

<p>10/1/2021</p>	<p>Dear Parks and Rec Commissioners:</p> <p>Unfortunately, I am unable to attend tonight's meeting but would like to add my thoughts.</p> <p>Firstly, the work you are doing to improve Belmont is greatly appreciated, especially the attention to the efforts to build community by improving the local parks.</p> <p>One of my concerns is the safety of pedestrian and bike travel in Belmont for seniors like myself and for the children going to school and accessing those parks. I live in the Cipriani neighborhood and enjoy going to nearby Waterdog Park walking or cycling. I have stopped cycling on the Ralston corridor to Hallmark, Canada Rd and Sawyer Camp trails as I do not feel safe cycling next to cars going 40+ mph on a road with no bike lanes and narrow shoulders. I will put the bike on a car and begin cycling outside Belmont. Likewise, I do not use my bike to go to Carlmont to shop or have coffee, for the same reason. The congestion during school commute hours is awful, but I believe most parents would not feel safe letting their children cycle or walk to schools as I did at that age. They are missing out on a great experience that includes exercise and building independence as well as the obvious community and environmental benefits we all reap when we use our cars less.</p> <p>I am aware of Assembly Bill AB43 becoming law and making it feasible for Belmont to regulate the speed on the major arteries to schools and to access parks. I would like to see the speed on roads like Ralston and Alameda de las Pulgas reduced to 25 mph and speed bumps placed by the school zones. I would like to see police enforcement of traffic rules during the school commute hours. I see those things as "baby steps" that would not require much more expensive but greatly needed infrastructure changes such as protected bike lanes on those streets.</p> <p>Thanks for your efforts and please consider these options.</p> <p>Sincerely, Arnie Berman</p>	<p>Arnie Berman</p>
<p>10/1/2021</p>	<p>Dear Parks and Rec Commissioners:</p> <p>I am a long time resident of the Belmont-San Carlos area, a father of three and an experienced cyclist that rides upper Ralston on my bicycle nearly every day. Sadly, I am unable to attend tonight's meeting but would like to add my thoughts.</p> <p>First, the work you are doing to improve Belmont is greatly appreciated, especially the attention to the efforts to build community by improving the local parks.</p> <p>One of my concerns is the safety of pedestrian and bike travel in Belmont, especially for seniors and for children going to school and accessing those parks. While I bike on upper Ralston daily, this road is extremely dangerous for most cyclists, as cars routinely travel 40+ mph (even 50+) on a road with no bike lanes and narrow shoulders. Additionally, traffic congestion during school commute hours is awful, but I believe most parents would not feel safe letting their children cycle or walk to schools. They are missing out on a great experience that includes exercise and building independence as well as the obvious community and environmental benefits we all reap when we use our cars less.</p> <p>I am aware of Assembly Bill AB43 becoming law and making it feasible for Belmont to regulate the speed on the major arteries to schools and to access parks. I would like to see the speed on roads like Ralston and Alameda de las Pulgas reduced to 25 mph and speed bumps placed by the school zones. I would like to see police enforcement of traffic rules during the school commute hours. I see those things as "baby steps" that would not require much more expensive but greatly needed infrastructure changes such as protected bike lanes on those streets.</p> <p>Thanks for your efforts and please consider these options.</p> <p>Respectfully, Andrew Hsu</p>	<p>San Carlos Resident (former Belmont resident)</p> <p>Andrew Hsu</p>

