



Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department

November 1, 2022

TO: Landmarks Preservation Commission
FROM: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront
Re: Demolition Referral for Willard Clubhouse Building

Attached please find four documents that provide detailed responses to two recent memo's you have received from Commissioner Steven Finacom and Vincent Casalaina regarding the demolition referral for the Willard Clubhouse building:

- a. Steven Treffers, Rincon Consultants (historic resources subconsultant to the project).
- b. Mark Schatz, ELS Architecture (prime design consultant for the project).
- c. Wendy Wellbrock, Project Manager, City of Berkeley (re: Memo from Vincent Casalaina).
- d. Councilmember Lori Droste District 8 Newsletter - Willard Park Clubhouse Special Edition!

We concur with Planning staff's recommendation that the Landmarks Preservation Commission take no action to initiate the Willard Clubhouse building for City of Berkeley Landmark or Structure of Merit designation. In terms of the 6 recommendations suggested by Commissioner Finacom, the project can implement recommendations 1 and 2, and 3 through 6 are addressed in the responses by ELS Architecture and Rincon Consultants.

Thank you for your consideration.


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**Subject: Response to Comments Regarding the Historical Resources Evaluation of
Frances Willard Park, Berkeley, California**

Dear Ms. Wellbrock:

On behalf of ELS Architecture + Urban Design, Rincon Consultants Inc. prepared a historical resources evaluation (HRE) of Frances Willard Park in 2021. The HRE was prepared to support the City of Berkeley and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a proposed project, which would include park upgrades and new construction, primarily related to the Willard Park Clubhouse. Since this time, the City has asked Rincon to provide responses to comments on the HRE that were provided in a letter dated October 25, 2022, by Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) member Steven Finacom. Commissioner Finacom's comments are centered on a series of questions, which are presented with responses below. Additional responses have been provided in a separate letter by Mark Schatz, FAIA, Principal at ELS Architecture + Urban Design.

1) *Were the designers of Willard Park and the clubhouse significant in a local, regional, and/or national context?*

Commissioner Finacom suggests that a lack of detailed information has been provided to determine if the designers of Willard Park and the clubhouse can be considered significant. As discussed in the HRE prepared by Rincon and confirmed by Commissioner Finacom, Daniel R. Osborne and Zach R. Stewart are responsible for the design of the clubhouse. Commissioner Finacom contends that additional information on the firm should be presented, including how park design fits into the body of their work.

The HRE provides a focused history of these individuals of their firm, as well as a list of other known examples of their work. As detailed in the methods of the HRE, Rincon gathered information on the firm via a review of primary and secondary sources, much of which was gathered through the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA), the Online Archive of California, and the University of California Calisphere.

Commissioner Finacom acknowledges that limited funding may be a reason these histories were not explored further. However, an exhaustive biography on an architect is not always feasible or necessary to make a defensible conclusion on a property's historical resources eligibility. In this instance, there is sufficient information to determine that Willard Park is not significant due to its associations with Osborne and Stewart. Both architects were clearly prolific within the Berkeley area and surrounding region of Northern California; however, based on the research completed for the HRE, the firm designed



a wide variety of projects, including elementary schools, tourism-related facilities, and private residences. Rincon identified no information in either primary or secondary sources to indicate that Willard Park can be considered individually noteworthy within their larger body of work. Historical newspapers and other primary sources provide very limited information on the park's initial development or subsequent reception from the public or architecture community. Further, and regardless of the firm's potential significance, the clubhouse and park have been substantially modified and as such can no longer be considered a strong example of the firm's work. These changes include the removal of stone features and the addition of restrooms to the clubhouse in 1991, changes to the park's circulation, and the removal of the original playground areas. Although additional information on the firm would be beneficial, it ultimately is not necessary in this instance when considering the property's historical resources eligibility.

2) *Is Willard Park itself a significant historical resource in Berkeley?*

Commissioner Finacom correctly points out that in exploring the potential historical significance of Willard Park, one must explore more than if an important event occurred at the site. Rather, the property must be placed within its larger historical context to determine if it is directly associated in a significant way with a larger trend or pattern of events. Commissioner Finacom provides useful data regarding a historical analysis which was completed by U.C. Berkeley faculty members in 2008. However, in light of this and supplemental research completed by Rincon, it is our conclusion Willard Park does not appear to be individually significant within the context of post-World War II parks in Berkeley.

