



# City of Emeryville

C A L I F O R N I A

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 19, 2019

**TO:** Christine Daniel, City Manager

**FROM:** Brad Helfenberger, Parks and Recreation Committee

**SUBJECT:** **Parks and Recreation Committee's Annual Report On Committee Goals, Principles And Accomplishments For Calendar Year 2018; And Proposed Committee Priorities For Calendar Year 2019**

### COMMITTEE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES

The Parks and Recreation Committee is committed to the improvement and maintenance of green space as well as facilitating recreation programs for the community. The Committee strives to improve access for Emeryville residents to park space and increase recreational opportunities for the local community.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

- Held a special community meeting at Watergate to discuss future development at Davenport Park
- Installation of lighting at Temescal Creek Park
- Opening of Peladeau Park
- Opening of the new Christie Park renovation/expansion
- Prioritized installation of rip-rap at Point Emery
- Began participating on the new Ashby Interchange Community Advisory Committee
- Conducted a survey on parks in Emeryville
- Provided input on the park design for the Sherwin Williams Project
- Increased the frequency of meetings from bi-monthly to monthly

### TOP PRIORITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

- Prioritize CIP Projects that improve and maintain existing park spaces
- Evaluate and update Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan
- Advise the Community Services Department on new programming in recently opened park spaces
- Expand the overall use of park spaces in Emeryville
- Advise the Community Services Department on events and programming
- Determine how workers who do not live in Emeryville use park spaces
- Consider funding mechanisms for future park spaces

### ***First Highlighted Priority***

Prioritize CIP Projects that improve and maintain existing park spaces.

- There are currently no parks with playgrounds west of the I-80 Freeway. Davenport Park has been identified as a site for a new tot-lot and the CIP has been updated to reflect this. The next step is for the project to be prioritized and carried out.
- The Committee also wants to identify new opportunities for park improvements for prioritization in the CIP.

### ***Second Highlighted Priority***

Evaluate and update Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan: The Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan was finalized in 2011. Since then, several projects have been completed while the needs of the community have changed. Our goal is to evaluate how the plan has been implemented thus far, as well as provide recommendations for future changes. Among those recommendations is looking at how park space is evenly distributed throughout the City.

## **CONCLUSION**

As the population of Emeryville increases, we will need to consider how to address the additional need for open space, including funding options for expansion of our park system. We also need to learn more about how Emeryville workers who do not live in the City use the spaces and ensure their needs are met as well. The demographics of Emeryville are changing and we are now seeing more families living in the City. Identifying new park space will be crucial to meet these needs.

**PREPARED BY:** Brad Helfenberger, Recreation Manager

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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Christine Daniel, City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- None