

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: May 3, 2021
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Review of Advisory Body Work Plans

REPORT BY: Anne Hsu, City Clerk

SUMMARY

This report introduces the 2021-2023 Advisory Body Work Plans as developed by the Advisory Bodies to the City Council. The work plans are submitted to the City Council by the Advisory Bodies for Council review and approval. The work plans cover a period of two years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. Receive presentations regarding the work plans developed by the Arts Committee and the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission.
2. Provide any comments or direction regarding the proposed work plans.
3. Approve work plans for implementation by the Advisory Bodies.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Advisory Bodies to the City Council include the Arts Committee, Charter Review Committee, Climate Action Committee, Community Media Access Committee, Economic Development Committee, Financial Advisory Committee, Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, Social & Economic Justice Commission, and the Transportation Commission. The Police & Fire Pension Board is defined in the City Charter for specific focused purposes, and as such does not complete a work plan. The Police & Fire Pension Board oversees the investments and stability of the retirement plan for public safety employees who were hired prior to July 1, 1971.

Per Council action in February 2015, the Council will now receive work plan presentations every two years. The review of the work plans is intended to highlight recent accomplishments and outline priority focus areas for each of the Advisory Bodies. The work plans are also intended to help further the Council's Strategic Plan and denote relativity to the Strategic Plan when applicable. The work plans are to prioritize implementation of the Council's Strategic Plan. The current City Council Strategic Plan runs through June 30, 2021. As the Council initiates an update to the Strategic Plan, additional goals and objectives may need to be incorporated into certain advisory body work plans as relevant.

In addition, per Council policy, should any changes to a Council approved work plan be desired by an advisory body, a “Work Plan Amendment Request” must be submitted by the Advisory Body to the Council for review and approval. No changes can be requested after November 1st in the second year of the work plan.

Work plan presentations by the remaining Advisory Bodies to the City Council will be scheduled over the course of the next several Council meetings.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

A number of the priority projects, policy and/or programs included on the work plans include opportunities to increase sustainability within the City.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Attachments

1. Arts Committee Work Plan with Public Art Projects Plan 2021-2023
2. Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission Work Plan 2021-2023



CITY OF ALBANY
Albany Arts Committee

2021 - 2023 Work Plan

Approved by the Albany Arts Committee: April 12, 2021

Approved by the City Council: XXX

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 Albany Arts Committee 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 Albany Arts Committee shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

Albany Arts Committee Purpose

Advise the City Council on cultural and artistic matters within the City including the acquisition and placement of public art. The Committee adheres to the Public Arts Master Plan, the Art in Public Places Ordinance and the Public Arts Project Plan in order to support, develop and promote art in Albany and increase the economic vitality of the City.

Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments

- Selected three sculptures for the Sculpture Loan Program and installation sites have been chosen along the Ohlone Greenway.
- Through the selection process outlined in the Public Art Master Plan, artists Ximena Soza and Christian Munoz were selected for the creation of a mural on the side of Hillview Veterinarian Hospital and Dana Meyer Auto Care (660 & 666 San Pablo Avenue).
- Successfully executed the Fall into Haiku program in 2019 with 120 submissions.
- Met with the Economic Development Committee to discuss opportunities for expanding the arts and criteria for placement of murals and sculptures in commercial areas.
- Three successful art shows were implemented in the Community Center Foyer Art Gallery.
- Assisted Rebecca Black in fulfilling her Poet Laureate duties and extended her contract through September 2020.
- Consulted with stakeholders, planners, and the public on how to integrate art and art activities into the Albany Bulb.
- Helped organize the FilmFest, screen films, provide design and production services, and community outreach.
- Increased visibility and awareness of the arts in Albany.

2021-2023 Policy Review and Initiatives

1) Public Art Projects Plan 2021-2023

- **Sculpture Loan** – Provide input on the location and pad specifications of selected sculptures and up to two or more additional pieces/locations including funding allocation.
- **Community Projects** – Public art projects initiated by the community, an organization or an individual with an anticipated cost of under \$10,000.
 - i. Recommend funding for new projects.
 - ii. Mural Program – Creating public artwork that provides color and beauty to the community.
 - 1. City-suggested locations - Committee will explore the development of an application process for murals on locations identified by City Staff and recommend funding allocation.
 - 2. Community-suggested locations – Explore potential partnership with the Economic Development Commission to identify potential mural locations in commercial areas.
- **Public Art Project in Support of Black Lives and Social Justice** – Make a recommendation on potential project(s) and funding allocation. Provide input on a socially engaged project beyond a mural that still conforms to the Art in Public Places Ordinance and is in support of the movement for Black lives, Asian and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) and social justice.
- **Herons Sculpture** - Investigate options for the rehabilitation, relocation or removal of Herons Sculpture at Albany Bulb and recommend funding allocation.
- **BART Path/Pillars** - Research opportunities to place art on and along the BART path/pillars and recommend a funding allocation.
- **Utility Boxes** - Research opportunities to place art on utility boxes and funding allocation.
- **Public Art Installations** – Explore and develop new Public Art Installations.

2) Seasonal Haiku Program

- Administer program and explore funding.

3) Collaborate with the Economic Development Committee

- Continue to seek collaboration with Economic Development Committee in the creation of a mural program and on expanding the arts in commercial areas.
- Explore feasibility of public art in vacant storefront program.

4) Albany Community Center Foyer Art Gallery Exhibits

- Committee will resume the selection of artists for the Albany Community Center Foyer gallery when Community Center reopens to the public.

5) Albany Poet Laureate

- Pursue the recruitment of a new Poet Laureate and make a recommendation on the allocation of funding.