An article from Susan Schwartz of Berkeley Partners for Parks discussing the history of parks in Berkeley reveals that Willard Park was one of numerous parks to be constructed in the post-World War II era.¹ These included Totland in 1948 and Terrace View in 1950, and a series of neighborhood parks in the 1960s and 1970s, including Willard Park, Greg Brown, Charlie Dorr, Becky Temko, Prince Street, and 63rd Street. Although Commissioner Finacom suggests that Willard Park has only three counterparts in terms of scale and scope, the other parks mentioned above were similarly neighborhood focused parks meant to serve the surrounding community. Rincon identified no information to suggest Willard Park is singularly important within this larger theme. Further, the alteration of the park described above has affected aspects of its design which date to and were representative of this era.

3) *How does Willard Park compare to state and national park movements in the same era, particularly those that re-purposed parts of already developed urban areas for new park uses?*

Expanding on the information presented above, Willard Park was one of countless city parks developed across the county in the decades after World War II. Growing populations created an increased demand for recreational facilities at the community level. While Willard Park is associated with and emblematic of that history, Rincon identified no information to indicate it was individually significant within this context.

Commissioner Finnacom suggests that the flexible open space, specifically the large lawn of Willard Park, is unique as it provided a democratic space which was open to a variety of uses. However, large lawns and playing fields are typical of parks from this era. A review of a historic context statement prepared by the City of Los Angeles to support the historical resource evaluations of municipal parks

¹ Susan Schwartz, "A Short, Partial History of Berkeley Parks," Berkeley Partners for Parks, accessed October 31, 2022 at <https://www.bpfp.org/index.php/bpfp-official-documents/a-short-partial-history-of-berkeley-parks/>.



reveals that large activity lawns and open spaces were common during this period and helped support a variety of uses rather than pre-programmed uses.²

Clubhouses were also a common feature of parks from this era and helped support the varying needs of the community. Commissioner Finacom suggests that the clubhouse was intentionally designed as a small, inconspicuous building at the edge of the park, further supported by its landforms of rocks and minimization of formal architectural styles. While this may be true, as detailed above, the building has been substantially modified from its original design and is no longer representative of those concepts as a result. The removal of the rocks has affected one of its primary character-defining features, a feature that contributed to the “Hippie Modernism” design Commissioner Finacom suggests. Based on the guidance of the National Park Service, the integrity of properties must be based on the current conditions of the property.³

Conclusion

We thank Commissioner Finacom for his comments and supplemental information. We value the feedback of the City’s experts and the public to support a fully informed decision-making process. As mentioned above, consultants such as Rincon are tasked with providing information and findings to support the City and decision makers in planning efforts and compliance with CEQA. Rincon continues to recommend that Willard Park and the clubhouse do not meet the applicable criteria required for federal, state, or local designation. We hope the collective information presented herein and in conjunction with that supplied by Commissioner Finacom provides the LPC with sufficient background to support their ultimate determination.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Treffers".

Steven Treffers

Architectural History Program Manager

² City of Los Angeles, *SurveyLA: Municipal Parks, Recreation, and Leisure, 1886-1978*, City of Los Angeles, accessed October 31, 2022 at https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/fe2a87f0-8ed1-4bc2-b1e5-3b14f7ea3be8/MunicipalParksRecreationAndLeisure_1886-1978_2.pdf.

³ National Park Service, *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*, National Park Service, accessed October 31, 2022 at https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/upload/NRB-15_web508.pdf.

Willard Park Community Clubhouse

Response to Memo from LPC member Steven Finacom

Comments from Mark Schatz, FAIA, Principal - ELS Architects
October 28, 2022

This memo addresses Commissioner Finacom's memo to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC). The initial commentary in the memo focuses on concerns with the submitted HRE and DPR forms, both of which were prepared by our sub-consultant, Rincon Consultants, Inc. I will note that most of Mr. Finacom's comments deal with the historic status of the park itself, and we are not proposing any substantial changes to the park. The only change to the park itself is the relocation of the path to the north of the clubhouse building, which results in the loss of less than 1% of the original lawn area. This is described in more detail in the response to recommendation 4 below.

Commissioner Finacom discusses the original design of the clubhouse within the context of "hippie modernism". Specifically, the landforms of rocks and concrete stairs which led up to the roof on both sides in the original design were the dominant features of the structure. Please note that these elements were removed in 1991 in response to concerns about public safety and liability. The remaining building has also been altered in a number of other ways from the original structure. These include the addition of a park restroom on the east side of the clubhouse, and painting the building in bright colors, which differs from the original exposed wood finish.

Below is a specific response to the 6 mitigation recommendations that are proposed within Commissioner Finacom's memo.

1. *Salvage of the brass Frances Willard memorial plaque currently attached to the building and placement of it either on the new building or elsewhere in the park.*

We agree with this suggestion and would propose that the plaque be mounted either on the east wall of the building facing out onto the terrace, or on one of the wood stumps at the south side of the new patio at the eastern end of the building.

