing the basketball rims and nets.

The project would be a great enhancement to the park, especially as no funds are currently budgeted to provide such enhancements. The park improvement would be of great benefit to the community, by offering an updated amenity in a community where basketball has been historically popular. Additionally, and more importantly this is an opportunity for the execution of our departmental mission, with a focus on equity outcomes.

## FISCAL IMPACT

GSWCF is gifting the improvement valued at \$49,000 to the City of Oakland in accordance with Oakland City Council Resolution No. 79714 Acceptance of Grants with a value of fifty thousand dollars or less. There is no negative fiscal impact to the City as the new court replaces an aged asset and its associated maintenance costs. Work on City property will be authorized through a construction contract with Creative Sports Concepts valued at one dollar. Separate payment arrangements, if any, will be made between gift sponsor and project delivery partners. The project will meet Oakland Public Works Department standards.

## PROJECT / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Mosswood Park is located at 3612 Webster Street in the Mosswood neighborhood where Oakland's City Council Districts 1 and 3 intersect. Mosswood offers a variety of enrichment programs and seasonal camps for families in the immediate community and throughout Oakland. The program offerings include Town After-School Enrichment program, Town Camp (summer), karate,

basketball, and soccer. Mosswood, also hosts popular community events, such as Family Friday's, where families from all over the community gather to enjoy free music, food, activities, performances, basketball and more.

Basketball is a sport that draws many in the community to the park. There are currently two courts with two hoops each. The surface has aged and cracked and the striping is worn. The improvement project includes cleaning and patching surface cracks, recoating and repainting the playing surface, and installing new basketball rims and bench seating around the courts. The project is expected to be complete December 20, 2020 (TBD).

GSWCF and Kaiser are committed to a process that is inclusive and that allows for community feedback on this project. GSWCF shared a draft of the design with the Mosswood Park Recreational Advisory Council via a virtual community engagement meeting. Members of the community were invited to preview the design, ask questions of the sponsor, and provide feedback. The finalized design you see now incorporated this feedback and we feel is an excellent representation of the partnership.

The Warriors Community Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Golden State Warriors and supports local organizations that help underserved children live, learn, and play. The Foundation believes that all children in the Bay Area deserve opportunities to be healthy and well and to succeed socially and academically. Its signature programs include grants to support community organizations, basketball court refurbishments, Generation Thrive, and ticket donations.

Kaiser Permanente has a mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to care innovations, clinical research, health education and the support of community health.

Creative Sports Concepts (CSC) will be contracted to oversee this project. CSC specializes in installing top of the line gym flooring and athletic equipment. They also build playgrounds and tracks with a heavy emphasis on safety. Their focus is on safety because they know that a safe product is a quality product. They want their partners to have the tools and facilities they need to ensure every child's well-being and to promote a safe sporting environment.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission review, provide comments, and recommend acceptance of a gift from Golden State Warriors Foundation, in partnership with Kaiser Permanente and project delivery partners, Creative Sports for the Mosswood Basketball Court Project.

Respectfully submitted,

\_Myka Hammock\_ (Signature)

Prepared by: Myka Hammock Recreation Sports Supervisor

<u>/s/ J. Nicholas Williams</u> (Signature) Approved by: J. Nicholas Williams Director

## **Identification of Support Documents:**

Attachments: Exhibit A – Current Mosswood Basketball Court Exhibit B – Example of Court Designs 1 & 2

## Exhibit A





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## *Exhibit B* Court Design 1



## Court Design 2



Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission PRAC November 10, 2021 Public Works Measure Q - Item 9 Hiring Tracker Measure Q Hiring Progress Tracker October 28, 2021 Civil Service Board Meeting

DEPT	CLASSIFICATION	FTE POSITIONS	FILLED	ELIGIBLE LIST AVAILABLE	DETAILS
HSD	Budget & Grants Administrator	1	0	Yes	Referrals sent to department to review and schedule interviews.
HSD	Administrative Assistant II	1	1	Yes	Filled (8.22.2020)
HSD	Case Manager I	1	1	Yes	Filled (March 2021)
OPW	Custodian	5	0	No	26 restricted candidates interviewed selections in progress.
OPW	Assistant Engineer I	1	0	No	Job to tentatively post 11/1/2021
OPW	Administrative Assistant II	1	1	Yes	Filled (2.26.2021)
OPW	Construction & Maintenance Me	2	0	Yes	Filled (10.30.21) Filled (11.13.21)
OPW	Business Analyst II	1	1	No	Filled (11.14.2020)
OPW	Gardener Crew Leader	7	4	Yes	Four of seven positions filled (1 filled 4.30.2021, 3 filled 6.12.2021). Department considering acting assignments as new recruitment will be needed for remaining vacancies
OPW	Gardener II	15	15	Yes	Filled (5 filled 6.12.2021, 5 filled 7.24.2021, 3 filled 8.7.2021, 2 filled 8.21.2021)
OPW	Painter	2	1	Yes	1 authorized to hire
OPW	Park Attendant, PT (NEW)	0.5	0	Yes	Filled (D. Mabon effective 11.13.21)
OPW	Park Equipment Operator	2	0	No	Announcement posted, closes 11.7.21
OPW	Park Supervisor I	2	0	No	Announcement closed 9.2.21, applications being reviewed.
OPW	Park Supervisor II	1	1	Yes	Filled (K. Charles effective 6.26.21)
OPW	Tree Worker (formerly Tree Wo	1	0	No	Filled ( E. Rodriguez effective 11.13.21)
OPW	Tree Trimmer	1	0	Yes	Vacant, Req going through approval.