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CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

APRIL 24, 2023

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

From: [Amy](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Bidwell park
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:57:27 PM

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We have been waiting patiently. When will it begin? We need a new park! Thank you

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From: [Mayorga, Angela](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Cc: [Claudia Roman](#)
Subject: Submit written public comment, "Future of parks in the City of Hayward", 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:27:28 PM

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Hello,

Please submit written public comment: **Recommend Spring Grove Park upgrade,**
25610 Spring Dr Hayward CA 94542

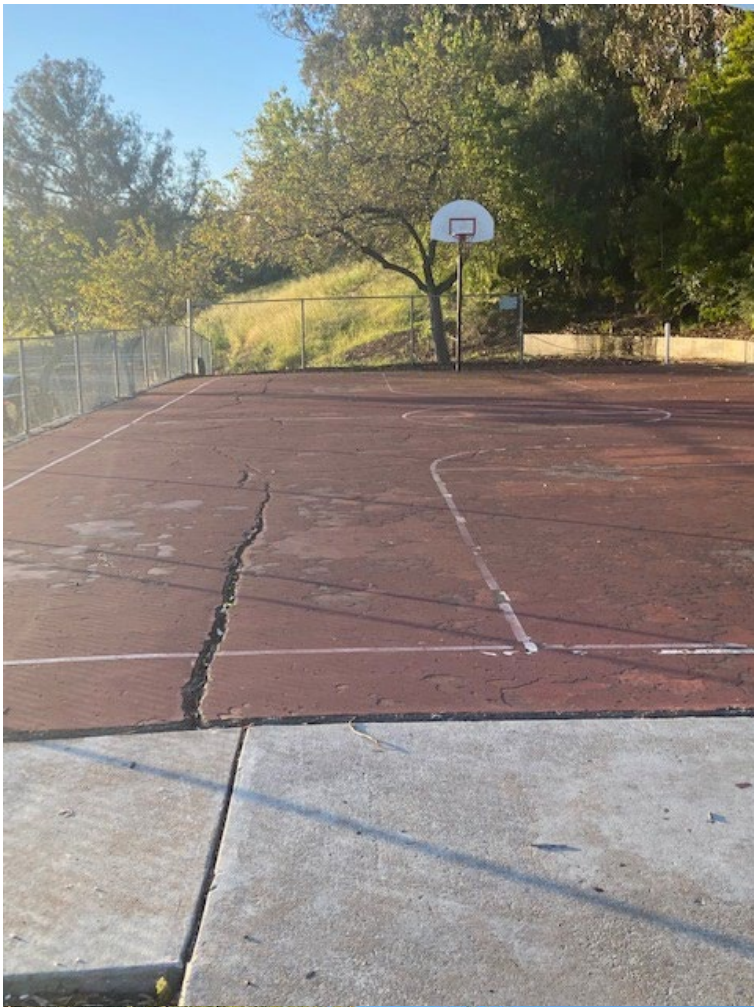
- Spring Grove Park is a very small nearby park in our neighborhood. Parents in our neighborhood have to drive to another park in order for our children to play. This Park is VERY OLD and in desperate need of renovation. Kids often still come to play basketball on the cracked cement but that's about it.

We appreciate the hard work done by Park and Rec staff; they have taken very good care of the park and the surrounding area. We also appreciate the garbage can right outside the park, it was a great idea by Park and Rec staff.

It would be nice for the kids in our neighborhood to have somewhere close by where they can walk to and play and get to know neighborhood friends and families.
a place they would enjoy visiting. Please help us upgrade our neighborhood park.

Pics taken on 4/20/23, water leak, looks like algae/mold build up, it's been leaking for a while.





Angela Mayorga

Alternate: 650-296-6666

Angela.Mayorga@fda.hhs.gov

From: [Arsenio Dimanlig](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: brett harte school
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:07:54 PM

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hello.

i'm a property owner who lives above the H.A.R.D. office and Brett Harte middle school.

i heard that Brett Harte is closing. will H.A.R.D. take over this property or will the city?

thank you.

arsenio dimanlig

From: [Arsenio Dimanlig](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: ward creek trail
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:12:23 PM

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hello.

the ward creek trail has been closed for a while now. i am aware of the issue regarding the closure. i am just concerned that the trail will remain closed for the rest of spring and through summer.

i love hiking through those trails. when will they be open again?

thank you.

arsenio dimanlig

From: [C.lin](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Public parks
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 1:55:19 AM

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Hello,

I'm a home owner recently in Hayward. I appreciate the city gesture to provide more parks. It's a good thing for the citizens. However I haven't seen any public space providing tennis courts or basketball courts. I lived in Mountain View before and I enjoyed very much in playing tennis but I haven't seen any in Hayward.