2. *Photo documentation of the existing building and its context in the park, with copies of the photographs deposited in local historical / architectural repositories.*

We will provide such photo documentation and will deposit it to a repository per the direction of the LPC.

3. *Design the new clubhouse to serve in the same way as the existing clubhouse, as a low-key, perimeter and peripheral built structure of the park, secondary to the open space*

rather than as a visually dominant building in the park (this recommendation does not presuppose or mandate any specific architectural style)

We believe that our current design meets this recommendation. The proposed single-story building of 3,285 square feet with a maximum height of 15'-8" is located at the southern edge of the park that has a total area of 126,200 square feet. The height of the new building is lower than the homes bordering the park to the east and south, adjacent to the site of the clubhouse. The building area is equal to 2.6 percent of the total gross area of the site. In other words, the new structure is very small compared to the overall size of the park, so it will not be visually dominant.

The proposed location for the replacement clubhouse is in the same spot as the existing building, which is in the far southeast corner of the site, right up against the edge. We believe that this complies fully with the request for a perimeter and peripheral building. We studied other options within the park but agreed with comments from community members that the current location is the best spot for the new building.

The building has a linear footprint in direct response to the constraints of the specific site in the southeast corner of the park. These constraints include the fences, side and rear yards to the south and west, as well as 1 large heritage oak tree, a Japanese maple, and a heritage redwood tree. We worked with the city arborist to determine the required setbacks from the trunks of these trees, and that helped define the area in which the building could be sited.

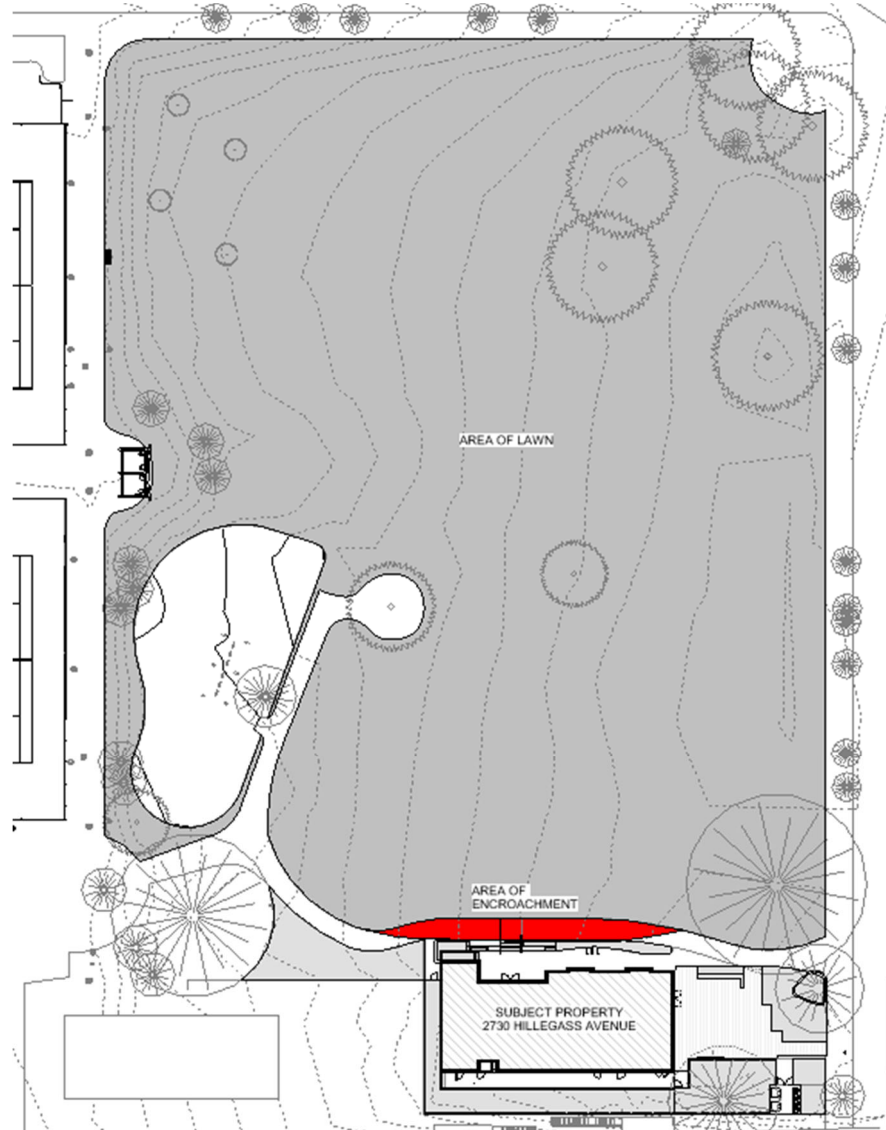
Also, the City's Urban Forestry Division and City Arborist are developing a tree plan for the entire park to evaluate all site trees, replace any trees lost, and provide a variety of new trees along the perimeter of the park. Given the large trees which surround the building, as well as the others located within the park and others to be planted in the future, we feel that the current design complies fully with the request that it not dominate the park.

