

CITY OF OAKLAND

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

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Agenda Items

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum
 - Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore
3. Modification of the Agenda
4. Disposition of Minutes
 - Draft minutes from regular meeting on **December 10, 2025**.
5. Open Forum
 - Comment on all items not on this agenda will be taken at this time.
6. Measure Q Update
 - Monthly OPW Informational Report on Measure Q and Performance Measure Updates.
 - No report this month.
7. New Business
 - 7A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
 - 7B. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to approve Brilliant Society request for vendor sales of merchandise, and wares at the New Star Street Fair to be held at Splash Pad Park on the second Sunday of each month, starting February 2026 through December 2026 from 11:00am-4:00pm.

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- 7C. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to review and approve artist project for one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000.00) for the installation of a decorative metal fence at Tyrone Carney Park.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

- 8A. Public hearing and request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to review and support the Scraper Bike Team application for a major conditional use permit for the installation of a legacy Bart car for use by the Scraper Bike Team at Willie Wilkins Park.

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

10. Continuation of Open Forum

- All final comments on items not on this agenda will be taken at this time.

11. Adjournment

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Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

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CITY OF OAKLAND

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order: **4:41 p.m.**

2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore

Present (8): Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, and Watkins

Remote (1): Commissioner Whitmore

Excused (1): Commissioner Tran

Absent (0):

Action: Quorum confirmed.

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept Com. Whitmore's remote participation.

Moved by: Commissioner Kos-Read

Seconded by: Commissioner Watkins

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

3. Modification of the Agenda

– **None.**

4. Disposition of Minutes

– Approval of draft minutes from regular meeting on **December 10, 2025.**

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson

Vote: Yes (8) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Watkins, Whitmore

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

5. Open Forum

- Comment on all items not on the agenda are taken at this time.

In-Person: 1

Remote: 0

Email: 0

6. Measure Q Update

- Monthly OPW Informational Report on Measure Q and Performance Measure Updates.
 - No report this month.

Com. Cervantes joined the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

7. New Business

- 7A. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve a gift-in-place donation for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from Keep Oakland Beautiful (KOB) for the installation of 3 cigarette waste canisters and signage in the parking lot at Union Point Park.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to approve the request.

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cervantes

Vote: Yes (8) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Watkins
No (0)

Abstain (1) Whitmore

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7B. Verbal Update on Capital Improvement Projects approved by the PRAC.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to revisit this item at a later date.

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas

Seconded by: Commissioner Kos-Read

Vote: Yes (9) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Watkins, Whitmore

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

None.

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

Announcements:

- Jasmine Bellow: Mayor’s Holiday Toy Drive collecting unwrapped toys at various OPRYD locations through December 12th and through December 17th at the Lakeside Park Garden Center.
- Vice Chair Omolo: Last month Chair and Co-Chair joined John Bliss at Sobrante Park / Oakport field to see Oakland Genesis Soccer Team and the public-private partnership. Discussed ownership of Sobrante Park and the lack of maintenance due to discrepancy in responsibility.
- Quincy Williams: Durant Park is closed due to violence in the neighborhood. In communication with CM Fife’s office. Lock and signage added to park. On 1/7/26, South Prescott will be closed for the foreseeable future due to encampment issues. Encampment removal set for 1/7/26 followed by a visit from the EPA.
- Chair Barach: Grand Jury Report – CM Unger, who chairs the Public Works Committee, agreed to possibly add it to the agenda for the January 2026 meeting.

10. Continuation of Open Forum

- Final comments on items not on the agenda are taken at this time.

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

11. Adjournment: **5:29 p.m.**

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Kos-Read
Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson
Vote: Yes (9) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read,
Thomas, Watkins, Whitmore
No (0)
Action: Motion Passed.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jasmine S. Bellow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jasmine" being more prominent than the last name "Bellow".

Jasmine S. Bellow

Executive Assistant to the Director

PRAC Recording Secretary

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CITY OF OAKLAND
Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development

TO: Marc Barach, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
FROM: Tanya Nicholson
DATE: January 7, 2026
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (PRAC) TO APPROVE BRILLIANT SOCIETY REQUEST FOR VENDOR SALES OF MERCHANDISE, AND WARES AT THE NEW STAR STREET FAIR TO BE HELD AT SPLASH PAD PARK ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING FEBRUARY 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 2026 FROM 11:00AM-4:00PM.

SUMMARY

Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development received a request from Xitlaly Pena, with Brilliant Society a commercial organization that seeks to uplift local artists, merchants, and entrepreneurs by providing a space for them to connect and create community.

Brilliant Society is requesting to host their New Star Street Fair with vendor sales of merchandise and wares to be held at Splash Pad Park on the second Sunday of each month, starting February 2026 through December 2026. The applicant is aware of the additional permits required. Approval from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission is required per the O.M.C. section 12.64.080.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Brilliant Society launched in the summer of 2025, their goal is to uplift local artists, merchants, and entrepreneurs by providing a space for them to connect and create community. Their fairs are always free to the public, family-friendly and pet-friendly. They tend to have a younger demographic that attends, ranging from high schoolers to college graduates. They continue to operate in Berkeley, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, and San Jose.

PROJECT / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Brilliant Society New Star Street Fair will take place from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is free and open to the public. The event will consist of vendors showcasing and selling their merchandise which is typically clothing, handmade crafts and jewelry. Vendors will collect funds on-site for the sales of their goods, ranging from \$5 to \$1,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development. Brilliant Society is paying the associated rental fees for the event.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

Brilliant Society events are widely promoted through social media, community flyers, and partnerships with local artists and businesses.

COORDINATION

OPRYD staff works closely with the event promoter to ensure the reservation process is followed and the required permits are obtained and submitted to finalize reservations.

