



**CITY OF ALBANY
PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE
COMMISSION**

**STATUS UPDATE REPORT
2023**

Purpose of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission advises the City Council on public recreation, parks, open spaces, street trees, parking strips, parkways, squares and similar areas within the City of Albany.

Items Worked on During Calendar Year 2023

- Reviewed 11 Street Tree removal applications (*completed*).
 - 7 Recommended for removal.
 - 4 Retained (1 removed on appeal to the Council).
- Review draft RFP for consulting services for the Street Tree Management Plan and participate in selection of consultant (*completed*).
- Reviewed options for a pilot volleyball program at Memorial Park and made recommendations to Council to authorize the program (*completed*).
- Received presentation on final street tree inventory and its use in tree risk assessment (*completed*).
- Recommended proposals to Council for use of Soda Tax revenue (*completed*).
- Received presentation by Eagle Scout candidate for a handrail project along the Oak Woodland Trail on Albany Hill (*completed*).
- Received Staff presentation on parks operations and management, natural areas management storm response and design of a pilot curb and gutter passthrough bulbout (*completed*).
- Reviewed and provided input on Prop 68/Measure M Funded Projects (*in-progress*).
- Received presentation on an assessment of the Solano Ave Eucalyptus Trees (*Eucalyptus nicholii*) and recommended removal of 3 of the 27 trees (*completed*).
- Received presentation on Fair Play in Community Sports Act (AB2404) (*completed*)

Current Ad Hoc Subcommittees

- Flex Court Subcommittee

Prospective Upcoming Work Items Furthering City Council Strategic Plan Goals

The following work items align with Strategic Plan Goal 1 – Advance Climate Action & Adaptation (Goal: Identify opportunities to enhance City program for management of street trees):

- Review and provide recommendation on tree removal applications (4x annually)
- Review and provide input/recommendations on the Street Tree Management Plan