

Willard Clubhouse Community Meeting - Thursday, July 1, 2021 - 6:30 - 8:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Chat Log

From george jr to Everyone: 06:33 PM

Really don't want the building in any other location. The location by the tennis court is awful.

From Ashley Meehan to Everyone: 06:33 PM

I agree

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 06:36 PM

unacceptable on short notice not to record...

From Alex to Everyone: 06:38 PM

We have asked for recording in the previous meeting and that was denied, too. I find it unacceptable, too.

From Ashley Meehan to Everyone: 06:39 PM

I agree

From Alex to Everyone: 06:40 PM

I got my leaflet and email yesterday. One day advance is not acceptable, too.

From george jr to Everyone: 06:40 PM

I got the flyer in my mailbox. No email.

From [REDACTED] to Everyone: 06:41 PM

I got an email on 6/30 and a mailed flyer on 6/29

From Mary Oram to Everyone: 06:42 PM

It sounds like if you were on the original planning phase from months ago you were notified. But I was not aware of the initial stages of this process even though I live across the street from the park.

From Mark to Everyone: 06:43 PM

why has this mtg been called with such haste ????

From Larry Snyder to Everyone: 06:43 PM

I agree

From Ben Bartlett to Everyone: 06:43 PM

Feel free to reach out BBartlett@cityofberkeley.info

From Lori Droste to Everyone: 06:43 PM

Please feel free to sign up for my email list ldroste@cityofberkeley.info

From Mark to Everyone: 06:44 PM

I am on your list....2 days notice ???

From Elizabeth Greene to Everyone: 06:45 PM

Live on Oregon above Telegraph. Heard about meeting by neighbor.

From george jr to Everyone: 06:45 PM

Half a block away. Got the flyer. [REDACTED]

From Jane Fink to Everyone: 06:45 PM

Jane Fink - I live across the street from the park on Derby Street - I got an email from Wendy about this meeting 2 days ago.

From Wendy Wellbrock - City of Berkeley to Everyone: 06:45 PM

If you have questions, comments or would like to be added to the email list for future notifications regarding the Willard Clubhouse Replacement Project, email Wendy Wellbrock at wwellbrock@cityofberkeley.info.

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 06:45 PM

I live 3 doors down from the back entrance to the Park on Regent Street. I didn't hear about it until late last night

From Debbie Symmes to Everyone: 06:45 PM

Debbie Symmes, got the flyer only yesterday, heard abt it Tuesday in irate Next Door posting. Live 1.5 blocks from park. [REDACTED]

From Judy Kelly to Everyone: 06:45 PM

I received an email from Craig. We live 3 blocks from Willard and would really appreciate resuming the aftercare program in the fall.

From Susan Moore to Everyone: 06:45 PM

I heard about meeting from Lori Droste's email. I live 3 blocks from park

From David Davis to Everyone: 06:45 PM

Live two blocks away on College Ave. Play with my two young children on the grass, wall and playground. Tennis when lucky. Heard about the meeting from the flyer.

From Jon to Everyone: 06:45 PM

Will we be discussing the budget and money allocation today?

From Elizabeth Greene to Everyone: 06:46 PM

We use the park to enjoy with our dog and other community mentors twice a day for at least 2 hours.

From Michon Pinnix (she/her) to Everyone: 06:46 PM

Hi, I'm Michon. I received the information from NextDoor. We use the toddler park for our 15-month old and enjoy doggie play dates. [REDACTED]

From Deebie Symmes to Everyone: 06:46 PM

Sorry ...where do we lose' the \$1.4 million?

From howard rosenberg to Everyone: 06:46 PM

have been on your list. received email distributed 10:41pm Tues. you think that's reasonable?

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 06:47 PM

no. Howard, it is NOT reasonable especially for people that didn't have time to plan to be here

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 06:49 PM

How do we get a copy of the slides?

From george jr to Everyone: 06:51 PM

Hats off to the late Bill Lispkey and Mr. Leary who was instrumental in the "new" park.

From Me to Everyone: 06:52 PM

The slides will be posted to our website. We will email the link out to the group.

From Wendy Wellbrock - City of Berkeley to Everyone: 06:52 PM

@Alex - The presentation will be posted here under Willard Clubhouse early next week.
<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/MeasureT1Updates.aspx>

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 06:52 PM

what was the criteria in who was able to participate in this online survey?

From Wendy Wellbrock - City of Berkeley to Everyone: 06:54 PM

@Joe - The survey was open to the public. Mailers were sent out with a link to the survey. It was also emailed to those who requested to be on the City's email list. The link was also available on the City's website.

