



# City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 19, 2019

**TO:** Christine Daniel, City Manager

**FROM:** Charles Bryant, Community Development Director  
Andrew Clough, Public Works Director  
Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director

**SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion on Parks and Open Spaces**

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council receive a presentation regarding parks and open spaces in Emeryville and provide comment on the status of existing and planned parks and open spaces as guided by the policies in the City's General Plan and the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.

### BACKGROUND

The City Council requested that staff schedule a study session to provide an opportunity for the Council to discuss the current and future status of parks and open spaces in Emeryville. The City's General Plan and the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan are the foundational policy documents for this discussion.

#### General Plan

Every county and city in California is required by state law to have a General Plan. Emeryville's General Plan was approved by the City Council on October 13, 2009. The General Plan describes the City's goals, policies, and implementation actions regarding future development. Chapter 4 of the Plan, entitled "Parks, Open Space, Public Facilities and Services" describes a framework of large parks, small open spaces, greenways and green streets throughout Emeryville. The chapter discusses existing and planned spaces and Figure 4-1 is the map depicting the locations described in the narrative section. The General Plan Goals and Policies applicable to the Park and Open Space System are set forth at pages 4-14 through 4-15 of the chapter.

#### Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan was adopted by the City Council in 2011. The Plan describes the then existing parks and recreation system, recommends projects and program enhancements for the future system and presents a plan of action. The plan of action includes prioritization criteria, capital and operational costs and funding strategies. The plan anticipated a twenty-year timeline for implementation, with the goal to create a sustainable and interconnected system of parks, recreation facilities, programs and services that promote recreation, health and environmental conservation as integral elements of the community.

## **DISCUSSION**

As noted in the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan, the unique history and distinctive urban form of Emeryville frames an interesting challenge for the community in expanding and maximizing the value of parks, recreation facilities and open spaces: “The ongoing and deliberate shift in Emeryville from employment center to thriving mixed-use urban community necessitates flexibility in park spaces.” (Strategic Plan, Executive Summary, page ii.)

The General Plan was finalized in 2009 and the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan was finalized in 2011. Since then, several parks projects have been completed and additional projects have been approved for construction in the near future. The community is now ten years into the General Plan time horizon and eight years into the Strategic Plan time horizon. Now is an appropriate time to consider the current status of parks and open spaces in Emeryville and whether existing policies need to be modified for the future.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This report is for information only and there is no direct fiscal impact from the report. The City’s Park and Recreation Facility impact fee was approved by the City Council in 2014. Since that time, \$1,300,000 has been collected. Of that amount most has been expended on the Horton Landing Park Expansion, with some expended on the Powell to Stanford Greenway (“Peladeau Park”). The current balance remaining as of March 1, 2019, is \$72,000.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

No Staff communication with the public

**PREPARED BY:** Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director

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



Christine Daniel, City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- General Plan - Parks, Open Space, Public Facilities and Services
- Park and Recreation Strategic Plan <http://www.ci.emeryville.ca.us/919/Parks-and-Recreation-Strategic-Plan>
- Capital Cost Model Assumptions
- Capital and Operations Cost Model
- PowerPoint Presentation