

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

From: Karen Bey

To: City Clerk

Subject: De Pave Park Plan

As a West End resident, I would love to see the De Pave Park project move forward; however, I would like to keep Building 25 in the park plan.

Including Urban Legend and possibly a brewery in the park plan is a fun amenity, and would enhance the enjoyment of the park.

One possible suggestion would be to have the landscape architect (CMG) work with one of the City's on call architects to redesign the exterior of the building to compliment the park plan. A quick research of their projects shows they have experience in this area.

I urge you to move forward with the De Pave Park plan but keep Building 25.

Thanks,
Karen Bey

From: [Patricia Gannon](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DePave Park
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:05:19 PM

Honorable Mayor Ashcraft
Mayor, City of Alameda
Honorable City Council Members

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and City Council Members:

Tomorrow evening the City Council will consider the revised Vision Plan for DePavePark approved last month by the Parks and Recreation Commission. As a long time member of Golden Gate Audubon and a member of Friends of the Friends of the Alameda Wildlife Reserve, I wholeheartedly support the plan and strongly urge the Coouncil to move forward with it. I also urge the City to remove Building 25 from the park site and provide a more natural place for visitors to enjoy.

The DePave Park as revisioned will benefit Alameda residents, the wildlife who depend on our grasslands, wetland and beaches will benefit, and the entire Bay Area will benefit. When completed DePave Park will adjoin the VA wetlands and transform the entire area and will sequester large amounts of carbon. This transformation will attract a huge variety of avian and other wildlife and could develop into a major birding mecca.not only for Alamedans but for visitors throughout the state and country.

I urg the City to move forward. Thank you,

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September 12, 2020

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft
Members of the Alameda City Council
RE: Item 6B – DePave Park Vision Plan
SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL

Dear Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft and Members of the Alameda City Council,

The Sierra Club wholeheartedly supports the Vision Plan for DePave Park.

We have been advocating for the creation of this park ever since the Alameda Point Waterfront and Town Center Precise Plan was introduced. It could indeed be “a place where people can experience the natural world in transition.”


By removing Building 25 and moving the levee, there is an opportunity to expand the tidal wetland and also expand the storm water basin to a larger seasonal freshwater wetland. The park vision offers amplified carbon sequestration and sea level rise and storm-surge protection.

This ecological park intersects with the future waterfront promenade park, which will tie together the entire seaplane lagoon waterfront, attracting residents, visitors, and business. Parks add economic value to nearby real estate. Thus, DePave Park will increase the marketing value for land along the north and east sides of the Seaplane Lagoon that could easily offset any loss of revenue from Building 25.

There is reason why the Recreation and Parks Commission prioritized and unanimously voted in favor of the De-Pave Park Vision Plan, including the removal of Buildings 29 and 25. Forward thinking for the entire area will make it a model for generations to come.

We recommend that you move this vision plan forward in order to submit a grant application in October to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and other possible grant partners.

Respectfully,



Igor Tregub
Chair, Northern Alameda County Group

From: [Patricia Lamborn](#)
To: [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: City Council Sept. 15, 2020 Item 6-B DePave Park Vision Plan
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:37:10 PM

For the Record, Thank you, !

Patricia Lamborn
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Sent: Mon, Sep 14, 2020 11:59 am
Subject: City Council Sept. 15, 2020 Item 6-B DePave Park Vision Plan

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Knox White, Council members Oddie,Vella and Daysog,

I am writing to support the Vision Plan for DePave Park-- sea level rise adaptive ecological shoreline park

This summer, DePave Park (on City of Alameda property) moved from general concept (on the shelf) to an actual vision plan that will form the basis for a detailed master plan, construction drawings and permits. The vision plan was drafted with input from local stakeholders. The city's Recreation and Parks Commission approved the vision plan draft in August 2020.

By removing Building 25 and moving the levee, there is an opportunity to expand the tidal wetland and also expand the storm water basin to a larger seasonal freshwater wetland.

This ecological park:

- intersects with the future waterfront promenade park, attracting residents, visitors, and business.
- is an advanced approach to protection from sea level rise--- natural adaptation

There is a reason why the Recreation and Parks Commission prioritized and unanimously voted in favor of the De-Pave Park Vision Plan, including the removal of Buildings 29 25.

Forward thinking for the entire area will make it a model for generations to come.-- The younger generation is looking at US right NOW to see what actions we will take. We cannot stay stuck in the past designs and land use. Humans reconfigured the Bay, filled in wetlands and are contributing to climate change-- and climate crisis and current disasters.

I support the recommendation that you move this vision plan forward in order to submit a grant application in October to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and other possible grant partners.

Sincerely,
Pat Lamborn
30 year Alameda Resident



*inspiring people to protect
Bay Area birds since 1917*

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
City of Alameda
Alameda, California
mezzashcraft@alamedaca.gov

September 11 , 2020

re: City Council 9/15 agenda item 6-B DePave Park Vision Plan

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

Please accept this letter of Golden Gate Audubon's enthusiastic support for the Revised Vision Plan for DePave Park presented to the City Council tonight. GGAS thanks Amy Wooldridge for her superb direction of the development of the Vision Plan over the past several months under difficult circumstances and for including us in the initial stakeholder input process.

