



**CITY OF ALBANY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

2017 - 2019 Work Plan

Approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission: March 9, 2017

Approved by the City Council: March 20, 2017

Background

The following work plan identifies recent accomplishments and priority work items for the upcoming work plan period. The work plan includes items identified as priority projects within the City Council's Strategic Plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall review the work plan each year in January to identify accomplishments and ensure continued focus on completing work plan items. Work plans are presented to the Council every two years, and if a change is needed to the work plan outside of that schedule, the Parks and Recreation Commission shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

Parks and Recreation Commission Purpose

The Park & Recreation Commission advises the City Council on all matters of public recreation, public park facilities and public landscaping (including street trees and parkways) in the City; Formulate (review) the Master Plan for recreation; Make recommendations to the City Council regarding the acquisition and maintenance of parks, playgrounds and recreation centers; and, Promote recreation and encourage public agencies and private parties to develop recreational facilities and programs that benefit the citizens of Albany.

Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments

- Created a priority list and received approval from EBRPD for Measure WW projects
- Developed design for Ohlone Greenway/Masonic Sidewalk Improvements
- Approved Memorial Park Bathroom renovation design
- Approved Memorial Park Tot lot improvements
- Hosted a community workshop for Albany Hill Creekside Park Master plan projects
- Reviewed 20 Street Tree Removal Applications
- Participated and supported 13 Friends of Albany Parks events
- Hosted a workshop on AB 2404 Fair Play in Sports
- Partnered with Arts Committee to install 2 public art projects in the Ohlone Greenway

2017-2019 Policy Review and Initiatives

- **Council:** Prioritize Albany Hill projects: Include projects in CIP funded by Measure R (Spring 2017)

- **Council:** Construct Phase I Peggy Thomsen Pierce St. Park: Complete construction (FY 2017-18)
- **Council:** Increase outdoor seating areas: Investigate outdoor seating opportunities on Ohlone greenway and Solano Ave. (Parklet/Ohlone Greenway Plaza) (FY 2017-18)
- **Council:** Develop Ohlone Greenway recreation and aesthetic opportunities: Construct approved plans for Ohlone Greenway (FY 2017-18)
- **Commission:** Single stall gender neutral bathroom signage: make sign recommendation to City Council (Spring 2017)
- **Commission/CIP:** Review designs and complete construction of Measure WW funded Projects: Memorial Park Tot Improvements (Spring/Summer 2017), Memorial Park Bathroom Renovation (Summer 2017), Dartmouth Tot Lot Improvements (Summer 2017), Ohlone Greenway/Masonic Sidewalk Project (Summer 2017)
- **Commission/CIP:** Design and construct Albany Hill Access and Trail projects funded by Measure R (FY 2017-2019) Deadline: September 2019
- **Commission:** Review dogs in Albany Parks including Section B: where and how dogs are allowed to use park facilities
- **Commission:** Review park signage and establish consistent signage for Albany Parks
- **Commission:** Biennial review of Street Tree removal policy (per Policy)
- **Commission:** Investigate relocation of the community garden
- **Commission/CIP:** Review designs and complete construction of Measure WW funded Projects: Ocean View Park Improvements (FY 2017-2018) Deadline: December 2018
- **Commission/CIP:** Design and construct Key Route (FY 2017-2018) Measure R funds
- **Commission/CIP:** Design and construct Shrine Pocket Park (FY 2017-18) Measure R funds
- **Council:** Investigate funding options for retrofitting the Veterans Building: Consider funding options (FY 2018-19)
- **Council:** Review existing memorials and features on public lands: Inventory and evaluate existing memorials and features (FY 2018-19)
- **Council:** Create policies concerning memorials on public lands: Research peer city policies (FY 2018-19)
- **Commission:** Investigate possible locations for Mountain Biking Park
- **Council:** Begin planning future phases of Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park, including possibility of creating a sports field

Ongoing:

- **Commission:** Review Street Tree Removal Applications
- **Commission:** Support and Participate in Friends of Albany Parks Program
- **Commission:** Review status of AB 2404 twice per year