Can this be addressed by the city council?

Thanks. Calvin

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Cynthia Smith](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Cc: [Robert Covington](#)
Subject: San Felipe Park
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 1:54:09 PM

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Hello,

Our names are Cynthia Smith/Robert Covington and we live in Fairview. Prior to the pandemic, a measure went out to upgrade the parks covered under HARD. In the plans were to renovate San Felipe park which included remodeled restrooms and more picnic areas. There were signs in the park indicating this would happen, thus far all signs have been removed, a few trees were cut down, but no renovation, what happened to these plans?

Regards,

Cynthia Smith/Robert Covington

From: [Christina Fletes](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Future of Hayward Parks
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 12:30:41 PM

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Dear Councilmembers and HARD Board of Directors:

I write regarding the future of Hayward parks. My request is that all Hayward parks be truly accessible to all children.

Mia's Playground is amazing. But Mia's Park should not be the only playground where children of all abilities can play safely and feel welcome. For example, while the Kennedy Park renovation is very nice, there is no area in the playground where children with mobility issues or different abilities can play.

While I ask that you please consider these concerns on behalf of children who have different mobilities and abilities, all children will benefit from having inclusive parks.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Christina E. Fletes

From: [Deborah Johnson](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: HARD mtg comments
Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023 2:11:09 PM

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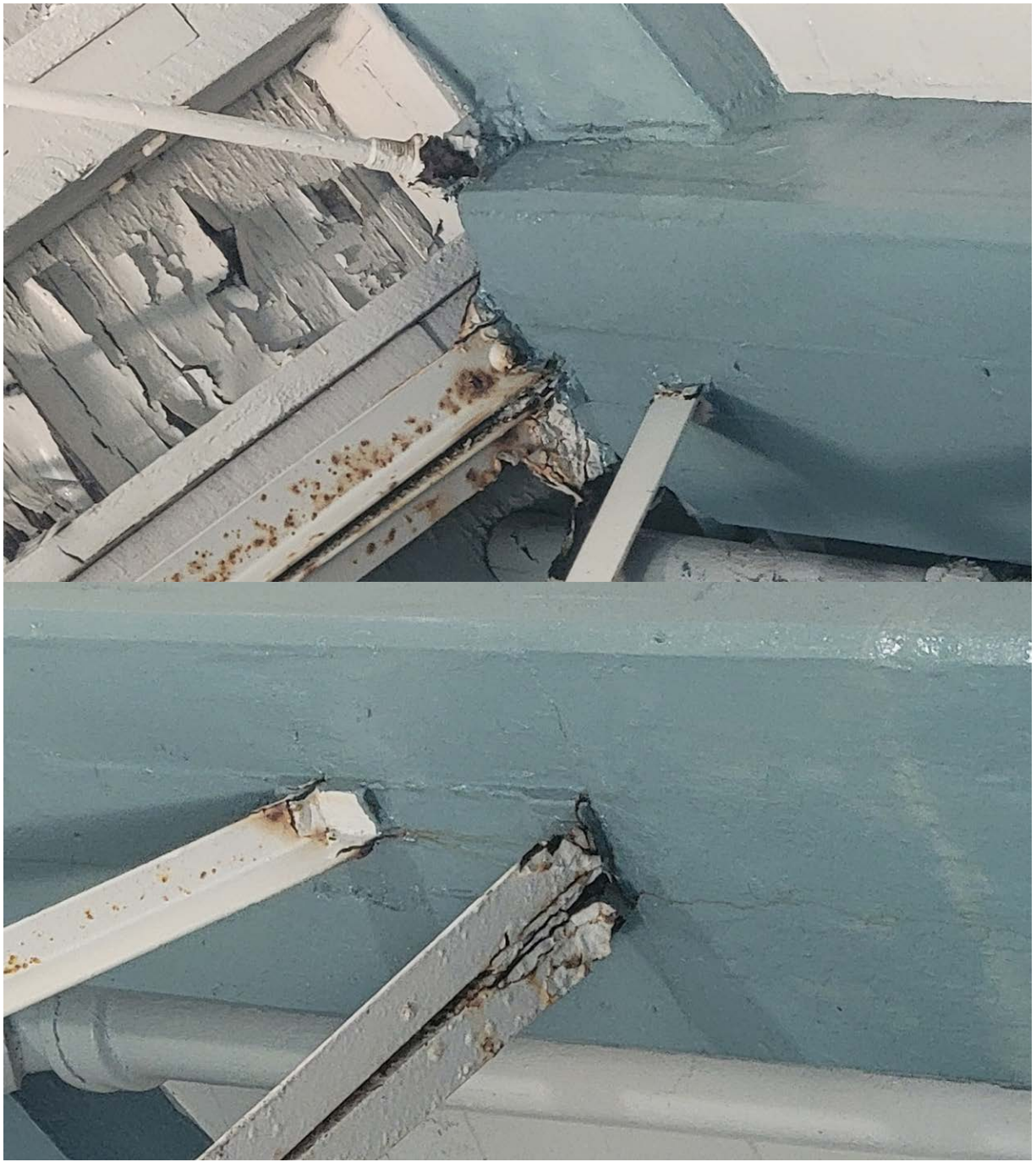
Greetings,