- Site walkthrough with event promoter and OPRYD/OPW staff
- Submit completed rental application for processing
- Submission of PRAC Proposal Letter
- Pay OPRYD, OFD, OPD applicable fees
- Certificate of Insurance
- Oakland Business License from Vendors
- OPD, Police Services and/or Security Guard Agreement (security guard must be license and bonded)
- Portable restroom (standard/ADA) and handwashing station agreement
- Waste Reduction Plan (trash/recycling)
- Additional litter boxes can be purchased from OPW
- Marketing flier
- After event walkthrough with OPRYD staff and event promoter
- Post Event Report is due 30 days after event

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission approve Brilliant Society request for vendor sales of merchandise, and wares at the New Star Street Fair to be held at Splash Pad Park on the second Sunday of each month, starting February 2026 through December 2026 from 11:00am-4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya Nicholson
Tanya Nicholson (Jan 7, 2026 15:04:26 PST)

Prepared by:
Tanya Nicholson
Public Service Representative

Zemaine Thomas
Zemaine Thomas (Jan 7, 2026 15:05:08 PST)

Reviewed by:
Zemaine Thomas
Special Events Coordinator


Sarah Herbelin (Jan 7, 2026 15:26:58 PST)

Approved by:
Sarah Herbelin
Assistant Director, OPRYD


Myka Hammock (Jan 8, 2026 16:46:03 PST)

Approved by:
Myka Hammock
Interim Director, OPRYD

Identification of Support Documents:

Attachments: Exhibit A – Brilliant Society Proposal Letter

Exhibit A

Brilliant Society

2536 8th Ave, Oakland CA 94606

Xitlaly Peña

xitlaly@brilliantstarsociety.com

(500)200-8597,

11/24/2025

Dear Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission,

On behalf of Brilliant Society please accept this Proposal Letter as part of our application for the use of **Splash Pad Park** on the **2nd Sunday of the month, starting February 8th 2026, (March 8, Apr 12, May 10, Jun15, Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13)** from **11AM to 4PM** for the purpose of **our community event titled New Star Street Fair**.

Brilliant Society is a commercial organization that seeks to uplift local artists, merchants, and entrepreneurs by providing a space for them to connect and create community. Launched in the summer of 2025, we have worked to go beyond vendor pop-up markets and contribute to district foot-traffic and community. Our events are always free to the public, family-friendly and pet-friendly. We tend to have a younger demographic, ranging from high schoolers to college graduates. We operate in Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, Berkeley and Campbell.

Events are planned to take place from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Load-in would begin at 7:00am until 11:30am and load-out would be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. During the event, vendors will sell and showcase their merchandise which is typically clothing, handmade crafts and jewelry. We are aware that we are working with rough estimates and measurements of the area and are happy to adjust any number of vendors if needed. We are open to collaborating with near-by businesses to participate in a “Shop Splash Pad” passport that encourages people to wander in the vicinity. Adding on art workshops with local artists, as well as music, dancing, and other interactive groups would also be an addition approved by the City of Oakland.

(i.e., donations, registrations fees, sponsorships, door ticket sales, sale of goods by vendors) Make sure to includes an itemized dollar amount of all monies being requested to collect onsite.

Vendors would be the ones collecting funds onsite with the exchange of purchases, which can range from \$5 to \$50; it is up to the vendor whether they are experienced or starting out. Vendor sales can range from the low hundreds into the thousands. Admission is free and open to anyone who wants to browse. We generally don't have a set list of vendors until the location has been approved and we announce an application. Upon approval, we can provide proof of liability insurance.

Brilliant Society's goal is to create a space for small businesses to thrive; while we work with existing storefronts for collaboration, we generally get more interested from those that conduct their business from their home and need a space to connect with the community on a personal level. Merchants have been building a network within Brilliant Society and tend to go to sites that are closer in location– this means if a merchant is based in Oakland, they will aim to attend Oakland events to build their business and network.

The entrepreneurs that vend in this space will benefit from the funds collected from public consumers. Brilliant Society makes profit from vendor application fees that are used to pay for all Special Event fees. We welcome any sponsors and funding to help keep these community events going, but currently Brilliant Society pays for all space related fees.

We plan to reach out to the public via our own marketing (social media), hanging physical flyers around the area, reaching out to libraries, museums, and business improvement districts to circulate our event. Additionally, we partner with Alameda County high schools to provide supervised volunteer roles and a curated “Youth Makers Row”: proceeds from sponsorships help fund our goal of a permanent youth certificate program (entrepreneurship, compliance, customer service, and pop-up retail basics).

Thank you, Commissioners, and the OPRYD staff for your support in ensuring our event is successful.

Sincerely,
Xitlaly Peña
Founder

Item 7B

CITY OF OAKLAND
Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development



TO: Marc Barach, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
FROM: Quincy Williams, Assistant Capital Improvement Project Coordinator (OPRYD)
DATE: December 26, 2025
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (PRAC) TO REVIEW AND SUPPORT ARTIST PROJECT FOR ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$165,000.00) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DECORATIVE METAL FENCE AT TYRONE CARNEY PARK

SUMMARY

In June of 2023, the City of Oakland Bureau of Planning staff presented to PRAC requests for input and a recommendation regarding a proposed minor Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for site renovations to reopen Tyrone Carney Park, which is at 10501 Acalanes Drive, at the intersection with 105th Avenue, in the Brookfield Village and Sobrante Park neighborhood. The park is part of the Oakland Recreation and Youth Development Department's Park system and has received State funds for improvements. The CUP would require a discretionary review and final decision by the Zoning Manager after a public notice. At that June 14, 2023, meeting, PRAC endorsed the renovation project and supported a minor conditional use permit.

The park is approximately 18,431 square feet in area and has been closed for at least 20 years. The development proposal was to remove the basketball court, play structures, furniture, and landscaping. The project also includes the construction of children's playground equipment, furniture, landscaping, lighting, gates, and perimeter fencing. As of the date of this report, the demolition at the site has begun. The purpose of this presentation is to review and approve the installation of perimeter fencing that includes artwork by metal artist Cjay Roughgarden.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In 2017, a group led by community members from the East Oakland Neighborhoods Initiative (EONI) developed a vision to improve the well-being of East Oakland residents and address neighborhood concerns. One of the topics the neighborhood identified was improving and reopening parks. EONI collaborated with the City of Oakland Public Works to develop goals and design concepts for Tyrone Carney Park.

