

Councilmembers Comment Matrix - Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Master Plan

Councilmember Comments	Action Taken	See Page
Albany Bulb		
Change "study" in each project to more committal language	Given the complexities at the Albany Bulb, a study is still the appropriate course of action when addressing future projects at the Bulb.	92, 93
Extend parallel motorist parking duration on Buchanan west of freeways from two to four hours. Convert current second eastbound lane on Buchanan to parallel motorist parking.	Access & Circulation Improvements amended to include a parking-related study.	93
"Albany Neck & Bulb is a park jointly managed by the State of California, East Bay Regional Park District, and the City of Albany." This is not in fact true - the two parts of the park are managed independently and according to different rules (whether enforced or unenforced), in particular with respect to dogs in the park. Substitute "is a park area with intermixed ownership and management. The Albany Beach and Trail (which runs north/south parallel to the shore), including portions of the landforms known as the Neck and Plateau, is managed by the East Bay Regional Park District as a portion of the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park. The Albany Waterfront Park and Trail (which runs east/west parallel to Buchanan Street), also including portions of the landforms known as the Neck and Plateau, are both owned and managed by the City of Albany."	Replaced "jointly" with "separately"	29
Albany Hill		
"[Suggestion to add] the following language: 'Two aspects of the Albany Hill Master Plan may require accelerated reconsideration.' First, the Albany Hill Master Plan's vision included the statement that the City should "Manage the Hilltop Eucalyptus forest to slowly remove eucalyptus as the trees age and decline . . . (excerpted from Page 1, Executive Summary, second bullet point." Recent developments with respect to climate change and forest health suggest this vision may need to be reexamined in the near future. Second, while the 1991 Master Plan included an acknowledgment of the need to make a decision to remove or retain the municipal cross, the 2012 Master Plan accepted it without comment as a feature of the park, and included language as an plan objective 'view shed protection' for benches including those located at the foot of the cross, effectively creating view shed protection from the city below up to the cross. As the municipal cross has now been declared unconstitutional, it may be unconstitutional for the city to continue this view shed policy unless the benches in the cross area are moved to a religiously neutral location within the park."	Project Catalog Item has been renamed from "Implementing the 2012 Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan" to "Update the 2012 Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan" to address issues including but not limited to, forest health with regards to climate change and reconsideration of viewsheds protection requirement regarding the cross.	94
Cerrito Creek		
Show easement between Adams and Middle Creek along south bank of Cerrito Creek on inventory and project sheets	Cerrito Creek plans have been adjusted to indicate easement.	32, 95
General/Systemwide		
Clarification on return of flex courts	Flex courts will be incorporated into the project catalog. This will require discussion beyond the PROS Master Plan.	107
Incorporate examples of non-traditional park spaces	See Appendix Chapter in Project Catalog for examples of Non-Traditional Park Spaces.	154
Include stairs to Jackson Street /Albany Hill from west end of Clay	Map and list of potential parks and open spaces in the public right of way have been annotated and noted.	154
Include future mini park on the west side of the 400 block of Adams	This parcel is owned by the State of California. Further study and collaboration may be necessary before studying this idea. At this time the Albany Park Master Plan is limited to improvements on only City-owned property and Public Right of Ways.	N/A
Include existing and planned non traditional spaces: Gill Tract Community Farm	This parcel is owned by the University of California. Further study and collaboration may be necessary before studying this idea. At this time the Albany Park Master Plan is limited to improvements on only City-owned property and Public Right of Ways.	N/A
Include permanent parklets on Solano	Map and list of potential parks and open spaces in the public right of way have been annotated and noted.	154
Incorporate discussion of "rematriation" concept in Master Plan. Solicit feedback on use of Ohlone Greenway name from Ohlone community.	Text on cover page of Project Catalog updated to respond to future opportunities to work with indigenous communities.	87
Safe/fun spaces ("chill zones") for teen and tween girls to hang out	This idea has been recorded in gathering spaces.	150
Include language clarifying that this is not a controlling plan, but a vision expression with evaluative information to help in implementation decisions.	Text on cover page of Vision & Goals updated to use councilmember's text suggestion: " The goal of the master plan is not to control future planning or funding decisions, but to provide guidance on how to meet the demands for future recreational, programming and maintenance needs of the community and a detailed project road map for each park and open space."	1

Key Route Median

The following language be added "Description: Eternal flame is dedicated to the John Pleich and Pete Agresta, who led the consolidated local Exchange Clubs of Albany and El Cerrito following the national club's expulsion in 1955 of other local groups for admitting Chinese American members in contravention of the Club's racial segregation policy."

Another paragraph should also be added - perhaps at the end of the text on page 40 - along the following lines: "There are residents of Albany who are uncomfortable with the Shrine of Freedom's role as a monument honoring Exchange Club leaders who upheld its whites-only policy against other local Exchange Club groups that had admitted Chinese-American members and were consequently expelled from the organization. There are other residents who treasure the Shrine as a symbol of Albany's past that was erected prior to the notoriety that accrued to the Exchange Club's racism becoming a public issue. Some may feel that the good works of the local Exchange Club over many years outweighs the harms inflicted by its segregationist policy, which was ended by court rulings the 1960s. The City should consider opening up a public dialogue about the issues, soliciting in particular input from local Chinese Americans and other local residents of Asian descent, and consider remedies as may be appropriate."

Shrine icon on page 142 be removed, so as not to appear to be endorsing the continued presence of that monument: it could perhaps be replaced by an

Page 144 - Text has been added as the following: Description: Eternal flame is dedicated to the John Pleich and Pete Agresta, who led the consolidated local Exchange Clubs of Albany and El Cerrito following the national club's expulsion in 1955 of other local groups for admitting Chinese American members in contravention of the Club's racial segregation policy. We received comments regarding the history of the shrine of freedom and related discomfort that it may cause some members of the community. The City should consider opening up a public dialogue about the issues, soliciting in particular input from local Chinese Americans and other local residents of Asian descent, and consider remedies as appropriate.

Page 142 - Graphic replaced with Jerome Bank clock.

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Memorial Park

Complete sidewalk on northeastern edge of Memorial Park (Carmel Avenue)	Recommendation incorporation into Project Catalog item: Dog Park Improvements	107
Provide an accessible path/sidewalk along the northern edge of Memorial Park	To be addressed via a future Active Transportation Plan. Public Works to address this further.	N/A

Ohlone Greenway

Show more Ohlone Greenway turf remaining in plan	Conceptual plan of Ohlone Greenway in Project Catalog Chapter has been updated.	102-103
Designate portion of Greenway at Dartmouth/Masonic for playground programming	Conceptual plan of Ohlone Greenway in Project Catalog Chapter has been updated.	102-103
Provide access to Greenway at Garfield Street	Conceptual plan of Ohlone Greenway in Project Catalog Chapter has been updated to indicate a pedestrian crossing and a bike ramp at this intersection.	102