The DePave Park envisioned here will benefit the people of Alameda, Alameda's wildlife and the people and wildlife of the entire Bay Area. The people of Alameda will have a peaceful new place to enjoy and learn about nature. The expanded aquatic, tidal and land habitats are badly needed by wildlife in this urban core; the habitat benefits are multiplied by the fact that the Park will adjoin the VA Wetlands. The transformation of this space from pavement to wetlands and planted areas will sequester large amounts of carbon – offsetting the carbon from the park's creation within 4 years and offsetting the carbon emitted from the original construction in less than 25 years. Left as is, the site will take 210 more years to offset the carbon emitted from the original construction. All of these are important as Alameda Point is transformed over the next few years into a busier urban environment. This will provide an important contribution to the City's environmental commitments.

The creation of this DePave Park is an opportunity that Alameda must take. There is enthusiasm for this popular concept and so many hours of work have been consumed to bring it this far.

We urge the City Council to consider removing Building 25 from the park site. Its removal would give park users a more natural space to enjoy; allow for a seasonal fresh-water wetland (in addition to the tidal wetlands), which would add a significantly more diverse environment for wildlife with a greatly depleted Bay Area habitat; and greatly improve the views from the whole area around Seaplane Lagoon. We understand that existing contracts must be honored but urge that any renewals of those contracts include a provision for tenants to move when park construction actually begins, which of course is a few years in the future. You may already know that most of the Alameda Recreation and Parks Commission support the removal of Building 25 to give this project its fullest opportunity for integrity and excellence. Building 25 is already at risk of flooding during king tides.

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Golden Gate Audubon has significant information about the birds and other wildlife that currently use the space in the last 15 plus years and know which might be attracted to the expanded area. We know of plants that are native to Alameda for the various habitats that are planned for enhancement. If there are questions we have resources to search for answers. You have our spirited support. We envision DePave Park as a stellar Bay Area destination that will make Alameda proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pam Young
Executive Director

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Council member Jim Oddie JOddie@alamedaca.gov
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cc: City Clerk Lara Weisiger clerk@alamedaca.gov

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and Members of the Alameda City Council; Lara Weisiger, City Clerk

RE: City Council Meeting, September 15, 2020
Item 6B-DePave Park Vision Plan

DATE: September 11, 2020

TO: Mayor and Members of the Alameda City Council:

I am writing in to urge the Alameda City Council to adopt the Vision Plan for DePave Park. In addition, I recommend two changes in the Vision Plan (1) decide now to remove building 25 as part of the construction of the Park so that the next steps can incorporate that decision, rather than deciding to remove the building at a future time when sea level rise makes the building unusable, and (2) move the picnic area back into the area along the north side of Seaplane Lagoon rather than within DePave Park.

Adopt the Vision Plan for DePave Park: There are several reasons why the Council should now adopt the Vision Plan for DePave Park. First, the next steps in planning for DePave Park fit squarely within the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's responsibilities and the date for submission of proposals for grants from the Restoration Authority is fast approaching. Receipt of a Restoration Authority grant would enable the City to complete much if not all of the work necessary to develop final plans and secure the myriad necessary permits to start construction. Second, the importance of efforts to limit global warming, including warming of the oceans, becomes clearer each day that our vision is obscured by smoke from wildfires, and this project will both sequester carbon and provide a small buffer against rising Bay water levels. Third, as more and more of Alameda Point is developed for modern use, the need for additional natural space becomes greater. Fourth, the proposed park will provide a location where residents of the housing being developed at Alameda Point can experience the Bay and a marsh habitat. Fifth, as the Department of Veterans Affairs moves forward with its plans for expanded wetlands within the Reserve, this park will augment that activity.

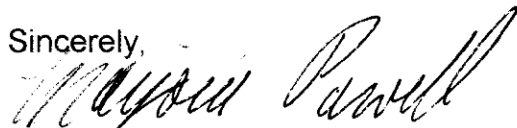
Remove Building 25: There are several reasons why the Council should decide now to demolish building 25 when park construction begins so that the Park development can include that land. First, it is more efficient to incorporate that space into the Park design at the start, rather than at a later date. Second, it will be less expensive to demolish the building now than in the future, when sea level rise makes the building unusable. I note that the City's 2040 General Plan would require that Building 25 be elevated out of the flood plain as the sea level rises, an expensive process for an old building. Third, removing Building 25 will increase the amount of land that will become wetland during high tide events and as the sea level rises, increasing the environmental effects of the entire DePave Park project. Fourth, it is my understanding that the building will require improvements in its electrical and possibly other systems in the near future, expenditures that may not be justified by whatever rent the building might bring in. While I understand that there may not be room right now within other buildings within Alameda Point, the current tenants could be given priority for space as additional parts of the old Naval Air Station are transferred to the City over the years of

planning that are required for DePave Park.

Move the picnic area: The Council should decide to move the picnic area further north, out of the DePave Park area into the space just before the entrance to the Park. That area will remain more urban, in contrast to the marshland surrounding the currently-planned picnic area, making it easier to maintain and clean the picnic area. Inevitably when people are using an area for eating, trash occurs, but it is much more difficult to remove trash from a wetland area than from a more paved space. A brief stop at the platform at Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary at low tide will reveal the problem, and there are no picnic facilities at or near the Sanctuary platform. In addition, people accessing food trucks or resting from shopping are more likely to use a closer picnic space. The seating provided by the picnic tables could be replaced by benches at various locations throughout DePave Park.

I urge the Council to approve the Vision Plan with two changes and direct the staff of the Rec and Parks Department to move ahead with a request for a master planning grant from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marjorie Powell".

Marjorie Powell

Alameda resident