# CITY OF ALBANY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

# 2014 Work Plan (To Date/Upcoming) Parks & Recreation Commission

# **Initiatives and Accomplishments of 2013**

- Provided input on Pierce Street Park planning
- Recommended Section B improvements and updates to use-ordinance
- Supported street tree planting events
- Sponsored Friends of Albany Parks effort to establish the Edible Landscape Project at Memorial Park

## Projects/Events/Programs in Progress

1. Continue to support City Council on the planning of Pierce Street Park

#### To Date:

 March 13, 2014: Reviewed 65% Plans and made recommendations approved by Council, April 21, 2014

# Upcoming:

- 95% Plans
- 2. Continue work with community groups, such as friends of Albany Parks, to expand Albany's community gardens and urban gardening

#### To Date:

- o Approved Eastern Expansion of ELP Feb 13, 2014 and approved by Council, March 17, 2014
- o Discussed ELP presentation and discussion about design of the Easter section, May 8, 2014

#### Upcoming:

• Final approval/review of Eastern Plan

# 3. Continued implementation of the Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan

#### To Date:

- o Fire Prevention Vegetation Management beginning: June 9, 2014
- o Biologist marking natives with Friends of Five Creeks: June 4 & 6, 2014

### Upcoming:

- Major work from Master Plan in 2014-2015 fiscal year
- Approval of Albany Hill Signage
- Path improvements near Cerrito Creek
- Bench selection

## **Planning**

4. Engage community in planning Ohlone Greenway amenities and develop plan

To Date:

- Ohlone Greenway walkthroughs: Feb 9 & 13, 2014
- Initial site presentation/public input: May 8, 2014

Upcoming:

- Site presentation II/Public input: July 10, 2014
- Continued work on Ohlone Greenway Plan thru February

### **Polices**

5. Annual review of Albany Tree Policy

Upcoming:

• Review (July)

## **Topics to Continually Evaluate**

6. Tree removal applications and tree planting opportunities

To Date:

- o 1122 Curtis, 1205 Garfield (2), 703 Cornell
- o Memorial Tree Planting (Feb 14, 2014/Approved by Council Mar 17, 2014)
- 7. Visit, summarize and evaluate condition of public open space, parks, ball fields & recreational facilities that fall within the city's jurisdiction

To Date:

- o Tom Bates Field fees presentation Feb 14, 2014
- o Friends of Albany Parks Program:
  - Memorial Park Gala: April 3, 2014; Clean Up Event: April 19, 2014 (Pearson, Kindle)
  - Jewel's Terrace Park Gala: May 1, 2014; Clean Up Event: May 17, 2014 (Nason, So)
  - Ocean View Park Gala: June 5, 2014; (Pearson, Abbott)

Upcoming:

- OVP Clean-up Event June 21, 2014
- Dartmouth Tot Lot: September 2014
- (October-November): Albany Hill, Creekside Park, Albany Bulb, Ohlone Greenway
- Albany Little League Field Maintenance Presentation (July)
- 8. Annual review of the city's recreational programming, as needed

To Date:

o Presentation from Albany Friendship Club, April 10, 2014

Upcoming:

• Teen Center, July 10, 2014

# Relation to City Council Strategic Plan

The Commission's 2014 priority projects will help implement City Council Strategic Plan Objective "Maximize Parks and Open Space" by improving the parks and space we have, to provide the community with attractive and inviting recreational and open spaces.

The Commission's 2014 priority projects will help implement City Council Strategic Plan Objective "Engage our Diverse Community" by engaging a broad range of community members to participate in the planning process for the Ohlone Greenway amenities.

The Commission's 2014 priority projects will help implement City Council Strategic Plan Objective "Foster Community Climate Action" by increasing community participation in community gardens, active transportation and tree planting events.