I have used the Plunge for 18 yrs consistently 3 days per week. As I have aged I have been more aware of the elderly that use this facility. The summers and weekend are filled with kids and learn to swim. But your year round clientele are older/disabled and we need the entire front parking area to be for handicapped parking. It's very sad to see someone with a walker having to walk across the entire parking lot, especially in the rain, to get to the door. We also need more upstairs bathroom space/showers. The upstairs is suppose to be for the elderly or handicapped and it's instead filled with able bodied people who refuse to go down stairs.

Also, the Plunge is in desparate need of maintence. When it rains, I watch the water pour down the wall inside and go all over electrical outlets! The leaks are from dry rot! Recently an earthquake support post broke loose in a small earthquake. It wasn't truely repaired, it was jammed into the wall, taped to the roof, and the area painted to cover it up. Scary!

Many of the earthquake support brackets are severely rusted in the Plunge and I doubt they will hold in an earthquake. The Plunge is what gives quality of life to so many seniors and our lives literally depend on it. Please please take better care of it and use the money that voters approved 4 years ago to get this work taken care of.







The senior center used to have about a dozen handicapped parking spaces next to it. When CA law changed and spaces needed to be level, you leveled 2 spaces and turned the rest of the spaces to senior center only because you were trying to save money! 2 spaces isn't enough! On bad days, I have to stop and rest in front of the Morrison Theater because it's so far to walk to the senior center because all the spaces are gone. I have been playing mah jong on Thursdays for 6 years and we seniors enjoy the social time, but if we have a handicapped plaque and no parking, we have to skip and that's not the intent of the senior center!

Please consider your clientele that is using your facilities and accomodate them.

Thank you,

Deborah Johnson

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From: [d.a](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Comment for 4/24 city council meeting
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 1:29:31 PM

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To the park district board,

Thanks for this opportunity to share comments and opinions about our local parks. I would specifically like to touch on Mia's playground. Mia's is beautiful and fantastic. Our community is lucky to have an inclusive park and from my observations it attracts a large crowd of likely non-disabled and disabled children alike.

However, happenings around Mia's park make it less desirable to visit at times and this is a shame. This includes adults hanging out in the vicinity setting off fireworks, injecting substances, drinking, and general loitering. I have often smelled the smell of cigarettes while pushing my child on the swing. As can be imagined, children who visit this park and who may have sensitivities to sound or health complications are directly impacted by the loud sound of fireworks or the smell of cigarettes.

I would like to suggest that more ambassadors be assigned to this park or to give more monitoring to the vicinity including police presence. While the intention of my comments is not to dissuade any adults from hanging out where they would like, there are certain behaviors such as the ones mentioned above that do not interact well with children being present.