Input on the park improvements was gathered during five community meetings hosted by the Sobrante Park Resident Action Council (SPRAC) and the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council between January and July of 2019. All sessions were held at the nearby Madison Park Academy, which is at 400 Capistrano Drive in Oakland.

The meetings resulted in a community-led grant proposal that resulted in conceptual plans, renderings, and a budget that included a complete renovation of the park, including the following features:

- Play equipment (climbing net structure and boulders);
- Memorial to Tyrone Carney;
- Plaza with ornamental paving;
- Walking paths;
- Lawn;
- **Wrought iron fence around perimeter;**
- Landscaping (trees and plants);
- Bike racks;

- Drinking fountain; and
- Artwork design and completion by community members.

The process to secure an artist for the installation of a memorial bust started in October 2022 with a Request For Qualifications (RFQ). Qualification submittals (not proposals) were received in November 2022. In December, three finalists were notified and joined the City at Tyrone Carney Park to discuss the project. These included Dana King, Cjay Roughgarden, and Cjay's design partner Maurice (Mo) Cavness. Finalist proposals were received in January 2023, and interviews were held in February. Dana King was selected as the artist.

During the artist selection process, Cjay expressed interest in the park fence design, regardless of the outcome of the artist selection. In late February 2023, the City (project manager Calvin Hao) began conversations with Cjay regarding possible funding for additional park decorations or enhancements to the metal fencing. The scope would include all perimeter fences, all gates, and all interior low fences. This would be through the use of an existing grant, Transformative Climate Community (TCC), which might be reassigned from another project to Tyrone Carney Park instead.

Beginning in April 2023, the City had meetings with Cjay and TCC grant funders. In August 2023, Cjay met with Sylvia Brooks, Chairperson of the Sobrante Park Resident Action Council (SPRAC), at Tyrone Carney to discuss the decorative fence proposal and to request direction and inspiration. In November 2023, the City decided to use TCC funding to cover the following for the decorative fence: design fees, fabrication, and materials, but not contractor installation. In May 2024, with the new Public Works Project Manager, Tess Kavanagh, on board, the discussion included a proposal to present fence concepts to SPRAC in July or August of 2024.

Between May 2024 and May 2025, the Tyrone Carney Project Team focused on general park design and on facilitating Dana King, the Tyrone Carney bust artist, in completing a PRAC and Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) reports and executing the contract. After the process for Dana was completed, a discussion began on the scope for the decorative fence, with an approximate budget of \$100,000.00 for design and fabrication, but not installation. In July 2025, Cjay met with the City design team to discuss the scope, similar to (but slightly less than) the current proposal. Also, bidding contractors were notified that they would be asked to work with Cjay's shop, Element 26, as a metal fabricator subconsultant on the decorative metal fence scope of work. Cjay was asked to provide relevant documentation for subcontractors and to answer bidder questions about fences.

In November 2025, Cjay entered into an agreement with the prime design consultant, Dillingham Associates Landscape Architects, to design and fabricate the decorative exterior fence for Tyrone Carney Park.

PROJECT / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Cjay and her team propose installing a modified fence with relief metal artwork (2- to 3-dimensional) to create a sense of nature, like being in a meadow of tall plants, with local animals, as part of the Capital Improvements at Tyrone Carney Park. The proposed project will include all design and coordination of decorative metal perimeter fencing and two (2) pedestrian entry gates, as shown on the attached plan sketch exhibit (see EXHIBIT A below). Collaborator artist Maurice Cavness will carve and cast the animals, while Cjay will produce the plants for the fence. The City's minimum requirements include the following: a minimum metal gauge equal to that of the fences in other City parks; a minimum gate width of 48 inches; and cane bolts to hold the gate open. Cjay's description of the fence is as follows: It aligns with the park's overall vision as a gathering and community space, as well as with how the neighborhood uses the space.

The centerpiece of the decorative fence is a segmented ('curved') portion that faces the intersection of Acalanes Drive and 105th Avenue and roughly faces the entrance to the Sobrante Park neighborhood at the intersection of Edes Avenue and 105th Avenue. This portion will include metal elements that clearly form the park name, "TYRONE CARNEY PARK."

Below is a tentative timeline for the fence design and construction.

Schematic design to be completed by
Final design to be completed by

January 31, 2026.
February 28, 2026.

Fabrication tasks shall begin upon execution of an agreement between Element 26 and the General Contractor (Beliveau Construction).

FISCAL IMPACT

The project was awarded \$2.46 million from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks Bond Act of 2018, also known as Prop 68) to cover project management, design, construction, and workforce training costs. In addition, the proposed project will receive \$728,000 in funding from the City's Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) program to supplement project construction costs and support artistic metalwork. Cjay and Element 26 costs, as well as materials, will be budgeted at \$165,000.00.

The Department of Oakland Public Works (OPW) will provide park maintenance through ongoing funding sources. As a requirement for receiving Proposition 68 funds, the City has committed to 30 years of ongoing maintenance after the completion of the refurbished park. The Oakland City Council adopted Resolution 87823 C.M.S. to accept the Prop 68 grant and assume responsibility for designing and constructing the renovations. City maintenance efforts will also be supplemented by a Community Stewardship Program, funded by a TCC grant of approximately \$400K and managed through the Oakland Park and Recreation Foundation. Cjay will address any vandalism to the fence beyond OPW's capacity to repair.

MAINTENANCE AND VANDALISM

A large part of the reason that the City has engaged with Cjay is due to her expressed understanding of the challenge of delivering meaningful artwork at sites that experience ongoing vandalism. Metal is one of the best art mediums for such sites, due to its ability to resist many types of attack.

Cjay has committed to meeting or exceeding the City's stated standards for similar fences, including metal gauge (thickness) and metal connections. The addition of artistic and decorative features will further strengthen the piece and make it more resistant to attack.

The proposed color for the scope areas is black, the same as for other perimeter fencing at this park. This will assist the City's maintenance team in addressing graffiti issues. Once the park opens to the public, a neighborhood group may have an opportunity to propose adding color to portions of the artwork, provided a park steward or sponsor is available to address graffiti.