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 06:55 PM

Hi Beth Alyse, I'm a neighbor across the street, my family overlooks, enjoys, and uses the park and playground all day every day. Waitlisted for child programs. We are pro clubhouse but VERY apprehensive about the external restroom as it will swiftly become a health concern as the original one has. We believe it should be indoors.

From Mark to Everyone: 06:56 PM

6 mtgs in 2019.....I live adjacent to the park and did not receive notice of any

From george jr to Everyone: 06:58 PM

The location of option 2 is awful. Nit wild about the public bathroom there. Going to be problematic. Not rocket science.

What happens to the potters wall?

From Wendy Wellbrock - City of Berkeley to Everyone: 06:58 PM

@Debbie - The approximate remaining budget of \$1.4M will go toward consultant fees for design, permitting, inspection and construction management.

From Mark to Everyone: 06:59 PM

older kids do not want to be treated like kids...forget that concept

From george jr to Everyone: 06:59 PM

Who, how often bathroom cleaned.

From Mark to Everyone: 07:01 PM

are we building a school ?

what about the impact on the adjoining property owners on Regent...building rite up to there property line ???

From rgtracy20@berkeley.edu to Everyone: 07:02 PM

I enjoy the park from my Derby St windows, as a green space to walk past, as a vibrant gathering space for all the young people living nearby, and for its service to all the children. I don't sit there, myself, but am glad its there

What's the buffer space between clubhouse and the Regent street house that backs up to the park?

From Mark to Everyone: 07:02 PM

the proposed restroom is stated as pre-fab...at a cost of \$504,000
who profits from this project???

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:02 PM

How long will the construction last? From start to finish?

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 07:02 PM

Option R2 is inspired.

Less change = less resistance

Perfect design. Upgraded and modernized without eliminating trees, interrupting the Great Lawn green space, and no weird gross bathrooms stuck on the end of the tennis courts right on Derby street where the bulk of the pedestrian traffic is.

From Jane Fink to Everyone: 07:03 PM

+1

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:04 PM

As taxpayers we have already spent millions on Berkeley schools. Willard Junior High is right next to the park. Why can't this space be used for summer programs, and community meetings.

From Michon Pinnix (she/her) to Everyone: 07:04 PM

+1

From Mark to Everyone: 07:05 PM

the design is massively flawed...what is the rush...you guys are already scheduling construction... what is going on here????

From Michon Pinnix (she/her) to Everyone: 07:06 PM

Would you mind posting Wendy's email again?

From Wendy Wellbrock - City of Berkeley to Everyone: 07:06 PM

wwellbrock@cityofberkeley.info

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:07 PM

How about using the old Willard pool area for the new clubhouse?
Can we negotiate with BUSD?

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 07:07 PM

+1 ...or better yet bring back the pool

What a terrible waste of amazing accessible soace

From Mark to Everyone: 07:07 PM

i have lived here for 28 yrs...we always used Willard jr.high school cafeteria for community meetings...why is that not an option

From george jr to Everyone: 07:07 PM

Yeah so busd not opening bathrooms and showers any more?

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:08 PM

As taxpayers we are paying for schools and more classrooms in the clubhous???

From george jr to Everyone: 07:09 PM

Agree re: option 2– I shaped building.

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:09 PM

I agree with Beth!

From george jr to Everyone: 07:10 PM

Yes!

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:11 PM

Thank u, Debbie!

From John Beutler to Everyone: 07:12 PM

Just arrived; are the latest options available online?

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:12 PM

err..Debbie

From David Davis to Everyone: 07:15 PM

Gorgeous sunsets at the park

From howard rosenberg to Everyone: 07:15 PM

George the Friends' architect was Mike O'Leary

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to Everyone: 07:16 PM

Mike O"Leary was a genius! And the most patient designer I have ever worked with.

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 07:17 PM

Thanks George, perfectly put! Totally agree with all you just said—great point about the Bay views

From [REDACTED] to Everyone: 07:17 PM

Public bathrooms should be well separated from the clubhouse building, and there include hand washing facilities

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to Everyone: 07:19 PM

Mark is asking good questions.

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:20 PM

He's referring to Alec and Kinga that have to listen to homeless people crying and screaming some nights thank you, Mark!

From george jr to Everyone: 07:20 PM

Right on Mark!

From Jane Fink to Everyone: 07:20 PM

Yes to the swimming pool

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:20 PM

Bring back the pool!