Thank you,

Devin Aceret

From: [Douglas Mansel](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: HARD park maintenance (Future of Parks in HWD)
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 9:40:33 PM

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Hello,

I am providing input on HARD's management of parks in Hayward, especially the new one at SoHay. For the most part HARD seems to do a reasonable job of keeping parks maintained throughout the City and beyond. However, the new SoHay park (Mission Blvd. & Hub Ln) is looking not so great, or at least not as great as it looked when it was turned over from Taylor Morrison to HARD about 1 yr. ago. There are now lots of weeds and overgrown shrubs. The worst part is that neighbors in this area are paying over \$300 per year per household specifically for the maintenance of this smallish park, and I believe the annual assessment can / will go up closer to \$400-500 per household per year. It's the highest single "fixed charge" or "special assessment" on our property tax bill. So, for the amount we are paying, I expect HARD to keep the SoHay park in approx. the same condition as when it was turned over to them about 1 yr. ago. Again, now there are lots of weeds (yes, it's spring) and overgrown / unmaintained plants/shrubs. It'll take a lot of work to regain control of this park. I respectfully request the Council demand HARD find ways to do better with its maintenance or find other alternatives to having HARD maintain the park (e.g., use a private landscape maintenance company to perform routine maintenance, like the landscaping in the median of Mission Blvd.).

Thank you so much for considering my comment / input. Also, I look forward to the day when the City and/or HARD can build the new park on upper Tennyson (east of Mission) ... that will have amazing views of our City and Bay!

Doug Mansel

From: [Erika Crawford](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Joint Work Session 4/24 Comment
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 10:20:09 AM

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Hello,

I would like to add a comment for today's work session with HARD regarding the future of city parks. I live near the site for the D St and Clay St park. What I enjoy most about the neighborhood is how close we are to wildlife, and I love seeing the deer and turkey roaming around regularly. I would like for the park to be wildlife friendly so we don't lose our animal neighbors with the park development.

I am also really interested in land acknowledgment for the Ohlone peoples who originated from here. For all of the parks could it be considered to provide a tribal name along with the official name of the park and include that on signage? That way the public can see that the original people are included in our open lands we now share.

Thanks,
Erika Crawford

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jeisha Morris](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: City parks meeting 4/24/2023
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:12:57 PM

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I think having pop up events in the parks once or twice a month will bring people out and also help to support small businesses in the area. Kid, pet, and family friend event perfect for the summer time months.

From: [Jeff Bond](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Re: Hayward Parks comment
Date: Sunday, April 23, 2023 8:51:01 PM

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City Council & HARD meeting, thank you.

On Sun, Apr 23, 2023 at 8:47 PM Jeff Bond <jeff@inspect.net> wrote:

I'd like to make a public comment for the meeting.

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kHHplaJ4CLi8LJTjrPxQhAnce3XCFALZEogfUKReXZs/edit?usp=sharing>

Thank you very much, Jeff

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Jeff Bond, President

Inspect.Net, Inc.

<https://youtu.be/gxqOex8IKyY>

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Jeff Bond, President

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The youth of Hayward are our future. And some are at risk, their homes the unsafest place, so they escape.

And many, not by design, more like “falling”, end up at “the local skatepark”.

My life followed that path. Hard lessons sometimes, the term for falling off a skateboard and hitting the concrete is “slamming”, A good choice of words, it sums it all up pretty well.

But they were formative lessons, helping me develop the personal strength to become self-employed, raise a family, and learn to be of service to others.

Developing the courage to look not only at success, but to places where things aren't going so well. Where some help would really HELP.

Yet somehow, the time never seems quite right, to leverage the opportunity to apply some good medicine, at the right location, at exactly the right time!

Think about it, a majority collection of at-risk youth, all assembled in one location. A blessing for the community, an opportunity to inject positive energy directly into their lives. Many will do just fine, but many don't. And the difference can be as simple as actions that show they are appreciated, even if they are forgotten, or dismissed.

So please tell me about plans to support at-risk youth. Specifically, please express your personal support (or lack of) for skateparks being a part of the overall park system.