The centerpiece of the decorative fence is a segmented ('curved') portion which faces the intersection of Acalanes Drive and 105th Avenue. This portion of the fence is the most vulnerable to accidental damage from any stray vehicle that may drive across the sidewalk. The City is working with Cjay, as well as the project's civil engineer and landscape architect, to design unassuming bollard protection in this area.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

Please see the **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY** section.

COORDINATION

The decorative fencing portion of the Tyrone Carney project is a collaborative effort that includes the following entities:

- Oakland Public Works Projects and Grants Management.
- Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development.
- Oakland Public Works Building and Maintenance.
- Beliveau Engineering Contractors, general contractor.
- Sobrante Park Resident Action Council (SPRAC).
- City of Oakland Staff Attorney.
- Cjay Roughgarden, artist and fabricator, of/ Element 26 studio.
- City of Oakland Public Art Program.
- Dillingham Associates Landscape Architects, consultants.
- City of Oakland Administrators' Office.

All of the aforementioned groups have been vital in facilitating the administrative process from the time Cjay was chosen to complete this task through its completion, tentatively set for April 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

City staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission review and support an artist project for one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000.00) for the installation of a decorative metal fence at Tyrone Carney Park.

Respectfully submitted,


[Quincy Williams \(Dec 28, 2025 12:33:40 PST\)](#) (Signature)

Prepared by:
Quincy Williams
Assistant Capital Improvement Project Coordinator

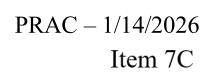

[Myka Hammock \(Dec 29, 2025 10:37:22 PST\)](#) (Signature)

Approved by:
Myka Hammock
Interim Director

Identification of Support Documents:

Attachments: Exhibit A – *Property Map and Proposed Improvements*
Exhibit B – *Project Budget*
Exhibit C – *Past Work by Artist*

