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## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

Council Chambers  
10980 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

#### 7:00 P.M. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Jennifer Kaczor; Vice Chair Carinne Brody; Members Lauren Dodge, Stephanie Ferrara, Hari Lamba, and Jack Rozier
- 2. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUCEMENTS**  
Informal reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the Park and Recreation Commissioners and City Staff.
- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
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- 4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUCEMENTS AND REPORTS**  
Staff and/or Councilmember Carolyn Wysinger may report on matters of general interest to the Park and Recreation Commission, Council policies, priorities and significant actions taken by the City Council.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on **December 10, 2025**.
- 6. EL CERRITO TRAIL TREKKERS PRESENTATION**  
Discussion and update on the activities, plans, and requests of the City Co-Sponsored El Cerrito Trail Trekkers.

**7. EL CERRITO COMMITTEE ON AGING RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file a recommendation from the Committee on Aging to review their 2025 Age-Friendly Parks Assessment.

**8. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

Commission discussion on Work Plan goals and progress including possible updates from Work Plan Groups and Community Group Liaisons.

**9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION RELATED PROJECTS**

Review Parks Projects Status Sheet of funded and unfunded capital improvement program projects related to Parks and Recreation.

**10. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Update on items of interest in the Recreation Department.

**11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Next Special Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7pm, Hana Gardens Recreation Center, 10870 San Pablo Ave.
- Parks and Recreation Facilities Projects Update – Ongoing
- Parks and Recreation Facilities Maintenance Discussion – February
- Park Restrooms Access - TBD
- WCCUSD 7-11 Committee Update - TBD

**12. ADJOURN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530 during normal business hours.



**AGENDA MATERIALS**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**January 28, 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM 5 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **DRAFT** Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM 6 - EL CERRITO TRAIL TREKKERS PRESENTATION**

1. Handout: El Cerrito Trail Trekkers Goals & Accomplishments (received before 1/28/26 at 4pm)

**AGENDA ITEM 7 - EL CERRITO COMMITTEE ON AGING RECOMMENDATION**

1. Recommendation

**AGENDA ITEM 8 - PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

1. For Reference: [Work Plan](#)

**AGENDA ITEM 9 – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION RELATED PROJECTS**

1. Project Status Sheet



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## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

Hana Gardens Senior Center  
10870 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

**7:00 P.M. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** - Chair Kaczor called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

- 1. ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Jennifer Kaczor; Vice Chair Carinne Brody; Members Lauren Dodge, Stephanie Ferrara, Hari Lamba, and Jack Rozier
- 2. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUCEMENTS**  
Informal reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the Park and Recreation Commissioners and City Staff.

Chair Kaczor reported that she spoke with the El Cerrito Trail Trekkers and gave updates about their public paths efforts, work on volunteer waivers and training, hopes to build a trail at Tassajara Park in Spring 2026, eucalyptus tree removal outreach, and the annual Hillside Festival.

Director Jones provided an update on childcare activities during the recent WCCUSD teacher strike including program suspension and alternative work for part time employees.

- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
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**Public Comments:** None

- 4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUCEMENTS AND REPORTS**  
Staff and/or Councilmember Rebecca Saltzman may report on matters of general interest to the Park and Recreation Commission, Council policies, priorities and significant actions taken by the City Council.

Councilmember Saltzman reported on recent City Council activities including City WCCUSD strike communications and activity, Swim Center Re-Plaster contract approval, upcoming Biennial Budget Cycle for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28, and the Coastal Conservancy grant award.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on **October 22, 2025**.

**Moved/Seconded:** Members Dodge/Rozier. **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the minutes of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on October 22, 2025. **Ayes:** Chair Kaczor; Vice Chair Brody; Members Dodge, Ferrara, Lamba, and Rozier.

**6. PARK RESTROOM ACCESS**

Discussion of park restroom system of using a key to access the restrooms that are otherwise locked to help prevent vandalism. Possible action to recommend system change.

**Presentation and Discussion:** Staff discussed and answered questions about the current park restroom access program utilizing keys that customers get by paying at deposit at the Community Center or Swim Center. Commission discussion topics include potential risk and liability concerns, staffing costs and scenarios to open and close doors, and other potential costs such as new hardware. The Commission requested cost estimates for staffing to open and close the doors at a future meeting.

**Action:** Receive and file.

**7. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

Discussion and presentation by Work Plan Groups and Community Group Liaisons including Parks Projects Funding Options Work Plan Group proposed 2025 Park and Recreation Commission Year End Report. Possible action to forward to City Council.