4. *Additionally, reflect the placement of the clubhouse to avoid intrusion of the new clubhouse building and its supporting spaces/structures into the large, informal, multi-purpose lawn area that is physically and conceptually "central" to the character of Willard Park.*

The existing central lawn, including the playground, has an area of 84,384 sf. No part of the new building or its associated patio or trellis area project into that space.

Due to the existing contours of the site, and the requirement to provide an accessible path to and from the front door of the new building while also maintaining an accessible path into the park itself, we do need to reconfigure the path directly north of the building to allow for a parallel level pathway from the east and new stairs with flanking planters directly north of the entry door. This new pathway does project slightly into

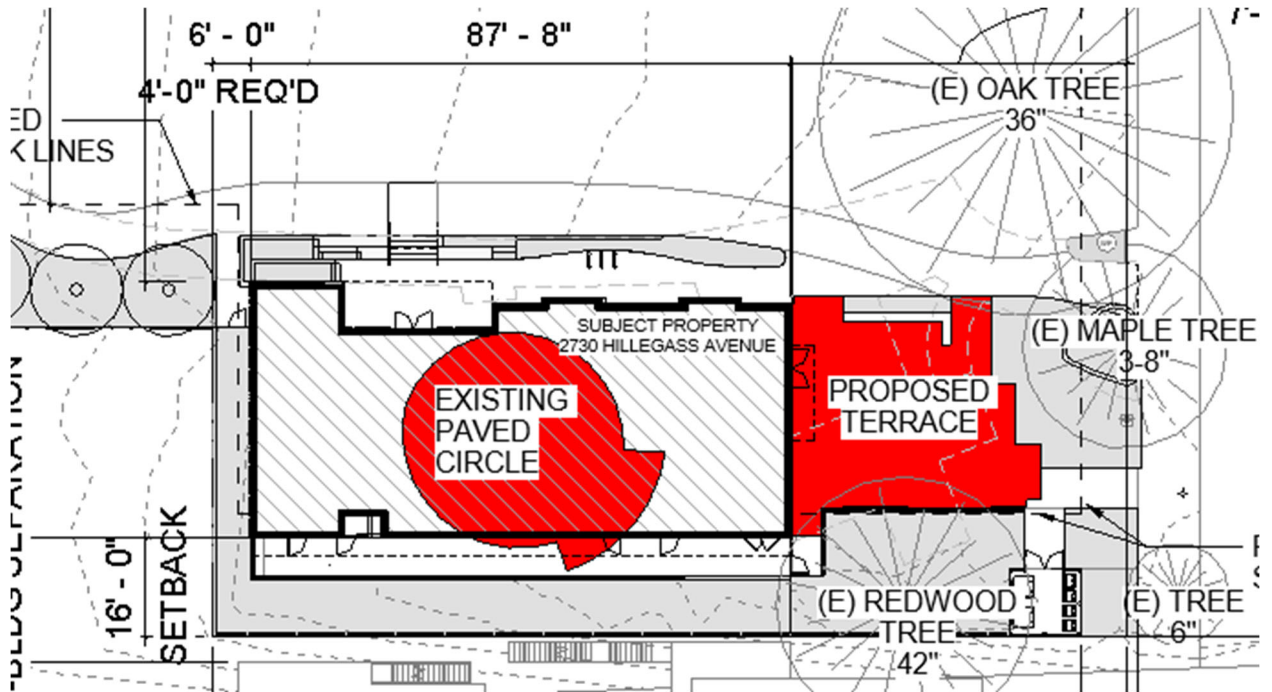
the overall lawn area and we have requested a variance from the planning department to reduce the rear yard setback to minimize this impact. The current proposed design calls for a reduction in the lawn area equal to less than 1% (0.94%) of the total lawn area.



