

Roger,

If you did not get a response from my staff, I apologize. I was focused on our budget process at the end of June/early July and missed your email among many that we received regarding our budget.

I am as frustrated as you about the impassability of the path along the channel of Peralta Park and the resulting safety issues. I want all of us to be able to use and enjoy our parks and be able to use and pass along our pathways.

As Amaya updated you, since last year, we have been working with City departments, other agencies and stakeholders to address the situation. OPW staff proposed a project to enclose Peralta Park with a fence and gates in order to: fulfill environmental requirements, address safety issues, ensure daytime public park access, and prevent re-encampment after the current unhoused individuals have been offered adequate shelter and transitioned from the site.

OPW has secured a minor conditional use permit for the fence, which was unanimously approved on March 13 by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC). See the detailed project plan in the [PRAC meeting packet](#) on page 79 - 95. The project memo is also attached and can be found here: bit.ly/PeraltaParkProject.

On March 18, the Measure DD community advisory group voted unanimously to approve funds for installation of the fence as proposed to enclose the entire park, with daytime access to the public.

I understand the delay in installing the fence is supply chain issues in securing the materials, and I have reached out to city staff to get an update.

In addition, because I believe safety issues at Peralta Park need to be addressed as soon as possible, I elevated the issues to City Administrator Johnson during our meeting on July 12, and on July 24 asked him and Asst. City Administrator Duffey (who oversees Public Works and Homelessness) to walk the site and encampments.

I've added ACA Duffey here to provide any additional updates.

Sincerely,

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