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to Everyone: 07:21 PM

Re-open the swimming pool!

From [REDACTED] to Everyone: 07:21 PM

There were meetings in 2019 that attracted a number of people and we had a chance to see the preliminary proposals

From Michon Pinnix (she/her) to Everyone: 07:21 PM

A swimming pool with lane swim would be great

From e to Everyone: 07:21 PM

Mark is right!

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:21 PM

What about using the money to come up with an innovative solution to ALL the homeless encampments!!!

From Carla Woodworth, Berkeley to Everyone: 07:21 PM

Kids need to be outdoors!

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 07:23 PM

WOW Kinga, hear hear!!!!!!

That is an absolutely terrific idea. More central location too. Makes perfect sense.

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:24 PM

No bathroom by tennis courts.

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 07:24 PM

Great points

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:25 PM

Could city staff post the plans in the park?

From e to Everyone: 07:26 PM

The park is in heavy use daily! Heavy use by residents and heavy use by students!

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 07:26 PM

This person is making more sense than all of the rest of us put together

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:28 PM

During the pandemic, it was almost standing room only as it is the only green space in our neighborhood.

Yes--where are the school board members? Are they involved in this planning?

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:28 PM

We must not lose any green space.

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 07:28 PM

This is true

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:29 PM

This park is great the way it is, yes!

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 07:30 PM

Yes!!!! To Peoples' Park!!

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:31 PM

Yes, again, to people's Park!

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:34 PM

Jim--yes, we don't have much open space on our side of town....let's not pave it over for a 5,000 square foot clubhouse.

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:35 PM

Keep fighting for the pool!

From e to Everyone: 07:35 PM

What about using the tax \$ towards ANY climate change solution? THOUSANDS of trees! ENDING Berkeley's HEAVY use of KOCH BROTHER paper products in public bathrooms, offices, and BUILDING MATERIALS! Ironic! Disgusting!

From Mark to Everyone: 07:36 PM

how much did it cost to destroy the pool? and again done without any notice

From [REDACTED] to Everyone: 07:36 PM

What do Rec Center staff have to say about the adequacy of the existing space for the children's program, especially when the weather turns cold?? The space seems so cramped for all those kids! Most are very hardy and play out in all weathers. But I feel they also need the option to come inside into a pleasant space

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:39 PM

yes. Mary, the KISS principle

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:39 PM

Anybody up for forming a group of neighbors and swimmers around the city to advocate for a pool? Berkeley kids need to learn to swim. & adults need a place to lap swim.

From Jane Fink to Everyone: 07:40 PM

+1

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:40 PM

Go Mary Oram! Will join you on this one.

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:41 PM

Go Mary go, you are on a roll!

Rebuild Willard pool!

From e to Everyone: 07:41 PM

They barely advertised this meeting. They always refuse to...

From Deebie Symmes to Everyone: 07:42 PM

can people please use their "reactions" button to show support for statements so Parks & Rec understands the poll

From Wendy Wellbrock - City of Berkeley to Everyone: 07:42 PM

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From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:42 PM

[REDACTED] wants on the list please

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:42 PM

[REDACTED] LeConte Neighborhood didn't receive any notices. Didn't get a notice from District 7 councilmember....no notice from the mayor.

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:43 PM

Bathroom by courts, stinks.

From howard rosenberg to Everyone: 07:44 PM

successor list to the old yahoo group that served Willard Neighborhood Assn is

[REDACTED] please subscribe if interested or ask me for help --

[REDACTED]

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:44 PM

yes, Kinga mentioned putting the toilet between the t courts if I'm not mistaken

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:44 PM

The latest proposal for the clubhouse really disrupts the "space flow" in the park and it would be a shame to implement it.

From Mary Oram to Everyone: 07:45 PM

The city always includes rebuilding Willard Pool as a possible project every time they propose another bond issue and when it is passed, it is left off of the list of approved projects.

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:45 PM

When we moved the tot lot to its current location the city landscape architect, Brad Richards, promised that the space next to the clubhouse would stay open.

From Mark to Everyone: 07:45 PM

as far as notification goes....the city is required to notify every address in an area of impact..

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:46 PM

Please preserve the open space.

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:47 PM

Why aren't having a Saturday morning in-person design charette? Drawings, easels, some coffee and bagels?

From Mark to Everyone: 07:47 PM

and notification needs to be with advanced timing...not 2 days

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:47 PM

This little park cannot accommodate the needs of the whole city.!!!