6) Art in Public Places Ordinance

- Explore the possibility of updating the definition of public art in Art in Public Places Ordinance.

7) City-wide Arts Promotion

- Explore ways to increase visibility and awareness of the arts in Albany.

8) Municipal Art Participants

- Recommendation to fund an intern, employee or volunteer liaison between Albany Arts Committee and current or prospective public artists.
- Explore the feasibility of an Artist in Residence for cultural programs.

Albany Arts Committee

Public Art Projects Plan 2021-2023

Presented to the City Council

CITY PROJECTS	ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FUND RECOMMENDATION	COMMENTS/DECISIONS
Public Art Project in Support of Black Lives and Social Justice	\$10,000	Make a recommendation on potential project(s) and funding allocation. Provide input on a socially engaged project beyond a mural that still conforms to the Art in Public Places Ordinance and is in support of the movement for Black lives, Asian and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) and social justice.
Herons Sculpture	\$8,250	Committee will investigate options for the rehabilitation, relocation or removal of Herons Sculpture at Albany Bulb. Cost based on 2012 estimate plus 10%.
Sculpture Loan Program	\$10,000	Rollover of funds from 2019 - 2021 PAPP for installation of two identified sculptures. Cost reflects construction of two concrete pads, artist stipends and plaques.
TOTAL CITY PROJECTS	\$28,250	

OTHER PROJECTS	ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FUND RECOMMENDATION	COMMENTS/DECISIONS
Community Projects - Mural Program "Set Aside Funds"	\$20,000.00	City-suggested locations (\$10,000) – Fund for the creation of murals on locations identified by City Staff for the purpose of beautification. Community-suggested locations (\$10,000) - <i>Debunking Stereotypes through Muralism</i> (in progress) or other project. Funds from 2019-21 PAPP have been rolled over.
TOTAL OTHER PROJECTS	\$20,000	

GRAND TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$48,250	Recommendation made by Arts Committee on May 3, 2021
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CITY OF ALBANY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

2021 – 2023 Work Plan

Recommended by the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission: April 8, 2021

Approved by the City Council: **Date**

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, Recreation & Open Space 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, Recreation & Open Space Commission shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

Committee Purpose

It shall be the duty of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission of the City to advise the City Council regarding all matters of public recreation and all matters pertaining to parks, open space including creeks, Albany Waterfront Park, and Albany Hill, street trees, parking strips, parkways, squares and similar area within the City. Such Commission shall endeavor to formulate a parks, recreation and open space master plan, select and propose to the Council sites for playgrounds, make recommendations for acquisition and maintenance of playgrounds for children and recreation centers for the public, and generally advise the City Council in matters connected with parks, recreation and open space in general. It shall be a function of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission of the City to promote and encourage among various public and private agencies and individuals the development of such recreational facilities and programs as shall benefit all citizens of the City.

Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments

- Reviewed 19 Street Tree Removal Applications
- Reviewed proposed locations for additional benches and recommended additional seating in the dog park.
- Reviewed prioritized list of Albany Hill projects and provided input.
- Received annual update on maintenance activities and current City projects pertaining to parks, recreation, and open space.
- Reviewed Memorial Park improvement plans
- Formed Dog Park subcommittee and presented findings to Council in September 2019. Council approved recommendation to transition Section B in Memorial Park into a dog park.
- Recommended the inclusion of permanent pickleball courts at Ocean View Park
- Provided input on the development of a Monarch Habitat Assessment.
- Reviewed Street Tree Removal Policy
- Received update on vegetation management activities on Albany Hill, waterfront and creeks
- Received update on AB2404 status
- Provided input on the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Request for Proposals draft



CITY OF ALBANY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

2021 – 2023 Policy Review and Initiatives

1. Provide input on the update to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*.
2. Provide input on priority project(s) for the use of Prop 68 funds.
3. Provide input on interpretive park signage for Albany parks when presented to Commission.
4. Provide input on a standardized signage program for Albany parks when presented to Commission.
5. Provide input on Tree Preservation Education Campaign for homeowners when presented to Commission.
6. Provide input on City Master Tree Plan when presented to Commission
7. Research the feasibility of a dog park for small dogs and/or other locations within the City.
8. Evaluate the need and feasibility for a public bathroom on the Ohlone Greenway.
9. Receive presentation on Forest Management Plan for Albany Hill including fuel load analysis when completed.
10. Provide recommendations for enhancing parks and open space, including Albany Waterfront Park, creeks and Albany Hill, and creating cultural facilities and opportunities.
11. Support collaboration opportunities with non-profit organizations on park projects and programming.
12. Review Street Tree Removal applications (quarterly) and Street Tree Removal Policy (every two years).
13. Continue to support implementation of the Albany Hill Creekside Park Master Plan.
14. Investigate relocation of the community garden.
15. Receive presentations on:
 - a. Maintenance activities, current City projects (biennially) and Measure M funding as it pertains to parks and open space (annually)
 - b. Vegetation management activities on Albany Hill, waterfront and creeks (annually)
 - c. AB2404 status (annually)

*Items included within the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update:

16. Provide input on the inventory and policies on the relocation and improvements of existing public and private memorials, honors, and other installations on public lands.
17. Provide input on recreational enhancements at Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park.
18. Provide input on recreational activities at all parks including pickleball, bocce, Terrace Park Playground, bike park, etc.
19. Investigate potential for open space use of Caltrans Right-of-Way and continue discussion opportunities for a bike park.
20. Investigate opportunities for improvements to the Key Route Blvd median beyond the Complete Streets Plan.