**Presentation and Discussion:** Members of the Parks Projects Funding Options Work Plan Group presented their draft of the 2025 Park and Recreation Commission Year End Report. Discussion included purpose of the report, priorities, building rapport with the City Council and community, information and data sharing, public-private partnerships, and the possibility of a Friends of El Cerrito Parks and Recreation foundation as well as providing additional information to be included as part of the upcoming Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026-2028. Commissioners created an executive summary to add to the report.

**Moved/Seconded:** Members Dodge/Brody. **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the 2025 Park and Recreation Commission Year End Report as amended with executive summary and forward to the City Council as a recommendation for future budget considerations. **Ayes:** Chair Kaczor; Vice Chair Brody; Members Dodge, Ferrara, Lamba, and Rozier.

**8. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION RELATED PROJECTS**

Review Parks Projects Status Sheet of funded and unfunded capital improvement program projects related to Parks and Recreation.

**Presentation and Discussion:** Staff discussed and answered questions about the Capital Improvements Program Projects including Hillside Natural Area Improvements and Swim Center Capital Enhancements.

**Action:** Receive and file.

- 9. 2026 PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Discussion and possible action to approve the Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2026 Calendar Year.

**Presentation and Discussion:** Commissioners and staff discussed meeting dates for 2026.

**Moved/Seconded:** Members Rozier/Ferrara. **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the 2026 Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Schedule which includes meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the City Council Chambers except in June and November. In December, the Commission will meet on December 9, 2026 at Hana Gardens. **Ayes:** Chair Kaczor; Vice Chair Brody; Members Dodge, Ferrara, Lamba, and Rozier.

- 10. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Update on items of interest in the Recreation Department.

**Presentation and Discussion:** Staff reported on Recreation Department holiday office hours, upcoming blood drive, summer camp registration and discount day, Crab Feed fundraiser, and the Swim Center holiday and winter hours and upcoming "Catalina" Challenge.

**Action:** Receive and file.

- 11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7pm
- Parks and Recreation Facilities Projects Update – Ongoing
- Parks and Recreation Facilities Maintenance Discussion – January/February
- El Cerrito Trail Trekkers Update – January/February
- Park Restroom Access – January/February
- WCCUSD 7-11 Committee Update - TBD

- 12. ADJOURN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Chair Kaczor adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.

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Jennifer Kaczor, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Park and Recreation Commission meeting on October 22, 2025 as approved by the Park and Recreation Commission.

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Christopher Jones, Staff Liaison

# El Cerrito Trail Trekker Goals and Accomplishments

Brian Richmond & Wade Huntley, Co-Presidents, January 2026

## Trail Trekkers 2026 goals:

**Hikes and Events.** Trekkers will hold the 12th annual Hillside Festival the first weekend in May together with the Environmental Quality Committee, the 2nd annual Public Paths Festival in the fall, and a dozen or more hikes and events throughout the year. We aim to have at least one event each month, and keep up the variety.

**Public Paths.** Our Public Paths Committee is working closely with city officials to develop a long-term process for city-nonprofit group volunteer work. Our goal is to begin building public paths this year, starting with a path at Tassajara Park. We may need vocal community support to see this goal accomplished this year. Stay tuned!

**Trail work.** Some of the trails in natural areas, especially the Hillside Natural Area (HNA), need improvement or major maintenance. We plan to organize trailwork events in the spring and early summer to make our trails safer and more durable.

**Habitat improvement and fire safety.** Trekkers will continue to support city efforts to apply for grants to implement the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation plan (HNA Plan), adopted in 2025. We will partner with the city in their efforts to accomplish the goals of the awarded Coastal Conservancy grant (about \$500k) to remove Eucalyptus trees from a high fire-risk area, host a wood milling demonstration project, and begin activities to restore the area with native habitat.

**Public Path signage.** We succeeded, in partnership with the city, to install trail signs in the Hillside Natural Area in 2024, but not on the other public trails and stairs throughout the city. Trekkers continue to work towards having all these paths signed.

**Preserving Open Space.** We will continue to seek the expansion of the Hillside Natural Area through the acquisition of Fairview Open Space and by obtaining easements on some private properties in the Hillside.

**Community building.** In addition to our hikes and festival and work parties, we continue to host get-togethers for members and friends to build a sense of community and spread the word about trails and open space.

