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Community Input for the Alameda Beltline Design Needed

The City of Alameda has the unique opportunity to design a new community park at the 22-acre Beltline located in the heart of the island. To maximize that opportunity, the City needs input from the community.

Community design input meetings will be held Saturday, Feb. 9th from 10:00am—12:00pm at the O'Club at 641 W. Redline Ave. and Wednesday, Feb. 13th from 7:00pm—9:00pm at City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave., 3rd Floor. The Feb. 13th meeting will also be televised live on Alameda TV, Ch. 15. Community members may also provide feedback through surveys available online at the Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) website at www.cityofalamedaca.gov/Recreation or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/playARPD.



This site is the former Alameda Beltline Railroad property. It was secured by the City at a very low price, far below market value, due to the dedication and advocacy efforts of Jean Sweeney with the intention to use it for recreational purposes only. This site extends from Constitution Way and Atlantic Avenue (by the Alameda Food Bank) to Sherman Avenue, by the old building that once served as the Alameda Beltline headquarters.

According to Alameda Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge, "It is remarkable to have this large of a site available for new park development in an urban area. Now is the time for Alamedans to design this significant and historical space from its inception." By comparison, Lincoln Park is 7.8 acres, Longfellow Park is only 1.14 acres and the City portion of Washington Park is 14.7 acres.

The City wants to gain insight and understanding of the community vision for the park to begin design and development of the Beltline area. There are lots of ideas about the types of uses that should be located on this site such as community gardens, wildlife habitat, playgrounds, and sports fields. It could be developed as a very passive park, more active park uses or a combination of both, based on community need and funding opportunities.

The community feedback will be compiled and presented to the Recreation and Parks Commission on March 14th for the Commission's final recommendation for City Council's review. For more information on the Alameda Beltline development, visit www.cityofalamedaca.gov/Recreation.

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What do you want
to see
at the Beltline?

Alameda Beltline Community-wide Design Input

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City Hall, Council Chambers

2263 Santa Clara Ave., 3rd Floor

Televised on Alameda TV, Ch. 15

The City of Alameda has a unique opportunity to plan and design a new community park at the Beltline. This area extends from Constitution Way to Sherman Ave. from Atlantic Ave. to north of Buena Vista Ave. Be part of the discussion and tell us what you feel is most important to plan for, from open space to active recreation uses. Surveys are also available via email, website and Facebook.



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