Site plan illustrating the relocated path and area of encroachment into the existing lawn

The proposed design also includes a new paved terrace area to the east of the building which will replace the paved circular area to the west of the existing building. The existing outdoor paved space is used for gatherings of children in the after school and summer camp programs, practicing martial arts and other activities. The proposed outdoor terrace as shown below, has been added in response to feedback from the

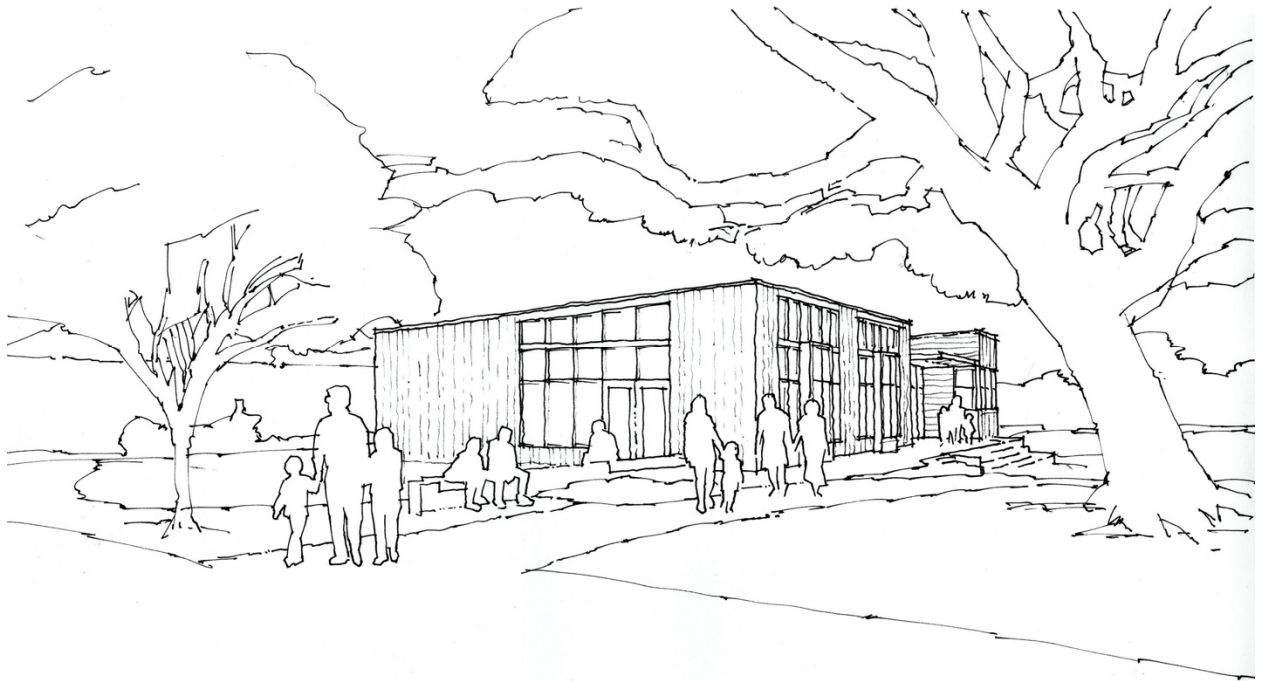
community to provide a similar paved space. This area will now be more visible from the street for improved safety. Additionally, the new patio is roughly the same area as the paved circular area it will be replacing, but has been relocated to make it more visible and to better integrate it with the adjacent clubhouse and surrounding planted areas.



Plan showing the relative sizes of the existing paved circle and the proposed terrace

5. Design the new clubhouse to reflect the original in being a low-key "good neighbor" both in physical form and in function to adjacent residential structures and their residents.

At 15'-8" tall, the proposed new clubhouse is substantially lower than all of the neighboring residential structures, most of which are 2-3 stories in height. The proposed roof form of the new building is a simple shed, sloping from the north to the south. This is proposed because it is the optimal configuration for rooftop photovoltaic solar panels, which are being provided to enable this building to generate its own power onsite. This also complies with an upcoming code requirement that new public buildings of this nature be constructed with solar panels. Most of the neighboring homes have gable or shed style roofs, but providing a roof like that on the clubhouse would greatly reduce the area available for the solar panels.