	<p>Dear PROS Committee and P&R Commission:</p> <p>I watched the 9/30 PROS Committee meeting on Zoom and wanted to compliment Gates & Associates for their excellent and informative presentation. I'm pleased with the progress on the plan and hope the city can stay on pace to get the plan completed. I also wanted to offer some feedback on some items that were discussed during the meeting.</p> <p>Hidden Canyon Park</p> <p>I am glad that developing Hidden Canyon Park is finally on the agenda. As you know, in the 1990s, that parcel of land was dedicated as a city park by the developer of the Hidden Canyon tract under the Quimby Act as a condition of allowing the subdivision to be built. Due to lack of leadership and initiative of prior city councils, that tract of land has been sitting fallow for nearly 30 years. I'm grateful that our city current leadership recognizes the need for this resource to be utilized as it was originally intended. I think a permanent bathroom would be a great addition to that park. Someone mentioned having interpretive/educational aspects to it, and I think that was a great idea. There could be signs to educate park users about local flora and fauna, trail use courtesy, and trail stewardship. I also agree with the comments at the meeting that because the park is so close to the open space interface, it should be developed with a natural aesthetic to it, and amenities such as metal/plastic playground structures would be out of character with the space.</p> <p>This past summer, while in Bend, Oregon, I visited Rockridge city park. That park is much larger than Hidden Canyon, it has developed areas such as a large lawn, group picnic areas, a concrete skate park, etc. However, part of the park borders open space, and that portion of the park showcases some really great examples of natural amenities that blend in with the environment. Rather than a synthetic play structure, there is a "forest" of fossilized tree trunks and rocks placed for kids to play on. There are also beginner and intermediate mountain bike skills courses. These are very short loop trails with both natural and man-made wooden and stone obstacles designed to allow beginning and/or younger riders to hone their bike handling skills in a safe environment before heading onto trails where mistakes have bigger consequences. Both of these amenities would be a perfect fit for Hidden Canyon. There are some photos of the park here: https://www.bendparksandrec.org/park/rockridge-park/ (you can also do a Google Images search for Rockridge Park Bend), and I have also attached a few photos that I took while I was there.</p> <p>Connectivity</p> <p>At the meeting there were a number of comments about the importance of having connectivity between parks and amenities. I agree wholeheartedly with those comments. I think the city is doing a great job with the sidewalks along Ralston Avenue and look forward to more improvements to improve pedestrian and cycling connectivity throughout the city. During the meeting when pump tracks were discussed, a public commenter suggested that a pump track location in the main residential area of Belmont would be preferable to the Sports Complex, because that would allow users to safely bike there rather than traversing the hazardous Ralston / El Camino Real route. I agree with that commenter. Also, during this discussion, there was an aerial view of Hidden Canyon Park up on the screen, showing both a trail and road leading to the space, so that site has great connectivity - not only from Carlmont and Hastings Drives, but from Hallmark Drive (via the Lake Road Trail)</p> <p>Pump Track</p> <p>I'm very pleased to hear committee members speaking favorably about pump tracks. As you know there is strong grassroots community interest in a pump track, evidenced by the PROS survey results. Yesterday, I attended the Derby and Day in the Park event in Brisbane. They had a modular pump track set up for the event, which was a big hit. I have attached a few photos. I chatted with the gentleman from American Ramp Company (the outfit who supplied the track for the event), he said they build dirt, asphalt, and concrete pump tracks, and built a dirt one at Stafford Lake Park in Novato, and recently built a concrete one in Simi Valley. The portable one at the event is made out of plywood and bolts together, it is intended for temporary use. He said when they build concrete or asphalt ones, they use forms similar to the portable track to pour the asphalt or concrete. He said from a maintenance perspective, they prefer asphalt tracks because they hold up to wear very well, allow bikes, scooters, and skateboards, and surface damage is very easy to repair.</p> <p>Skate Park</p> <p>During the meeting, I was also happy to hear the committee members speaking favorably about skate parks, and really pleased to finally see a concrete proposal for a small skate park in the Ralston / Old County Road area. There were some concerns expressed about space limitations for a skate park, and whether it would be too small to be used. There is such a pent-up demand for this type of amenity in Belmont, it will get used no matter the size. Belmont's preteens and teens are starving for an amenity like this. As in Field of Dreams, if you build it, they will come. Coincidentally, while I was at the Brisbane event, I noticed they have a very small skate park right across the street from the event venue, which was being well-used and enjoyed by residents. I have attached a few photos to illustrate how a nice skate park can fit into a small space. During the meeting Brigitte mentioned that this park may be temporary in nature, and that can certainly be done, for example in Daly City has a skate park, which is not the greatest, but has prefabricated metal ramp and boxes rather than poured concrete. A few pictures are here: https://www.westcoastskateparks.com/skateparks/daly-city-skatepark-daly-city-california I'm sure that even if a small, temporary skate park is constructed, that will serve as a successful proof-of-concept, and I hope someday soon the city will construct a permanent skate park for its underserved teens.</p> <p>Thank you for all the time and effort you have been putting into our PROS Plan, keep up the good work, and I look forward to continued progress.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Paul Sheng Belmont resident</p>	<p>Paul Sheng</p>
<p>10/3/2021</p>	<p>Hi Kelley,</p> <p>Thank you so much for this invitation. Unfortunately I did not get this email until it was too late. Is there a way that the communities involved with wanting to give input can send information via email? I've heard from a couple people that they would've needed more of a heads up. Been able to attend.</p> <p>Please let me know, I'd like for her to be proper input for this process. Thank you!</p>	<p>Ryen Motzek</p>

<p>10/18/2021</p>	<p>Hi, info@belmontprosplan.com</p> <p>Would you be interested in building your Mobile app?</p> <p>We build these kinds of Mobile Apps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">·E-commerce App·Real Estate App·Education Apps·Health & Fitness App·Taxi & Travel App·Logistics Apps <p>Please let us know your exact requirement which kinds of Mobile APP & for which service you want so that we can provide solutions accordingly.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Mary</p>	<p>Mary</p>
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Dear Commissioners and PROS Committee,

At the PROS meeting for Hidden Canyon staff got an earful from residents expressing disapproval of development in the neighborhood park. There are three important points to summarize:

"Neighborhood" parks are defined in the General Plan (see below) as intended to serve only the immediate neighborhood, NOT to draw and serve visitors from the wider community. Located in sites where there is limited access and no parking, it is inappropriate to develop neighborhood parks as attractions for anyone who can't walk a few blocks to get there. Belmont Heights currently struggles with traffic, noise pollution and pedestrian safety issues due to heavy use of the Cross Country Course. This growing conflict is the result of ignoring the General Plan and failing to consider available infrastructure and neighbors when scaling plans.

