

**From:** Embarcadero Neighborhood Association  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:02 PM  
**To:** BCDC PublicComment <publiccomment@bcdcc.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Union Point Park as of 1.23.24

Hello,  
Could you please provide the Commissioners with the attached document regarding Union Point Park.  
Thank you,

Chris McKay  
Association Coordinator  
Embarcadero Neighborhood Association

The Bay Conservation and Development Commission(BCDC) has an agreement with the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland to operate Union Point Park on Kennedy Street in Oakland. The City is responsible for maintaining the park and keeping it free of encampments. The park is posted with signs that “No Encampments Allowed” and “No Overnight Parking” in the parking lots. The City is liable for \$6000 a day fines for not following the agreement. It might help if the BCDC Enforcement Committee sees the condition of the park as of January 23, 2024.

### **Large structure built next to the playground**



### **Tents with trash and firepits next to walkway**



**New tent next to walkway**



**Tire tracks on playfield**



**2 Tents north of Parking Lot**





**Abandoned tent with trash and stolen city property (stainless light covers on left)**



**Motorhome and storage in Southern Parking lot**





**GOOD NEWS!!! The Bay Trail remains clear and beautiful**



**We ask the BCDC Enforcement Committee to take action and require the City to follow the terms of the agreement and to clear the park of encampments and vehicles and return the park to the residents and visitors of Oakland.**

**Thank you,  
Chris McKay**

**Association Coordinator  
Embarcadero Neighborhood Association**

**From:** Embarcadero Neighborhood Association  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 at 5:04 PM  
**To:** Klein, Adrienne@BCDC <adrienne.klein@bcdc.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: 2024.01.19 Raimondi and Union Point Parks

Hi Adrienne, Yes, please do so. I'll be attending the meeting online on Wednesday  
Thank you very much.  
Best regards,  
Chris

Chris McKay  
Association Coordinator  
Embarcadero Neighborhood Association

On Fri, 19 Jan 2024 at 2:17 PM Klein, wrote:  
Dear Chris, this is to confirm receipt. Do you want staff to share this communication with the BCDC Enforcement Committee? Adrienne

**From:** Embarcadero Neighborhood Association  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:01 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Great job in Raimondi Park

A great job in Raimondi Park

When I last visited Raimondi Park a few months ago the park was a mess with broken down motorhomes surrounding the park, encampments in the park and trash everywhere. No one was using the park and it was obvious why they weren't, it didn't feel safe. When I attended a cleanup on MLK Day a large group of volunteers, including families with children, put the finishing touches on the park and it is immaculate! This shows that the City, working with the Community, can get things done in transforming a neighborhood. A Big Shoutout goes to the Encampment Management Team, OPD, Public Works, the Parks Department, the Transportation Department, the Mayor's Office, City Council and anyone else who was involved.







There's a good chance the park will be kept clean as there are a lot of residents in the new housing across the street and soccer and baseball teams will be using the fields and kids will be back in the playground. Enforcement will work. That's the good news. Now for the bad news.

A few months ago our Union Point Park was totally clear of encampments. Last summer kids from the nearby Charter School were planting trees and picking up trash and the park was closed to vehicles. It was looking good and people from the Fruitvale and Jingtowntown neighborhoods were using the park again. Today it is totally trashed with tents spread throughout the park, a structure built next to the playground and a motorhome in the parking lot, and it's growing. Trash is everywhere and no one is coming near the park.











Insanity is defined as *“doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result”* (attributed to Einstein) . I'm obviously no Einstein but we seem to be doing the same thing over and over and without **enforcement** and **prevention** we will get the same result. This isn't good for residents or unhoused people that are allowed in the park and then chased out. Our parks are important to our residents and they voted for Measure Q to protect them. The City has the funds, the cleanup of Raimondi Park shows they can get it done now all we ask for is help in getting our park back.

Chris McKay

Association Coordinator

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