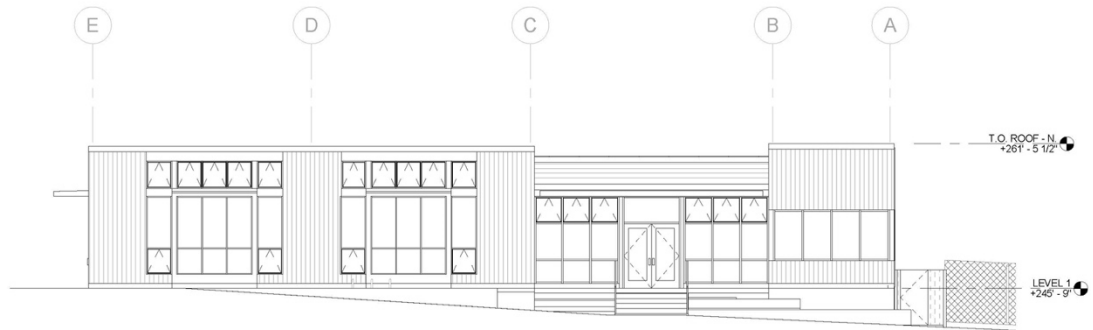


View of the building from the East

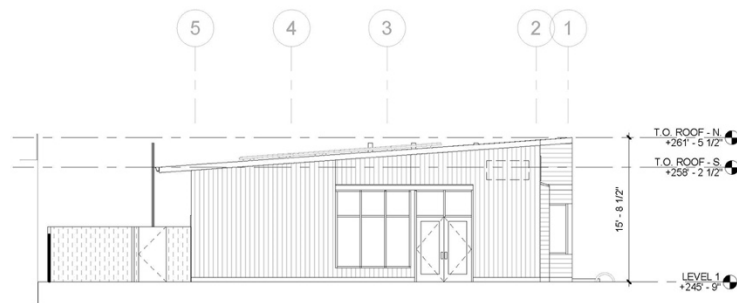
Many of the neighboring homes have wood siding or shingles as their exterior finish, and a similar wood siding material is proposed for the new clubhouse.

There is a comment within the memo about the large areas of glazing that face the park. These have been included for a couple of reasons. Firstly, they provide for wide open views from the inside of the lobby and activity rooms out into the park, creating a sense of indoor/outdoor connectivity. Secondly, they provide abundant daylighting, and natural ventilation through operable panels to help minimize the use of artificial lighting and forced air ventilation, which in turn save energy and make the project “greener” and in alignment with the City’s sustainability and energy efficiency goals. Furthermore, the specifications for the windows will require bird safe glass and building exterior lighting will comply with dark sky requirements.

There is also a large glass area called for on the east side of the building to provide a similar connection to the new outdoor terrace. The windows are much smaller on the south, and they are provided with a roof overhang to minimize glare and heat gain, and there is a small window at the west elevation which provides views from the office into the park.



North Elevation



East Elevation

6. *The HRE report suggests “special consideration in local planning could take the form of creating interpretive panels to document and share Willard Park’s history with the public. Such interpretive information could include the pre-park history as well as the park’s role in Berkeley’s counter-culture movement of the late 1960’s and 1970’s. Recommend that the LPC endorse this suggestion and request that the interpretive panels be incorporated in park renovations. The interpretive panels should also incorporate information on more recent park design history and use beyond the 60’s/70’s.*

These are not included within the scope of the project at this time. If funding becomes available, these could be provided by the City at a future date.



Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department

November 1, 2022

To: City of Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission

From: Wendy Wellbrock, Associate Civil Engineer, Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront

Subject: Response to Email from Vincent Casalaina to Landmarks Preservation Commission, dated October 22, 2022

This is a City response to an email from Vincent Casalaina dated October 22, 2022. In this response, we provide details regarding the City's community input process over the past three years for the design of the proposed Willard Clubhouse and Restroom Project.

Over the course of planning for this project, hundreds of community members and parents participated in the City's public engagement meetings for this project. Between September 2019 and October 2021 there were 5 community meetings and 8 focus group meetings (in-person and virtual) to gather input and hear about the needs and concerns of the community. Participating groups included the Willard Neighborhood Association, Parent Teacher Associations, Friends of Willard Park, City commissioners, councilmembers, neighbors, families in the afterschool and summer day camp programs, and Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront departmental staff. In terms of outreach to publicize these meetings, City staff mailed 2,685 notices, the project consultants went door-to-door, City staff canvassed park visitors during numerous recreational events at the park, and the meetings and project status were publicized on the City's website. Over this three-year period, the vast majority of the participants indicated a strong interest in an expanded and improved clubhouse and restroom at Willard Park that would provide more afterschool programs and community events. A group of neighbors within the immediate vicinity of the park expressed a desire for no expansion of the facility. Virtually all participants expressed strong support for preserving open green space at Willard Park, which was always part of the project plan. The three-year public process involved an iterative design process with the stakeholders and resulted in a preferred conceptual design. This preferred conceptual design was recently reduced in scope and size due to escalating construction costs resulting in the final site plan.

The new design will enhance existing open space by better integrating the proposed clubhouse and its patios with the adjacent outdoor areas. This will help beautify the southern boundary of



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the park and provide more flexibility for indoor and outdoor programming at the facility. For example, youth programs need adequate indoor space, especially during inclement weather or increasingly common days with poor air quality due to smoke from wildfires.