## Trail Trekkers' 2025 accomplishments:

**Public Paths Festival.** We organized the first festival devoted to non-Hillside paths in El Cerrito, with the goal of raising awareness and educating our community about their existence, history and, in many places, dire need for improvements. About 125 people attended the five hikes over two days (Nov 1-2) that covered just about every path in El Cerrito.

**Trail improvement and development.** The Public Paths Committee met regularly with the city's Public Works department and presented them with a detailed plan for replacing an eroding trail with a robust path including stair treads and railing at Tassajara Park. They helped draft updated volunteer waiver forms and a volunteer

training process for the city to edit and review. The goal is to establish a working relationship and process with the city of El Cerrito to make it easier in the future.

**HNA Plan.** Trekkers played a key role as a stakeholder group in the development of the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation plan, and advocating with staff and city councilmembers to adopt it, which it did on June 3, 2025.

**Habitat improvement and fire safety.** Trekkers sponsored and co-sponsored work parties to improve habitat and reduce fire loads with the Environmental Quality Committee and Friends of the Hillside Natural Area, including an Earth Day volunteer event. We worked on French broom removal in partnership with the Friends of the Hillside Natural Area, and loaned weed wrenches to individual broom pulling volunteers.

Trekkers led the 2nd annual “BioBlitz” in the Hillside to observe and map the diversity of species that live there, documented in an “El Cerrito Natural Area” project in iNaturalist. Leaders Brian Richmond and Alan Siegel reported, “With the help of experts on insects, fungi, plants, and more, the group made 361 observations of 154 species within a few hours.”

**Hikes and programs:** Our biggest event of the year, the Hillside Festival in May, attracted about 350-400 people, one of our largest yet. Hikes and other events (13) were excellent and most were well attended. Our second largest event was the Public Paths Festival, noted earlier.

About 350 people joined 14 other hikes, ranging from tours of Point San Pablo, Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, San Francisco’s Piers, and Sausalito Stairways; to hikes celebrating the newly-expanded Old St. Hilary’s Preserve in Tiburon; walks through Wildcat Canyon; tours of El Cerrito history and of Kensington’s Public Paths; an art stroll; and hikes on biomes, edible/medicinal plants, and more.

We had a table at the WorldOne July 4 festival and at the Solano Stroll, and spoke with hundreds of people.

**Preserving Open Space.** We organized an event celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the acquisition of the Madera Open Space as part of the HNA. Attendees included some of the early leaders of the effort, representatives from the Trust for Public Lands, and newer members of the community.

**Building community.** Trekkers is one of many organizations in El Cerrito where people come together, share interests, meet each other, and learn. We thank everyone who has come to our events, volunteered, or donated so generously to support open space and trails.





**Date:** January 28, 2026  
**To:** El Cerrito Park and Recreation Commission  
**From:** Committee on Aging  
**Subject:** Receive and file Advisory Body Recommendation(s)

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### **ACTION PROPOSED**

Receive and file a recommendation from the Committee on Aging.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

On October 15, 2025, the Committee on Aging (COA) voted on the following recommendation(s) to City Council:

The Committee on Aging recommends that the City Council, the Park and Recreation Commission, and the Recreation Department review the COA 2025 Age-Friendly Parks Assessment and prioritize the four top priority areas identified to improve accessibility, safety, and usability of City Parks for residents of all ages.

**Moved/Second:** Members Martinengo/Cesa

**Ayes:** Chair Dr. Kwong; Vice Chair Watson; Members Akacic, Cain, Cesa, Kehoe, Lipson, Martinengo, Montemayor, Wagner, and Yow.

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

### **ASSOCIATED WORKPLAN GOAL(S)/AREA(S) OF RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Advocate for improved safety and comfort for seniors in public spaces in El Cerrito.
2. Improve accessibility and inclusions in City facilities and programs for seniors and people with disabilities.

### **Attachment(s):**

Committee on Aging – Park Accessibility and Safety Recommendations  
Committee on Aging Age-Friendly Park Assessment Summary of Findings

# **Committee on Aging – Park Accessibility and Safety Recommendations**

November 10, 2025

**To:** El Cerrito City Council, El Cerrito Parks & Recreation Commission, El Cerrito Recreation Department

**Subject:** Recommendations from the Committee on Aging – Park Accessibility and Safety Priorities Recommendations

Dear Commissioners and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the City of El Cerrito Committee on Aging (COA), we are pleased to share the results of our 2025 Age-Friendly Park Assessment. Our team evaluated multiple city parks, documented conditions, and identified barriers that limit safe park use for older adults and residents with mobility challenges.