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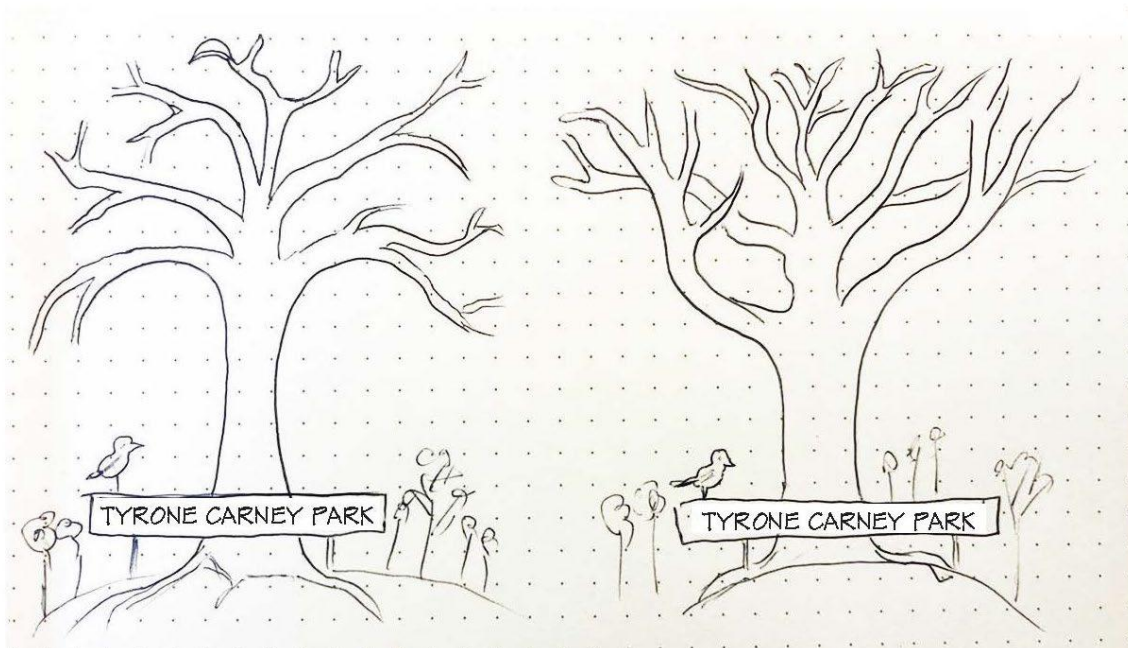
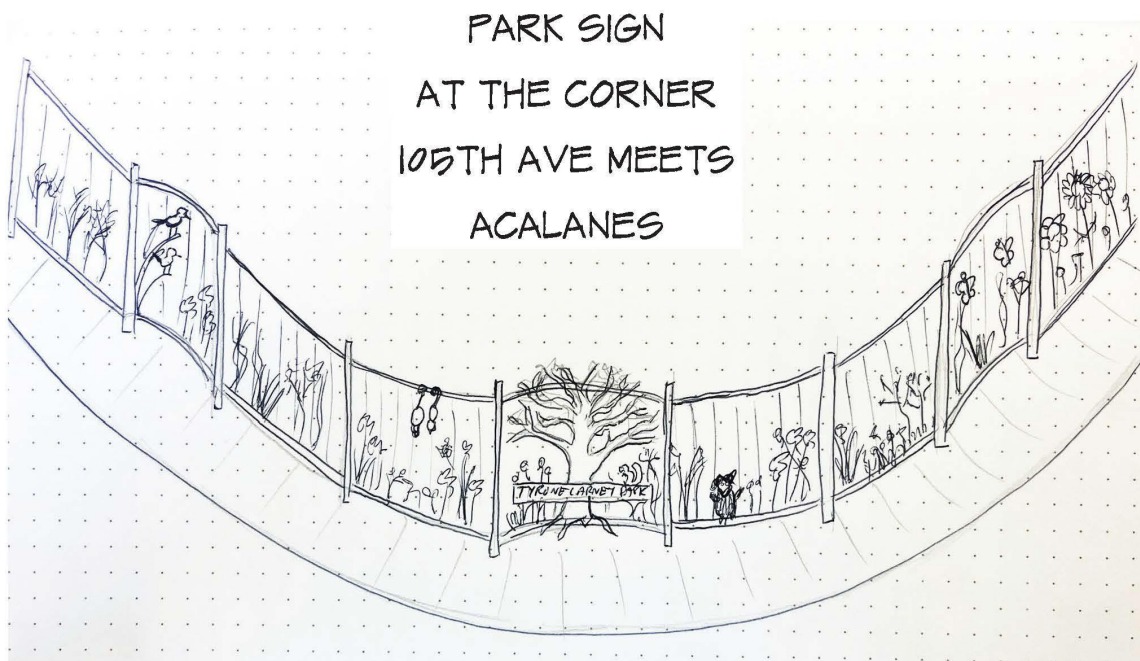
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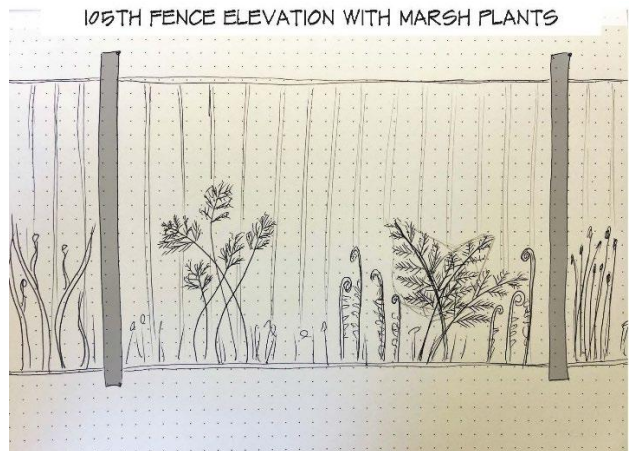
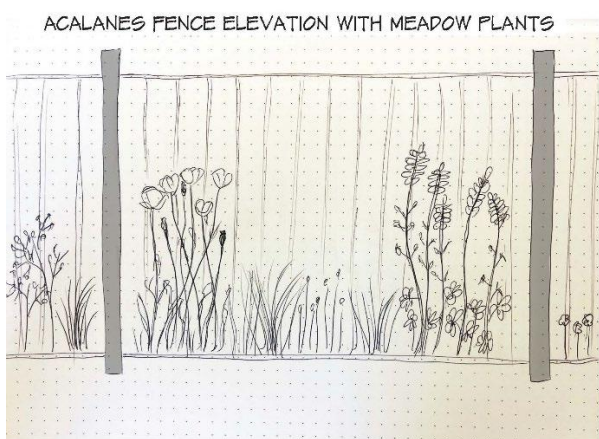
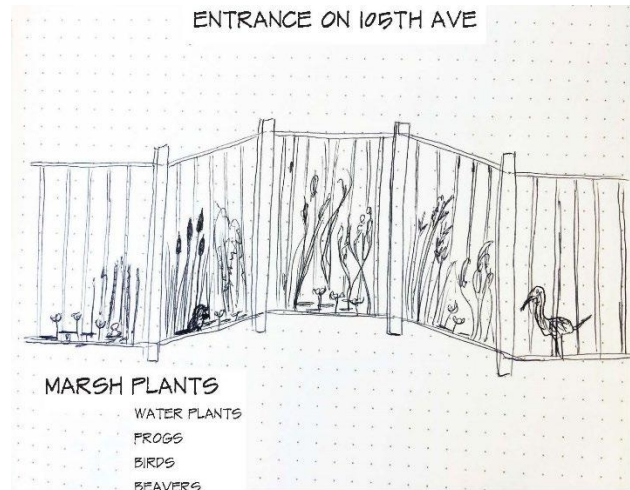
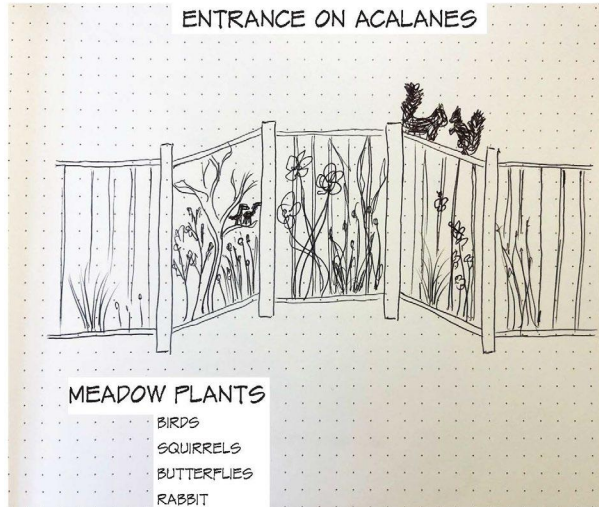


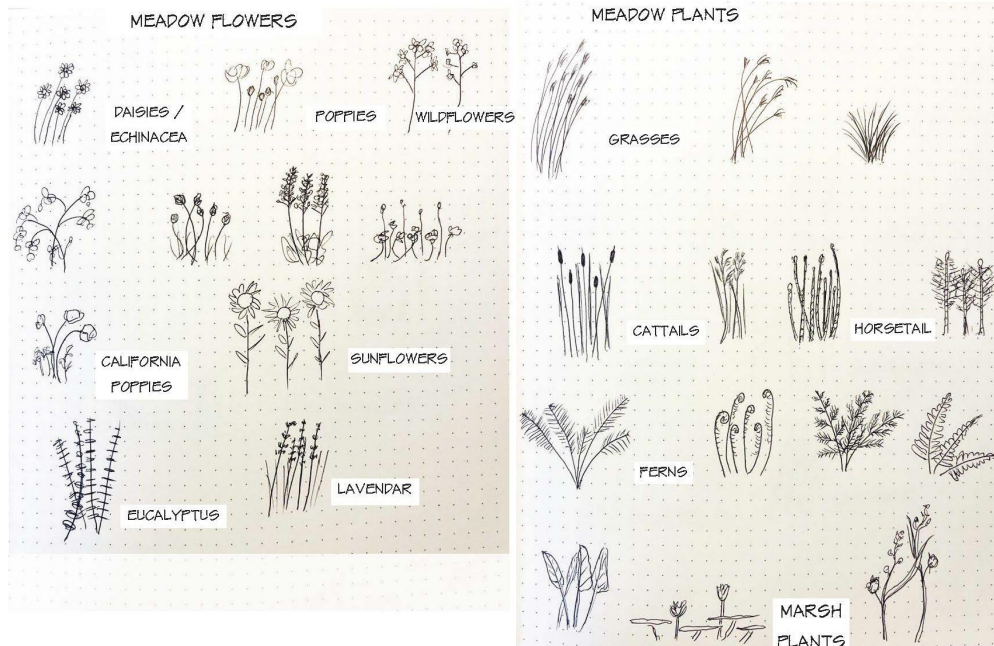
One of the scope locations for a new park entrance and decorative gate.
Note the current appearance of the perimeter chain-link fence, with privacy



This piece of sidewalk has served as a location for informal memorials for many years, in part due to its prominent location as you enter the Sobrante Park neighborhood.