The current clubhouse and existing public restroom are not fully ADA compliant. At present, there is a one-stall, open-roof public restroom to the east of the clubhouse with a simple doorway chain to indicate if it is in use. The project will make the public restroom more accessible to the community by relocating it away from the clubhouse and providing two gender-neutral ADA accessible stalls. Meanwhile, children and others using the new clubhouse will have access to a new indoor restroom for enhanced privacy, safety, and comfort. In sum, the proposed project will help the City expand youth and community programming at the facility, which helps to promote equity for a wider range of community residents.

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Willard Park Clubhouse Special Edition

Hello, Janet!

I am sending this special edition newsletter because I'm excited to give you an update about the planned improvements to the Willard Park clubhouse! I am going to provide a lot of detail in the second part of this newsletter, but please feel free to read the first few paragraphs to get a summary of the project's history, present status, and the current clubhouse plans.



City staff and my office have been engaged in an ongoing [multi-year public engagement process](#) to learn what parents, kids, neighbors, and other residents of South Berkeley would like to see with the Willard Clubhouse renovation. We heard broad support from parents, PTAs, and others in South Berkeley for a larger and improved space that would be capable of hosting more afterschool programs and community events. We heard from a few immediate neighbors a desire for a smaller space. Across the board, we heard strong support for preserving green space at Willard, which was

corporate office" campus overtaking the grassy park.) Staff took these initial comments and ongoing feedback to heart as they undertook an iterative design process with neighbors, other stakeholders, and project architects.



The existing clubhouse has scarcely changed since it was completed in 1971. It is only 565 square feet and with only one room, it can only serve about 45 kids at a time through the use of outdoor space—but the capacity of that room is only about 25. These programs are vital to Berkeley's low-income children and families. The proposed new design preserves green space at Willard Park, while offering a dramatically improved indoor space with a kitchen, an office, improved ADA accessibility, and new public restrooms, as well as new fully indoor restrooms.

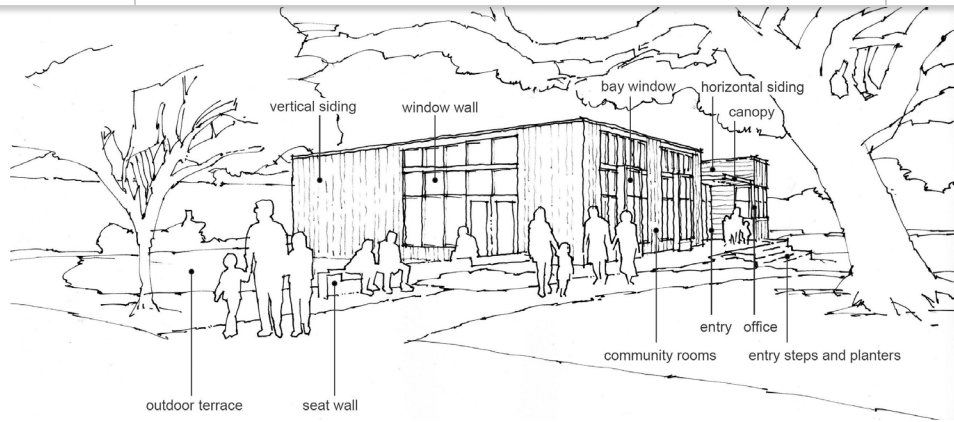
These changes will make the clubhouse a stronger asset for the neighborhood, and a better and safer place for afterschool activities for children, which are [currently scarce](#) in Berkeley. The Clubhouse will also serve the Willard neighborhood and South Berkeley by establishing a community space. At the same time, the project preserves the green space at Willard Park, with the new clubhouse remaining tucked into the corner of the park. The new clubhouse will also be better integrated with surrounding open areas. This will help beautify the southern boundary of the park and encourage more indoor/outdoor play and activities.



In consultation with the project architects, staff have just completed and are about to share a new design for the proposed clubhouse (new

overall footprint of the building, while still maintaining key new features and adequate space for the envisioned programming.





Thank you to everyone who has participated in the community process to envision this space. And an enormous thank you to City staff and the project architects, who have shown incredible dedication to this process and sensitivity to the community's desires and concerns for the project. It is very important to me that we continue to hear from you about this project—even if it is just to share how excited you are to see it finally complete!

If you would like additional information about the new clubhouse, and to see replies to some common questions and myths, please read on! Otherwise, thank you again for your feedback and involvement, and I look forward to seeing you in our new neighborhood clubhouse at Willard!

Best,
Lori

Why do we need a new clubhouse at Willard Park?