Following this assessment, the COA has identified four top priority areas requiring timely action to improve accessibility, safety, and usability for residents of all ages:

## **1. Handrails – Critical Safety Concern**

Our survey found multiple locations where steep paths, stairways, or entrances lacked adequate handrails. Examples include the clubhouse steps at Arlington Park, multiple steep entries at Cerrito Vista Park, and sloped sections at Canyon Trail Park. Missing or inadequate handrails increase fall risk, particularly for older adults or residents with limited balance, mobility, or vision.

### **Recommendation:**

- Install sturdy, ADA-compliant handrails at all stairways, steep inclines, and major entrance paths.
- Prioritize the locations identified in the attached assessment.

## **2. Uneven Pathways – Trip Hazards**

Evaluators noted cracks, uneven pavement, roots, and slippery conditions across several parks. These hazards were especially observed at Cerrito Vista Park (cracks on the track and main pathways), Canyon Trail Park (pine needles and debris creating slip risks), and Arlington Park (root uplift).

### **Recommendation:**

- Repair and resurface cracked or uneven pathways, beginning with Cerrito Vista, Canyon Trail, and Arlington.
- Implement regular maintenance to remove pine needles, debris, and encroaching vegetation.

### **3. Public Restrooms – Access & Condition**

Restroom access remains a challenge across nearly all parks. All facilities were locked with no posted instructions on how to get the required keys from the Recreation Department. Restrooms were reported as outdated with worn floors, poor lighting, and leaking fixtures.

#### **Recommendation:**

- Improve restroom access, including clearer key procedures.
- Upgrade facilities to ADA standards, repair fixtures, improve lighting, and resurface worn floors.
- Post uniform, visible signage at each park explaining how to access the restrooms.

### **4. Benches – Availability & Accessibility**

Benches are inconsistently placed and often lack armrests needed for safe sitting and standing. For example, all benches at Cerrito Vista Park are located on the north side of the park, leaving the children’s play area without nearby seating for caregivers and grandparents.

#### **Recommendation:**

- Add benches near playgrounds, walking paths, and activity areas.
- Replace or retrofit existing benches with armrests/handholds.

### **Closing & Request for Action**

While resources are limited, these improvements offer significant community benefit and align with the City’s age-friendly goals. Enhancing park accessibility supports physical activity, intergenerational engagement, and broader resident participation.

We respectfully request that the Recreation Department, Parks & Recreation Commission, and City Council:

- Review these findings in detail (photos available upon request),
- Prioritize the four key areas listed above in upcoming improvement plans and budget discussions, and
- Share information with the Committee on Aging regarding plans to address these issues.

Thank you for your commitment to making El Cerrito a safe, accessible, and welcoming city for residents of all ages. We appreciate your attention and look forward to collaborating on these improvements.

**Sincerely,**

Dr. Pansy Kwong – Chair  
Mark Watson – Vice Chair  
Buddy Akacic - Member  
Linda Cain - Member

Katherine Cesa - Member

Carol Kehoe - Member

Steve Lipson - Member

Lisa Martinengo - Member

Elisa Montemayor - Member

Pamela Wagner - Member

Bruce Yow - Member

## Committee on Aging Age-Friendly Park Assessment Findings 2025

Park	Accessible Park Entrances (ramps and handrails)	Drinking Fountain	Public Restrooms (accessible and clean)	Benches Throughout Park (strategically placed near play structures, fields, courts, etc.)	Clear Signage	Drainage & Trip Hazards (standing water, broken sprinklers and trip hazards: tree roots, cracks, raised sidewalk, etc.)	Trash and Recycle Bins
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Arlington Park</b> 1120 Arlington Blvd</p>	One set of steps behind the clubhouse does not have handrails.	Yes + water refill station	Yes - locked - need key	Yes - recommend benches with arm rests	Good signage - but nothing about dogs and off-leash requirements	A couple protruding roots that could be trip hazards observed.	Yes
	Additional Comments: Only one drinking fountain in the whole park by clubhouse. Benches (other than one) do not have arm rests which are very helpful for anyone having difficulty sitting down/lifting off the bench easily. A couple of protruding roots observed. There is a steep stairway behind the clubhouse that has no railing - it is difficult for anyone to go down these steps safely without a handrails. No signage observed about dogs and off-leash requirements.						
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cerrito Vista Park</b> 950 Pomona Ave</p>	No - handrails needed on north side entrance, steep staircases from upper picnic area not accessible, steep incline at entrance on corner of Moeser and Pomona with no handrails.	Yes	Yes - locked - need key	Yes, but only on north side of park	Yes	standing water/puddle observed on westside of path makes it hard to use a walker / cane safely.	Yes
	Additional Comments: Not great as far as safety for seniors, however it is a very popular Park for seniors and caregivers using the walking path. Benches are only on the north side of the Park, none in the play structure area or on the bathroom side of the Park. Very steep entrances and only staircases leading from upper picnic area and lower Park where the bathrooms are located. Handrails are needed at multiple entrances. Bathrooms have leaky toilets and the floors need resurfacing - floors are worn out. Soap dispenser drips onto floor. Lots of cracks and uneven surfaces on the track/walking path. Standing puddle on walking path. All of this makes it difficult when using walkers, canes, strollers, etc.						

