

CURRENT MEMBERS: Teresa Alvarez, Angie Avila, Sal Barajas, Rico Bueno*, Tina Camarillo*, Tommie Camarillo*, Felicia Castillo, Jesse Constancio, Luca Cruz, Christina Cruz, Juan Flores, Manuel Garcia*, Richard Gomez*, Howard Hollman, Carmen Kalo, Joe Le Blanc, Adelina Lopez, Consuelo Manríquez, Carlos Martell, Chris Mattson, Irene Mena*, Rosa Olga Navarro*, Victor Ochoa*, Octaviano Quintero*, Rigoberto Reyes, David Rico Sr.* , David M. Rico Jr., Jose Rodriguez, Rebecca Romero, Annie Ross, Rick Saiz, Isabel Sánchez, Ramon "Chunky" Sánchez, Josie Talamantez*, Mario Torero*, Arturo Torres, and Vivian Vaccarino

Chicano Park Steering Committee



* - present during the takeover
(Some pictured below)



MISSION STATEMENT: CPSC members continue the struggle to keep alive the concept of “Chicano Park all the way to the bay!” Members make sure the park continues to develop and expand. They also ensure that the park be developed in a Chicano/Mexican/Indigenous style.

WHAT THEY DO: Each member volunteers their time and energy to meet their goals and not let Chicano Park be forgotten or abandoned. They are involved in campaigns to keep the park and restore it as well. They also organize and conduct the annual Chicano Park Day.

Members participate as they can, some members have left to other states, but continue to help with whatever they can to keep the park alive.

CPSC members have worked on the campaigns against the retrofitting that would destroy the murals on the pillars



HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

One can get involved by attending the CPSC community meetings, held the last Sunday of the month. At the meetings one can decide what projects they partake in.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

➤ 1976 – CPSC has had to attend many meetings and convince the city councilman to allow them to have the kiosco. The councilman wanted a Spanish design, which the CPSC members quickly pointed out that that was what Old Town served for and were able to get the kiosco.

Chicano Park would have a Mexican/Chicano/Indigenous style to it!

➤ 1996 – CPSC and Brown Berets demanded against Cal Trans through negotiations, marches and demonstrations that they find another way to retrofit the Coronado Bridge without destroying the murals. The destruction of the murals would not be an option. A Caltrans scientist was able to retrofit the bridge from the top and bottom doing little damage to the murals.

➤ Everything that the park holds has been a struggle to achieve. CPSC members have fought hard to be able to have the park the way it is now, for example: Zapata's statue and the bulletin board were struggles they won.

➤ The park is very unique because it has been designed and maintained by the community.