From Mary Oram to Everyone: 07:48 PM

Classrooms?? This is a park.

From e to Everyone: 07:48 PM

Why can't the afterschool program be run in the middle school! Its huge! With an indoor gymnasium!

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:48 PM

There is a school next door, called Willard Junior High School....classrooms in Willard?

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:48 PM

We are already spending millions on supporting the schools. Not another classroom.

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:49 PM

There is an entire school right next to this park; it has space for play, plenty of rooms for meetings and parties - what is the problem?

From Mary Oram to Everyone: 07:49 PM

Three times the size of the average neighborhood house is toooooo big.

From e to Everyone: 07:49 PM

Yeah, classrooms!! Who's profiting off this?

From Mark to Everyone: 07:49 PM

sounds like staff is the determining interest...forget the neighborhood

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:49 PM

Why can't the city management, such as the Mayor and council have a say over BUSD ?

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:50 PM

We do not want the L-shaped clubhouse (the latest proposal) it impacts the space!!!

From rgtracy20@berkeley.edu to Everyone: 07:50 PM

There may be concerns about mingling younger children with the middle school kids at Willard Middle School

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:50 PM

What is the deal here? Whose park is this?

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:50 PM

yes, thank you for considering a smaller building

From Karl Batten-Bowman to Everyone: 07:50 PM

is there a link to the L shaped proposal somewhere hadn't see that one

From e to Everyone: 07:50 PM

Mingling them is a problem? Wtf?

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:51 PM

Kids love to mingle.

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:51 PM

Bill Lipsky is rolling over in his grave.

From Ginny Sidells to Everyone: 07:53 PM

Bill Lipsky died, Carla?

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:54 PM

we sure should have a say!!!

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:54 PM

Hi Ginny--some years ago--Bill was so wonderful--he would nudge me 5 days a week on the tot-lot project. He was so single-minded--we owe him!

From Mary Oram to Everyone: 07:54 PM

Does the afterschool program pay for the use of the space? It seems this is being done mostly to meet their requirements.

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:55 PM

Only because of NextDoor

From e to Everyone: 07:56 PM

...did the people proposing the rebuilding have a relationship with the builders? hmm...

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:56 PM

Can someone please explain why we were only give only a days notice? Thanks

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:56 PM

Mike O'Leary did a lovely job of listening to everyone and creating a fabulous design.

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 07:57 PM

I think a lot of us only received notice yesterday

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 07:57 PM

We got those emails in advance, and a flyer in the mail.

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:57 PM

How about putting the design in the actual park?

From Jane Fink to Everyone: 07:57 PM

You should post on Next Door too

From Ginny Sidells to Everyone: 07:58 PM

Hi Carla, Stuart was also very involved in the tot-lot with Bill. I think it turned out well. Give me a call. Let's get together!!

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 07:58 PM

Hi Ginny--of course Stuart was essential with the tot-lot. Let's get together this summer.

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 07:59 PM

Who pasted that flyer at the toilet you should ask?

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 07:59 PM

I have a young family, and I just found out about this meeting; take a breath Eleanor.

From Mark to Everyone: 07:59 PM

elenor...i am in the park every day...never saw any fliers...sorry

From [REDACTED] to Everyone: 08:01 PM

The comparison is with Live Oak Park where there is lots of community meet ng space

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 08:01 PM

Eleanor--I walk through the park four or five days a week and didn't see a flier. We all love the park--and many of us have put a lot of time in improving it over the years.

From Alex Stec to Everyone: 08:02 PM

How does one get involved in the process *beyond general reviews)?

From Steve Morgan Haskell to Everyone: 08:02 PM

This was a great meeting.

From Mary Oram to Everyone: 08:02 PM

And Jim Roseneau was involved in building the first tot lot.

From Carla Woodworth, LeConte Neighborhood to Everyone: 08:03 PM

Did Mike O'leary move away? He knew how to engage the community--in a real way.

From e to Everyone: 08:03 PM

this is dumb

From Beth Alyse Guerrilla Makeovers to Everyone: 08:03 PM

Thank you, this has been great! I look forward to gathering together in person in shared community space one day

From Jane Fink to Everyone: 08:03 PM

Thank you!

From Joe Perkins to Everyone: 08:03 PM

Thank you for letting us all voice our concerns

From Karl Batten-Bowman to Everyone: 08:03 PM

Thanks

From howard rosenberg to Everyone: 08:03 PM

please also post copy of chat string

From e to Everyone: 08:04 PM

screen shot it