WEeping WILLOW INSPIRATION FOR CENTRAL TREE FIGURE,
WITH LASER-CUT LEAVES AND BRANCHES



GATE WITH BOTANICAL



CAST ALUMINUM ANIMAL
TO BE ATTACHED TO FENCE

EXHIBIT B – BUDGET

The budget is \$30k for design, which includes the 2 years Cjay previously spent on this, including new design, cut files, and shop drawings. The fabrication budget includes materials for building the fence sections, laser-cutting and shaping steel parts for thousands of plants, galvanizing, and painting.

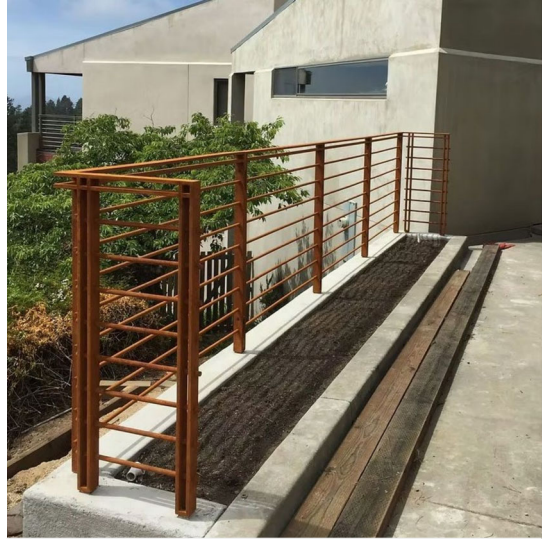
Approximately \$25,000 is going to a team of Maurice Cavness and another local person to hand-sculpt and then aluminum-cast the playful animals that will be securely bolted to the fence. They will be producing spares in the event of potential damage.

Tyrone Carney Park Decorative Fence	Materials, Labor & Installation
Design & Community Outreach	\$30,000
Fence Fabrication	\$85,000
Aluminum Castings	\$25,000
Galvanizing & Painting	\$15,000
Contingency	\$10,000
Total Budget	\$165,000

EXHIBIT C – PAST WORK BY ARTIST



Railing and planter boxes at urban residence



Guard rail and fence at residence



Decorative metal gateway arch



Installation of metal Sea Serpent sculpture in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

CITY OF OAKLAND
Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development

TO: Marc Barach, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
FROM: Quincy Williams, Assistant Capital Improvement Project Coordinator, OPRYD
DATE: January 2, 2026
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (PRAC) TO REVIEW AND SUPPORT THE SCRAPER BIKE TEAM APPLICATION FOR A MAJOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A LEGACY BART CAR FOR USE BY THE SCRAPER BIKE TEAM AT WILLIE WILKINS PARK.

SUMMARY

This proposal outlines a plan conceived by East Oakland's Original Scraper Bike Team (SBT) to repurpose a retired Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) passenger car into a community wellness center at Officer Willie Wilkins Park. This innovative project aims to increase access by providing a central location for free and affordable bike repairs, offering a dedicated space for youth and community members to meet and engage in wellness activities, and activating an underutilized public space in a park that lacks a recreation center. The project aligns with the East Oakland Neighborhoods Plan and is supported by the Hood Planning Group, the Black Cultural Zone, and other community organizations.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Founded in 2005 by Tyrone "Champ" Stevenson Jr., the Scraper Bike Team emerged as a positive response to systemic challenges in East Oakland, transforming bicycle customization into a movement for social change and youth empowerment. A historic milestone for the movement and the city occurred with the installation of the Scraper Bikeway on 90th Avenue in 2020, a dedicated infrastructure project that includes an asphalt art/dedicated bike lane painted Orange to represent Gun Violence Awareness. This color choice serves as a living memorial to the team's late co-founder, Avery "AP" Pittman, honoring his legacy by advocating for peace and safe passage for the community's youth.

Central to this history is the program's deep commitment to mental health and wellness, providing a safe, consistent environment where members can process the traumas of inner-city life through creative expression and mentorship. By integrating mindfulness and coping strategies into the curriculum, the team ensures its impact extends beyond mechanical skills to foster each participant's long-term emotional resilience.

Currently, the SBT is in partnership with the Discovery Center and operates a small facility called The Shed, a 20-foot shipping container located at Arroyo Viejo Park. Programs at the Shed include bike maintenance training, bike repairs, and community bike rides in East Oakland.

In 2021, SBT submitted a proposal to BART's Legacy Car Reuse program to obtain one of the historic BART cars for use as a community space. In 2022, SBT was selected as one of the Program's awardees. Since that time, it has been working with the City Administrator's office, the Real Estate Management Division, and OPRYD to determine a location for the project. In 2024, SBT and OPRYD identified a small lot at Officer Willie Wilkins Park, currently gated and unused,

as a potentially appropriate site. OPRYD initiated a meeting with other City Departments to discuss the requirements for permitting the project at that location.

As a result of those meetings, it was determined that a Major Conditional Use Permit would be required for the installation of the BART railcar. SBT submitted a Planning & Building application in July 2024 (#ZP24007). Because the project will represent a substantial change in use, Planning & Building is requiring a major Conditional Use Permit.