- The Clubhouse was built in 1971 and is long overdue for an update. With only one room and 565 square feet of space, the current clubhouse can only serve up to 45 children in its programs, even when using its outdoor space—the interior space only has a capacity of 25.
- With a larger space, the Clubhouse could meet more community needs. Enrollment for after school and day camp programs typically fills up fast, with a wait list of typically around 25 children. If the space were roomier, there would be greater capacity to meet that demand. Staff, parents, PTA equity liaisons, and community members all emphasized the need for a larger space to support the children's programs, and potentially be a place for other community meetings, classes, and activities.
- These programs are vital to under-resourced communities in Berkeley. Recreational programs at Berkeley's parks, community centers, and clubhouses are among the most affordable and accessible.
- This project will include new public restrooms and a new indoor restroom. Currently, there is a one-stall, open roof restroom with just a chain to indicate if it is in use. This project would make the public restroom more accessible to the community by relocating it away from the clubhouse and changing it into a prefabricated building with two gender-neutral stalls. Meanwhile, children and others using the

- The current clubhouse is not fully ADA compliant. Ensuring that City facilities are accessible to all is an equity issue and essential for complying with federal law.

What exactly is being proposed?

Community members and staff identified priorities and concerns about a new clubhouse and created three initial designs based on that feedback. After extensive community outreach, the preferred design includes:

- Expanding the footprint of the single story clubhouse to meet greater demand and serve more children. It will **not** take over the park's central green space.
- Maintaining a similar patio size but relocating it to make it more visible and better integrate it with the adjacent clubhouse and surrounding green spaces.
- Moving and updating the public restrooms to make them more comfortable and accessible.
- Restrooms within the new clubhouse space specifically for after school and summer camp participants and other building users.
- A terrace area for outdoor programming. Classrooms will still have direct access to park lawn space.
- Additional amenities such as a kitchenette, an office, a lobby area, increased storage, community meeting rooms with a removable divider to create one large room, and new landscape features.

Who took part in the community feedback process?

Staff gathered feedback through community meetings, focus groups, online surveys, and emails from:

- Members of the general public
- Families enrolled in the afterschool care programs
- Friends of Willard Park
- City Councilmembers
- Parks Commissioners
- Parks and Recreation staff
- Maintenance staff

What are some myths about the project?

- **"The project includes a 'corporate-style office park.'"**

This claim is [categorically false](#). At no point were there any plans for an office park on the site, and claims to the contrary are pure misinformation.

- **"The proposed clubhouse will take over green space," reduce open space by 20%, or have a "significant impact" on open space in the**

This is not, nor ever was, correct. The project's impact to the amount of green open space in the park is negligible. It actually enhances existing open space by better integrating the proposed clubhouse and its patios into the surrounding areas of the park.

- **“The proposal is too big!”**

Focus group participants were in overwhelming support of the project and many parents wanted an even bigger project than what was initially envisioned. Now, with the recent revisions, the footprint is smaller but will still be able to serve community members far better than the current clubhouse.

- **“Only 58 people were surveyed.”**

Over the course of planning for this project, hundreds of community members and parents took part in the public engagement for this project. There were five public meetings and eight focus group meetings. Groups that were consulted included Parent Teacher Associations, the Willard Neighborhood Association, Friends of Willard Park, city commissioners, councilmembers, neighbors, families in the program, and park maintenance staff. Staff mailed 2,685 notices and consultants went door to door as well. Staff also canvassed park visitors during recreational events. The overwhelming sense from the majority of these participants was that they wanted an expanded and improved clubhouse at Willard Park.

- **“These resources could have been used to open Willard Pool”**

Sadly, no. The Willard Pool property is owned by the Berkeley Unified School District, which has given no indication that it intends to sell or re-lease the property back to the City for pool use. Additionally, when given the option to fund re-opening of Willard Pool in 2010 and 2012 (through aquatic-focused bond measures), Berkeley voters sadly declined to support the ballot measures. On the other hand, Berkeley voters did support T1, which is the source of funding for the Willard Clubhouse update. There is not funding to reopen the pool in Willard Park and the funds for the Willard Clubhouse cannot be used for that purpose.

- **“The facility is only available if you pay for it.”**

The City frequently makes free and reduced-cost programming and use of its buildings available for community events and for low-income families. Without a doubt, this project will dramatically help families throughout Berkeley, many of whom are struggling with childcare options as [recently reported by Berkeleyside](#). The City of Berkeley Recreation Division has among the least expensive childcare in the city. It is important that park users in South Berkeley have access to updated, affordable, beautiful, and safe facilities.

- **“Kids won't be able to play outside.”**

Of course children need to play outside. Thankfully, the proposed clubhouse will in no way reduce opportunities for outside play. The clubhouse will actually enhance them by better integrating the clubhouse with adjacent outdoor areas. Sometimes kids need to play inside as well, especially during inclement weather or increasingly

opportunities for indoor play when it is preferred/necessary.

Once the city website goes live on Friday, even more questions will be addressed so stay tuned!



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