I can tell you exactly how skaters would look at it, if the community supported them. Great appreciation just for being acknowledged. Happiness for having a spot that is actually nice to escape and meet up with friends. Respect for the community who gives them a “home away from home”. And personal security, the opportunity to feel comfortable enough to work on building the self strength and courage life requires.

We know concrete requires no water, but skaters do have a habit of littering (the rebel part :) so I recommend lots of skateable garbage cans, right next to benches, that can also be skated.

You want to win a very tough war? Show acceptance, and ASK for higher behavior. Remember, many times kids are simply modeling their home life. Show them a better way, the help is greatly needed, and usually very much appreciated. Kids want structure, but it needs to be positive.

Just do it!

Jeff Bond

From: [Jim Clark](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: The future of parks in Hayward (Monday, April 24)
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 3:35:13 PM
Attachments: [signature.asc](#)

I am a homeowner in “The Reserve” neighborhood. According to Hayward’s website, the new La Vista park construction is slated to begin in the spring of ’23. As you know, our neighborhood has seen a sharp increase in crime. We have even had shots fired into a home.

The new park can bring vagrants as well as drug users and traffickers. We would like to know what the City of Hayward’s plan is to help us with this.

Thanks!

Jim Clark <>

prepare yourselves...

From: [JoAnn Dyangko](#)
To: [CityClerk](#); [Alex Tat](#)
Subject: La Vista Park status?
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:57:16 PM

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Dear Alex and City Clerk at COH,
I recently received an email that there will be a public meeting on Monday, April 24 to discuss the future of parks in COH.

Please provide a status update on La Vista Park. As you know, this park was planned as part of the 179 homes (The Reserve) and approved 18 years ago, back in 2005. All 179 homes have been sold for several years now, and still no park.

I understand construction was to start in Spring 2023, which is now. A start and completion date would be most appreciated for this much anticipated park. Thank you.

Best,
JoAnn Dyangko

From: [Kara](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Public meeting on the future of parks in Hayward—Monday, April 24
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:49:16 PM

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Hello!

Will the future of Skywest Golf Course be discussed at this meeting?

Thanks,
Kara

From: City of Hayward <info@hayward-ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:17 PM
To: Kara Michelle Borowski <keefetchunk@hotmail.com>
Subject: Public meeting on the future of parks in Hayward—Monday, April 24

Thurs. April 20, 2023

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From: kckate1246@aol.com
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: HARD/Council meeting April 24
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 2:47:00 PM

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This email is in regard to the meeting scheduled April,24, 2023 regarding HARD Parks.

There are two bridges in East Avenue Park that need repair. One was being addressed prior to the winter storms when a temporary bridge was installed next to the deteriorating bridge while HARD waited to repair the original bridge. Please see picture. Of course the temporary bridge is now impacted by debris that washed down the creek during the storms. The replacement of the old original bridge was already reportedly being addressed so we are hoping that repair will still take place in a timely manner.

There is also another bridge that is located just upstream, to the east, of the old bridge. Please see picture. This bridge has been collapsing into the creek for years. We are requesting that this bridge also be replaced when HARD is onsite replacing the original old bridge. This bridge give alternate, and sometimes easier, access to the lower trails.

Please forward this email to HARD and address this message if possible in the April 24 meeting.

Thank you,

Karen Carey



From: noreply@granicusideas.com
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: [BULK] New eComment for City Council on 2023-04-24 5:30 PM
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 1:50:07 PM

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New eComment for City Council on 2023-04-24 5:30 PM

laura mattos submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council on 2023-04-24 5:30 PM

Item: 1. WS 23-015 Shared Visioning and Program Updates - A Joint Work Session with the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Board and the Hayward City Council (Report from City Manager McAdoo and HARD General Manager Wheeler)

eComment: My interest specifically is in the Hayward Plunge. It is in dire need of repairs and upgrading. This morning over 25 people were at the 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics class! There is also a 10:15 class. This group depends on The Plunge for their health and movement!!! It is time to spend the monies that were allocated to keep The Plunge available for the public. This should be the TOP priority of HARD at this time.

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From: [Maggie Ballard](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Hayward Parks
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 10:03:03 AM

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To whom it may concern, return

As a resident of Hayward, I have found our parks are beautiful, relaxing and add to the value of living in Hayward. I wish that more people knew about our parks and the different things that they offer. I would also like to see more community activities at a park such as adult, kickball, leagues, etc..