PROJECT / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The proposed Scraper BART Wellness Center is designed to be a highly functional and iconic community asset. Its strategic location within Elmhurst/Officer Willie Wilkins Park provides a convenient, accessible hub for at-risk youth in East Oakland. The development's site planning will be a model of efficiency, with a layout that seamlessly connects the team clubhouse and bike shop with the dedicated wellness space. The repurposed BART car will serve as a striking, symbolic centerpiece, leveraging its unique Bay Area history to create a sense of place and belonging. The surrounding landscape will be thoughtfully integrated to enhance the aesthetic appeal, providing a welcoming environment that encourages both physical activity and holistic practices. This design is intentionally crafted not just for visual appeal, but also to create a safe, inspiring, and accessible space that directly addresses the community's comprehensive needs.

Civic Environment and Attractive Use

This project goes beyond a simple building; it's a civic hub designed to foster a sense of community and collective well-being. By transforming a retired public transit vehicle into a resource for public health and youth empowerment, we are creating a powerful symbol of repurposing and revitalization. The center's dual mission—to provide a hands-on learning environment through the bike shop and to serve as a sanctuary for holistic practices like yoga, meditation, and sound healing—establishes it as a vital civic institution. The innovative design of the BART car structure, combined with the project's noble purpose, ensures that the center will be as attractive as its function warrants. It will be a beacon of hope and a tangible example of how creative thinking can lead to positive social change. The center will be a landmark that residents can be proud of, embodying the spirit of innovation and resilience that defines the Scraper Bike Team and the East Oakland community.

Implementation Plan

SBT is leading project planning, including developing physical site plans, raising funds for necessary construction activities, and engaging the community in partnership with the Hood Planning Group.

Proposed project timeline:

- January 2026: PRAC approval
- Spring 2023-March 2026: Community engagement activities (See Public Outreach Section)
- June 2026: Planning Commission approval
- August 2026: Final approval of Planning & Building application
- Fall of 2026: Installation of foundation and fencing, transportation of railcar to the site
- January 2027: Soft opening
- February 2027 (Black History Month): Grand opening ceremony

Ongoing maintenance

SBT will manage ongoing operations at the site, including regular programming, facility rentals, and building maintenance. SBT programs will be provided by SBT staff. Access to the center by other groups will also be facilitated by SBT staff. Sub-contractors hired by SBT will provide general grounds maintenance and janitorial services. SBT will collaborate with OPRYD to respond to 311 requests (trash, graffiti) related to the site.

Evaluation

SBT will work with OPRYD on reporting usage metrics and program success factors.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the City's General Fund or Capital Improvement Program. The Scraper Bike Team has received funds to cover the cost of the Major Conditional Use Permit and the installation of the legacy BART car. Please see EXHIBIT B for the budget description.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

Substantial community engagement has been provided in this neighborhood in the East Oakland Mobility Action Plan (EOMAP) and the East Oakland Neighborhoods Initiative (EONI). The project aligns with two of the top three EONI Priority Projects for the Stonehurst neighborhood. The neighborhood response to this project was one of excitement. Through a powerful multi-agency partnership, the Scraper Bike Team is transforming the Scraper BART Wellness Center into a holistic sanctuary for East Oakland's youth. By collaborating with the Black Cultural Zone (BCZ), the space will serve as a permanent Healing Hub, where BCZ will activate the center with essential restorative practices, including sound healing, yoga, healing circles, and meditation. Complementing these wellness services, Roots Community Health will provide on-site clinical support, including vaccinations, health screenings, and youth therapy with individualized treatment plans as needed. Together, these partnerships ensure that the Scraper Wellness program addresses the "whole child," bridging the gap between physical health, mental resilience, and spiritual well-being.

#2: B Street Greening 98th Ave to 90th Ave.

#3: Willie Wilkins Park upgrades; programming; redesign; teen activities; performance spaces.

SBT has presented on this project at the East Oakland Futures Fest (2024 and 2025), BART's Ride Into History event, the Black Joy Parade (2024 and 2025), and at multiple community events in Arroyo Viejo and other East Oakland locations. SBT is still planning to do targeted engagement in the areas directly adjacent to the project.

COORDINATION

Quincy Williams of OPRYD contacted Robert Merkamp, Zoning Manager for the Oakland Bureau of Planning, about the requirements for the SBT project (July 2024). He determined that this project required a Major Conditional Use Permit. During July 2024, Quincy also consulted with the City Attorney's Office, the City Real Estate team, and Oakland Public Works. To summarize, this is an eligible project but would require SBT to submit a pre-application and a permit application, and to present to PRAC and the Planning Commission. Once the presentations are completed, OPRYD and Real Estate, in coordination with the City Attorney, will decide which Agreements will be required for SBT to install a BART railcar and carry out its activities at an OPRYD Park.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) review and support the Scraper Bike team's application for a major Conditional Use Permit to install a legacy BART car for use by the Scraper Bike team at Willie Wilkins Park.

Respectfully submitted,


[Quincy Williams \(Jan 2, 2026 09:25:53 PST\)](#) (Signature)

Prepared by:

Quincy Williams

Assistant Capital Improvement Project Coordinator, OPRYD


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Approved by:

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Interim Director, OPRYD

Identification of Support Documents:

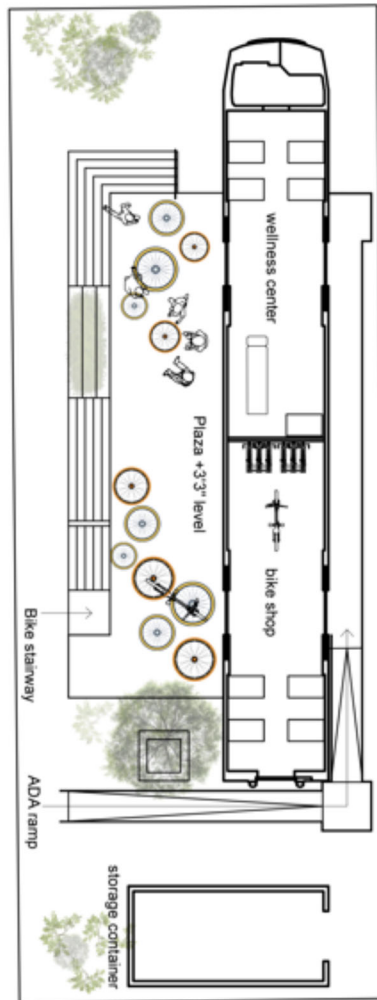
Attachments: Exhibit A – *Site Plan Documents*

