

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

AGENDA 4-8-2021

Item 6-B

Receive Status Update and Provide Direction on the
Chochenyo Park Play Area

Public Comment

Amy Wooldridge

From: The Mannings <maryandjim.manning@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Chochenyo Park on Recreation and Parks Commission agenda 4/8/21

Amy
I am impressed with the thought that went into coordinating the design of the playground with the signage, emphasizing natural materials and a low profile. Well done!
Mary Manning

On Apr 2, 2021, at 10:30 AM, Amy Wooldridge <AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov> wrote:

Hello Chochenyo Park neighbors,

This is to inform you that on the April 8th Recreation and Parks Commission agenda is status update and discussion about the Chochenyo Park play area. The agenda is attached and is also available [here](#)

Pre-registration is necessary for the Zoom webinar.

For Zoom meeting registration, please go to: https://alamedaca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aYUe2dkCRtMrBv71ciqDwQ

For Telephone Participants:
Zoom Phone Number: 669-900-9128
Zoom Meeting ID: 865 8230 4476

Thank you,

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Amy Wooldridge

From: The Mannings <maryandjim.manning@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chochenyo Park

Amy,
I am impressed with all the planning that went into the four-colored design honoring the native people. I also liked the “train” design of the play area. Great job!
Jim Manning

Amy Wooldridge

From: KAREN LARSEN <alakml@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Cc: jacksonparkwatch@googlegroups.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chochenyo Park

Hello Amy,

I took a moment to view the agenda for tomorrow. I plan on being there.

I found it difficult to understand it without a site map presented in scale. Both projects seem quite large. Are they competing for the same area?

I think the Ohlone proposal is nice, but think a nod to the Chochenyo language would be a fit and perhaps take up less room. There are native speakers who can provide words which can be shown and defined on a board similar to the one at the end of the park. I think that would be fitting. I previously sent some words to the naming committee thinking the park may actually want to use one of the native words for its new name.

I have watched the park grow in attendance during this time and there are no shortage of children and families who play in the park and use it on a daily basis. Its popularity may remain after folks return to "normal". I'm so glad we kept the walkways as bikes etc. abound, as are walking and crawling lessons. I hope the women providing ballet "classes" for the kids continue. I think the park serves the community quite well as it is.

I realize the dye is cast and can only object to the scale of the proposed play area.

Please ask the staff to provide scale and site drawings. Without them I don't think a good decision can be made.

Thank you.

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Sent from my iPad

Amy Wooldridge

From: Gary Cates <glcbfd@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:31 AM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Play area Chocheny Park

We have lived across from Chocheny Park for 47 years. Our children and their children have enjoyed the park all these years just as it is, natural and beautiful. We watched them kick soccer balls, play frisbee and play pretend games about a magical forest.

A formal play area in the park would ruin the bucolic aspects of the site. It would also increase parking in an area that is already over impacted. Money would be better spent on improving the park walking paths which was improved but incomplete.

We support the creation of the Medicine Wheel and signage concept.

Thank you,
Gary and Mary Ann Cates
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