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Feedback re: bikes during 2025-11-05 planning commission meeting

From: Cathy Chow**Sent:** Sunday, November 9, 2025 2:14 PM**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>**Subject:** Feedback re: bikes during 2025-11-05 planning commission meeting

Dear planning commission,

I was catching up on your 2025-11-05 meeting. It was very insightful to learn parks are excluded from zoning when requiring bike racks in the city! Thank you for bringing up that the "excluded" places could certainly benefit from bike parking. As I have been trying to get a bike rack installed at my neighborhood park (I am Esch Park's park adopter) via a Special Park Project Proposal and Application (which requires more knowledge about bike installation than I have), I was wondering which commission, if not planning commission, would be the best to approach if I were to advocate for bike racks in parks, or an easier way to get them installed without filling out this form? Right now, bikes just lay on the ground or against picnic tables, and this cannot be the only park where this happens. The number of parks in the city that have bike racks actually seems quite low

Second, are we able to use money from nearby developments to fund these bike racks? I was at the Public Hearing for the George in October, where a commissioner had asked if money from the redevelopment could be given to Esch Park, but the money instead went to Bicentennial Park. I would've commented on this if I'd known! Is it too late to divert some amount to install bike racks at Esch Park?

Btw, I agree that the Downtown library bike parking is awkward. It may depend on what bike you have, but I prefer to secure my bike on the back wheel and back bar. The way my bike lines up, the front wheel bumps into the curb and it's weird to line up, sometimes I have to lift my front wheel and my bike wants to go backwards because gravity

Thanks,

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