Exhibit B – *Project Budget*

EXHIBIT A: SITE PLAN DOCUMENTS

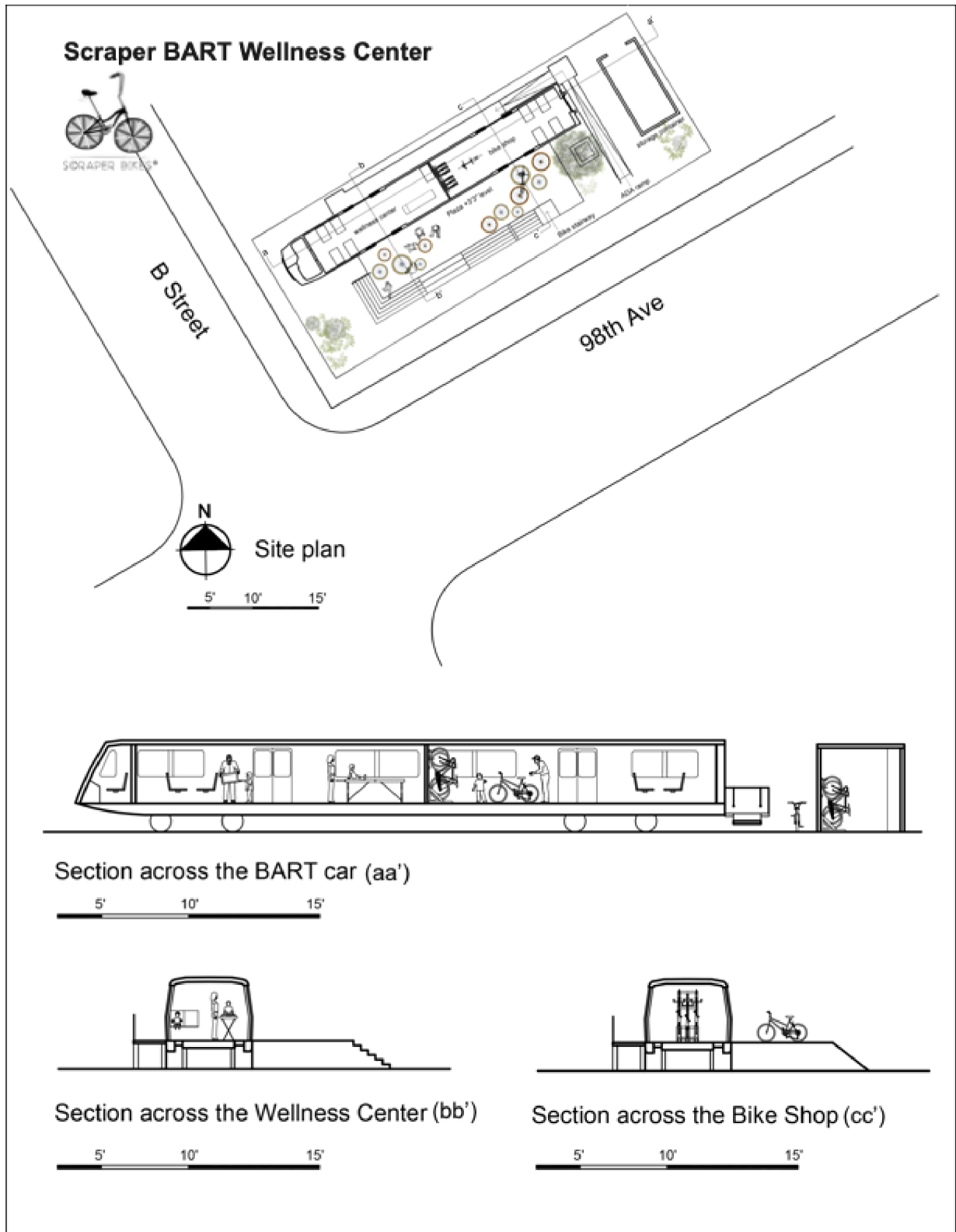


Scraper BART Wellness Center



Plan

5' 10' 15'





Perspective view from 98th Ave and B Street



Rear access through an ADA-compliant ramp

EXHIBIT B – BUDGET

Table 1: Project Cost Summary		
Cost Category	Description	Estimated Amount
<u>Project Costs</u>		
Site Survey	Survey the site & establish plot boundaries	28,000.00
Design	Platform design & interior renovations design	22,000.00
Construction	Platform construction, fencing, and interior renovations	195,000.00
Project Management	Co-managed by Founder & Planning Coordinator	20,000.00
Contingency Allowance	5% of construction costs to allow for contingencies	13,250.00
Total Project Costs:		\$ 278,250.00
<u>On-Going Costs</u>		
Operations & Maintenance	Maintenance, upkeep, site security	20,000.00
Site Management	Management of programs, events, rentals, and related activities.	20,000.00
Total On-Going Costs:		\$ 40,000.00

Table 2: Project Funding Sources			
Fund Source	Organization	Project	Amount
Grant	Bolger Foundation	Scraper Wellness Center	100,000.00
Grant Match	Bolger Foundation	Scraper Wellness Center	50,000.00
Donor	Black Cultural Zone	Scraper Wellness Center	25,000.00
Individual Donors	N/A	Scraper Wellness Center	25,000.00
Grants & Donors	TBD	Scraper Wellness Center	80,000.00
Total One-Time Project Funds:			\$280,000.00
Individual Donors	N/A	Scraper Wellness Center	10,000.00
Healing Space Rentals	TBD	Scraper Wellness Center	5,000.00
Assorted Grants	TBD	Scraper Wellness Center	30,000.00
Total On-Going Funding:			\$ 45,000.00