"Undeveloped" parks were never intended to be filled with amenities. The original plan for these open spaces was exactly at titled -"Undeveloped". They were intended as natural space for wildlife corridors and shelter for our neighborhood visitors (deer, birds, etc.), as quiet, contemplative natural settings, and breathing space. Humans need to resist the urge to build on every little bit of nature. These spaces are NOT awaiting development, but rather intentionally UN-developed.

The Survey on which the consultants base their suggestions was wildly flawed. Over half of the respondents were NON Belmont residents. Yes, Belmont Parks are open to all visitors; but their intended purpose is to serve residents who live here and pay for them, not to attract and serve those from the wider community.

Belmont's General Plan provides validity for our argument:

4.2 PARKS AND RECREATION

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The City provides its residents with several types of parks and recreation facilities. Parks are defined as land owned, leased, or provided to the City and used for public recreational purposes. In addition, there is joint use planning and operation of school district athletic facilities for public recreation. Parks and recreational facilities are classified as follows:

- Mini Park. A small park ranging from a quarter-acre to 2 acres that is located within a residential area and is intended to provide play areas for small children or passive sitting areas for residents within a quarter-mile-radius.
- Neighborhood Park. A medium-sized park ranging from 2 to 10 acres that provides basic recreational activities for a specific neighborhood within a one-mile radius.
- Community Park. A large park ranging from 20 to 50 acres that includes passive and active recreation facilities that serve the entire city or a substantial portion of the city.
- School Park. Athletic fields and facilities that operate under joint use agreements between the City and the School District and are used by the community during non-school hours.
- Special Facility. A facility such as a community center, athletic complex, aquatic center or other cultural or athletic facility that services a specific recreational need for all or a portion of the city's population.

This is why I repeatedly plead with staff and planners to really read the existing General Plan, Conservation Element, and Parks Master Plan. These plans are our blueprint. Please respect them.

Thank you ,

Kristin Mercer

10/19/2021 "It actually doesn't take much to be considered a difficult woman. That's why there are so many of us." - Jane Goodall

Kristin Mercer

Hi,

Anyone looking for following services can feel free to connect with me:

. Graphics work (Banners, brochures, posters, presentations, etc.)

. Web Design & Development

. Mobile app design & development

. Custom software development

. Website maintenance

. Impeccable Modern Custom Design: that impresses your visitors

. Banner Ads, Brochures, Illustrations, Custom Design

If you are interested, share your requirement to get an affordable quotation, with the best offer.

Kinds Regards,

Shivam,

Business Development Executive

10/29/2021 India

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	<p>Hi There,</p> <p>My name is Rudolph Burton and I represent a Software Development Firm based out of Fairfax VA. We reached out to you to understand the current resource challenges you might be experiencing and since we have a stack of highly experienced in-house developers of the following mentioned technologies so not only we can provide developers on a short notice but also help you with the on-going projects:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Back-end - Java, Python, PHP, .Net2. Front-end - Angular, React, JS, HTML3. Mobile App - Android, iOS (Native & Hybrid) <p>It would be nice to know if you require our help with any of the above-mentioned technologies or you can even save our details for any future references.</p> <p>Look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Thanks & Regards,</p> <p>Rudolph Burton</p> <p>10/29/2021 Business Development Executive.</p>	<p>Rudolph Burton</p>
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Dear Belmont Belmont,

As a local resident, someone who is concerned with wildlife and wilderness protection, and a supporter of In Defense of Animals, I am writing to urge you to prioritize the protection of wildlife and habitat at Waterdog Lake & Open Space in the PROS Master Plan.

Belmont offers many recreational opportunities, but Waterdog is its primary natural open space, and only by prioritizing protection over recreation will we leave future generations of all species the same beautiful and essential wild land we witness today.

While opportunities for outdoor recreation and simply being able to enjoy nature are important, with increasingly little habitat in the Bay Area, this open space is critical for wildlife, and provides an invaluable and much-needed corridor that many species rely on and benefit from.

Protecting spaces like this is also important to residents, who see and respect the value of conserving natural spaces and habitat; Belmont and San Francisco Bay Area residents care about the environment, and they care about protecting wildlife.

If the area is given over further to recreational purposes, it will cease to function as it should. I am also extremely concerned that trails will be further opened here to mountain bikers, who have been damaging trails and running over wild animals.

I sincerely hope you will put conservation first when planning the future of this open space, and prioritize the need to protect it over development.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Date Received	Quantity	Commenter Name
10/2/2021	1	Mrs. Duangphorn Van Strien
10/3/2021	1	Mr. Natthta-Eag Pumradi
10/9/2021	1	Maria Soria
10/10/2021	1	Nattha-Eag Pumradi
10/23/2021	1	Ian Pearson
10/24/2021	1	Gen Campos
10/25/2021	3	christina berry, Noori Petri, Hanna Monola
10/26/2021	2	Terrie Phenicie, SORINA CASANDRA IONICA
10/28/2021	1	Callie Cromie
10/30/2021	1	Loretta Bolton
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