<p><b>Huber Park</b> <b>7711 Terrace Dr</b></p>	<p>Some parts of the Park are accessible, however it is very steep and needs handrail. Not good for walkers, strollers or wheelchairs.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes - locked - need key</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No signage observed</p>	<p>Not observed.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional Comments: Park is in good condition. Steep paths and extremely limited parking make this Park not accessible to anyone using a walker, wheelchair, or stroller. Nice picnic tables and bathrooms.</p>							
<p><b>Castro Park</b> <b>1420 Norvell St</b></p>	<p>Accessible entrance on Lawrence and Gladys, but no accessible entrance from Norvell near clubhouse.</p>	<p>Yes - dirty</p>	<p>Yes - locked - need key</p>	<p>Picnic tables &amp; benches by play structure need to be repainted and sanded. Benches/bleachers by baseball field (no shade available). One wooden bench in Pickleball courts (no shade). People bring their own chairs and sit outside the courts.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>A couple of protruding roots that are trip hazards observed.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional Comments: Picnic tables and benches near play structure need to be repainted. Only one wooden bench by pickleball court, people bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit outside courts. Need to add benches or bleachers by pickleball courts. Improve track around park for walking. Need accessible access to Park from Norvell near clubhouse. No hot-ash bin, but BBQs.</p>							

<b>Canyon Trail Park</b> <b>6757 Gatto Ave</b>	Two main access points to the Park - section 1 is not easily accessible and section 2 is accessible.	Yes	Yes - locked - need key	Yes	Signage clear in some areas of the Park - no signage on pathway from Conlon up.	Uneven ground on main path from Canyon Trail to Conlon. Overgrowth of vegetation.	Yes
Additional Comments: Restrooms were locked and I didn't have a bathroom key so I couldn't see what shape they were in. One handrail suggestion: There has never been a rail at the clubhouse path into lower canyon. It's steep and a handrail would probably be helpful. I wasn't there at a time when sprinklers were running so I can't report on any broken heads. Excess litter after party rentals and sports games. There are two sections to Canyon Trail Park - the upper section on Canyon Trail St (section 1) and the bottom section near Conlon (section 2). Section 1: there is a water fountain at the Clubhouse/ Prospect Sierra TK building, but none elsewhere in the Park. There are steps near Jordan for people to enter with disabilities, but nothing on Canyon Trail St. While walking from Conlon up, there was someone with a dog that was off leash. There is no signage at all on that pathway regarding dogs. Pathway has lots of pine needles which make walking very slippery. Section 2 (Conlon) - overgrown and not inviting. Weeds look 3-4ft tall. Main path from Canyon Trail to Conlon there are many trip hazards due to uneven pathway. Overgrown vegetation.							
<b>Harding Park</b> <b>7115 C Street</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes - locked - need key	Bleachers by baseball field, picnic benches in patio of clubhouse primarily for childcare, benches in tennis courts.	Yes	None observed	Yes
Additional Comments: Public restrooms were locked - keys for restroom rented from the El Cerrito Community Center. Adequate benches, etc. Seems to be used mostly for tennis, baseball/softball, and young children. No picnic benches or barbeque available. Baseball field and tennis courts can be rented. Clubhouse and playground used for kids activities through the Rec Center.							