Mahalo,
Maggie Ballard
Sent from my iPhone

From: middlewayinsight@gmail.com
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Public meeting on the future of parks in Hayward Public Comment
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:10:30 PM

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To Whom it may concern,

I am a resident and business owner in Hayward.

I have been concerned with the growing cost to access activities at HARD and the Hayward parks.

For example, renting a picnic table at the new Kennedy Park ranges from 100 to 375 for residents for 6 hours, Similar park reservation at Mountain Lake Park in San Francisco runs 41\$ for the entire day.

Another example a community center rental fee ranges at the low end 475 for 3 hours to 615 for 3 hours for a resident and for a resident small business it ranges from 495 to 720.

My spouse and I are sole proprietors doing business in Hayward. Both of our businesses can provide great services to the community- he teaches yoga and I offer group therapy such as process art. We would consider rental of these spaces to hold groups and classes but use of them would require us to charge community members a rate that prices out low and middle income community members. Frankly your rates price us out as small business owners.

I would love to see funding put towards beautifying the hayward shoreline along Industrial and Arden road and improving access to the shore for residents, possibly working with the power company to see if the easement can be used as a trail to the bay or opening up one of the flood control channels for a biking or walking path to the bay as other communities have done. Allowing better access to the bay will improve the health of our community members.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration. I appreciate your service to our community and deeply enjoy the beautiful parks of Hayward.

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Marhya Kelsch

From: [prwenner](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: City of Hayward parks
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:00:21 PM

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It would be wonderful to put a park at the empty property where Kaiser building was. I assume it is still owned by Kaiser off the corner of Tennyson and Hesperian.

Would be wonderful if they would donate it to the city.

Parking garage already there.

Paula Wenner

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Rebeca Fletes Aceret](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: H.A.R.D community feedback for 4/24 meeting
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 1:10:34 PM

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit a comment. I would like to encourage the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District to consider moving towards a more inclusive model for playgrounds. I would like to advocate on behalf of children who have mobility issues that make it hard for them to access tall and narrow structures. Upon the recent opening of Kennedy Park, I was heartbroken to see that there are very few areas *within* the play structures where children with mobility issues or different physical abilities can play; it seems this new playground was not built with them in mind. Now, this concern is repeating itself with the new San Lorenzo Community Park (phase 2) as it also appears that it will *not* have an all-inclusive area/ or all-inclusive features. This park again features a tall play structure, where children with mobility limitations are left to watch other children play from the sidelines. While Mia's is an amazing park, we are still not an inclusive community if the *only* park that includes the needs of all is Mia's.

Moreover, engaging in discussions with parents who do *not* have children with mobility needs also brings a similar sentiment about the new play structures across Kennedy, San Lorenzo community, Via Toledo, and So Hay Park. These parks are designed with large metal structures with emphasis on climbing and have less availability for swings and slides. Perhaps polling parents about the types of structures they would like to see their children play on could help. For example, the structure at Kennedy Park provides little visibility to see children when inside the Farm play structure (as it is not see-through). Most parents like to keep an eye on their child as they navigate the structure, but here you lose eyesight unless you are inside the structure with them.

I believe H.A.R.D does many great things. I love to see mobile recreation, community surveys, movie nights, and big renovations to our community. The area of park inclusivity and access for all in public spaces is one area I would like to see more emphasis on. Inclusive playgrounds take away from no one and benefit everyone. Please consider designing spaces thoughtfully and even more so, spaces that include people with disabilities in the design process.

Thank you for your time,

Rebeca Aceret

From: [Selea Olivier](#)
To: [CityClerk](#)
Subject: City Parks
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 2:32:20 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I would love for the City of Hayward to provide STEAM Activities consisting of science, technology, engineering, arts and math activities and events available at the various parks. It would also be fun for the children if there was a farm animal event available to the community. I would encourage having more hands on activities, so children can learn by doing.

Having more opportunities to play in a sand area would be nice. I would like cleaner, more unique structures being built, so children can explore and play more creatively. A large climbing wall would be fun.

Thank you