<b>Tassajara Park</b> <b>2575 Tassajara Ave</b>	Yes, but angles of park landscape can make it difficult for walkers, wheelchairs and those with visual impairments.	Yes, but not working clogged with sand.	Yes - locked - need key	Yes	Yes		
<p>Additional Comments: Only one fountain outside at the clubhouse. Drain clogged. None by the tennis courts. Angles of Park landscape makes people with walkers, wheel chairs, and those visually impaired, including white cane difficult to walk in both directions. While I had no issues, others may.</p> <p>Walkway south of tennis courts needs clearing, angle of stairs to Alva Street should not have vegetation grown under center hand rail without yellow strips for the visually impaired. Pottery class has no rest room key. I informed someone that the Recreation Department offers keys with a refundable deposit, and that keys are not for sale. Please note by definition, the pottery class is a functional City program with Seniors actively participating. Lack of a key may be a problem. Back door is narrow, not sure if it is to ADA or fire code. No hot-ash bin but BBQs. Mat in the playground area is soft and may not support seniors walking to enjoy the play area with children. Little League locker was broken into. In children's play area there are cones and caution tape due to a hole? *Street sign is difficult to read on Alva and Tassajara (would not be able to see at night). Water faucet was clogged and the basing was flooded/full...water stream was weak. Unswept stairs on tennis court approach.</p>							
<b>Centennial Park</b> <b>Liberty St and Eureka Ave</b>	Yes	No	No	Yes	No signage observed	None observed	Yes
<p>Additional Comments: Park is well maintained. No drinking fountain and no public restroom. No signage.</p>							
<b>Bruce King Memorial Dog Park</b> <b>1600 Lexington Ave</b>	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	None observed	Yes
<p>Additional Comments: None</p>							

**Park Recreation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects, FY 2025-26  
City of El Cerrito Park and Recreation Commission - 1/28/26**

Funded & Approved Projects	Project #	Budget FY 2025-26	Funding Source	Status
<a href="#">Hillside Natural Area (HNA) Improvements</a>	TBD	\$510,000	California Coastal Conservancy & TBD	The City is pursuing grant opportunities to implement the HNA Fire Resilience & Forest Conservation Mngt. Plan. <b>\$510,000 grant awarded by the CA Coastal Conservancy will be used to remove invasive trees from 3.5 acres in Quarry Hill area and perform native plant restoration. Community engagement planned for Spring. RFP being developed.</b>
<i>Folloing the adoption of the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan on June 3, 2025, this project will implement the Plan recommendations as funding becomes available to protect critical resource areas, implement fire fuel reductions and native forest conservation, and fund maintenance activities as well as access improvements, connectivity and enhancements to the trail network that links natural features, schools and community assets. The City awaits the results on several grant applications and continues to seek out additional opportunities.</i>				
<b>Ohlone Greenway Improvements - Uptown</b>	C3069, C3084	\$227,000	Measure J , Other Secured Funding	TBD based on securing construction funding.
<i>This project will improve the Ohlone Greenway consistent with the Greenway Master Plan (2009). Improvements include path widening, landscaping, street crossing enhancements, and other amenities. The improvements to be designed beginnin in FY25 consist of a side path and enhanced landscaping between Hill Street and Safeway entrance, which must be coordinated with BART's substation upgrade and expanded footprint, and path widening, landscaping, lighting, and amenities north of Knott. The City is currently seeking funding for the construction phase because only the design phase has been funded to date.</i>				
<b>Swim Center Capital Enhancements</b>	C3050.9, C3050.10	\$1,645,355	General Fund, Measure H	<b>Replaster project began on Janaury 15th. Lap Pool has been drained and demolition begins on January 26. ADA Parking Lot project may be approved by the City Council on February 3 with work to comense soon after. Both projects may take up to 90 days each to complete. Lap Pool Deck Project funding will be considered in the upcoming Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 &amp; 2027-28.</b>
<i>The project includes various capital upgrades or enhancements to the original construction of the Swim Center. After completion of the Swim Center in 2004 and warranty work in 2005, there remained some modifications and enhancements needed to bring the Swim Center up to its highest effectiveness. After almost 20 years of operation, future capital needs are anticipated to include pool plaster replacement, deck replacement and new pool components such as filters, pool lights, pool covers, etc. Current Fiscal Year Project is the Replastering of the Lap Pool, ADA Improvements, Installing EV Charging Stations and required biorention in the Swim &amp; Community Center Parking Lot.</i>				
<a href="#">SEE DESCRIPTIONS FOR FUTURE AND UNFUNDED CIP PROJECTS IN CITY BUDGET: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (LINK)</a>				