



Landmarks Preservation Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR

June 28, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)

Submitted by: Charles Enchill, LPC Chairperson

Subject: Annual Report on LPC Actions

INTRODUCTION

LPC has prepared a report on its activities during the period June 2021 through May 2022; see Attachment 1, "Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission Actions." Reports on the Commission's activities are required on an annual basis, in accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.24.090 - *Annual Report Required*.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On May 5, 2022, the Commission voted to adopt the attached report and to forward it to City Council. Vote: 6-0-1-1 (one vacancy); Yes: Adams, Crandall, Enchill, Leuschner, Schwartz, Twu; No: none; Abstain: Finacom; Absent: Montgomery.

BACKGROUND

Staff prepared a draft report summarizing LPC's action and then presented it for the Commission's consideration at its meeting on May 5, 2022. The Commission received the report favorably and voted to adopt it and to forward it to City Council in accordance with the BMC requirement.

The Commission held a total of 12 meetings during this reporting period, all occurred via video conferencing in compliance with City's measures to socially distance in order to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Commissioners have adapted to the remote meeting format and many have expressed a desire to continue for the foreseeable future.

Among numerous accomplishments, the Commission:

- Designated four properties as City Landmarks.
- Granted six Structural Alteration Permits for existing properties on the City's register of historic properties.
- Considered 11 demolition referrals from the Zoning Adjustments Board.
- Identified a need for a City-wide Historic Context Statement and prepared a budget request to City Council for the 2022/23 budget cycle.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Historic preservation practices encourage the adaptive re-use and rehabilitation of cultural resources within the City. The rehabilitation of these resources, rather than their removal, achieves construction and demolition waste diversion, and promotes investment in existing urban centers.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The LPC will continue to submit an annual report on its activities in accordance with the BMC requirement.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this reporting activity.

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Attachments:

1: Annual Report of Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) Activities



L A N D M A R K S
P R E S E R V A T I O N
C O M M I S S I O N

R E P O R T T O C I T Y C O U N C I L

**Annual Report on
Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)
Actions**

Reporting Period: June 2021 through May 2022
Due Date: June 30, 2022

Presented to City Council
By the LPC Secretary
On behalf of the LPC Chairperson and the Commission
In accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.24.090

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Part 1: Introduction

In accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.24.090, the LPC shall report its actions to City Council on an annual basis. The report must arrive not later than June 30 of each year.

Herein City Council will find summaries of all LPC activities for the current reporting period. The summary lists are arranged in categories reflecting LPC’s compulsory duties, such as public meetings and quasi-judicial reviews, as well as other efforts that further cultural resource preservation in Berkeley.

Part 2: LPC Meetings Held – via video conferencing only

Meeting Body	Date
Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)	June 3, 2021
	July 1, 2021
	August 5, 2021
	September 2, 2021
	October 7, 2021
	November 4, 2021
	December 2, 2021
	January 6, 2022
	February 3, 2022
	March 3, 2022
	April 7, 2022
	May 5, 2022
LPC Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Acheson Commons Development Project Structural Alteration Permit	April 6-9, 2021
	June 7-14, 2021
	September 15-21, 2021
	March 11-17, 2002

June 30, 2022

Part 3: LPC Regulatory Actions

Activity	Property Address	Application Number	Action Date
Landmark & Structure of Merit Designations BMC Section 3.24.150	1325 Arch Street	#LMIN2020-0008	August 5, 2021
	2212 Fifth Street (denied)	#LMIN2021-0001	October 7, 2021
	2523 Piedmont Avenue	#LMIN2021-0002	February 3, 2022
	1940 Hearst Avenue	#LMIN2021-0003	March 3, 2022
	2113 Kittredge Street	#LMIN2022-0001	May 5, 2022
Structural Alteration Permits BMC Section 3.24.240	1120 Second Street	#LMSA2021-0001	August 5, 2021
	1960 University Avenue	#LMSA2021-0003	October 7, 2021
	1325 Arch Street	#LMSAP2021-0003	January 6, 2022
	2328 Channing Way	#LMSAP2021-0002	February 3, 2022
	2580 Bancroft Way	#LMSAP2022-0003	April 7, 2022
	8 Greenwood Common	#LMSAP2022-0002	May 5, 2022
Use Permit Demolition Referrals BMC 23C.08.050	2942 College Avenue	#ZP2021-0072	July 1, 2021
	2213 Fourth Street	#ZP2021-0043	July 1, 2021
	2221 Fourth Street		
	2216 Fifth Street		
	1710 University Avenue	#ZP2021-0127	December 2, 2021
	130 Berkeley Square	#ZP2021-0158	February 3, 2022
	134 Berkeley Square		
	701, 703, 705, & 705A Bancroft Way	#ZP2021-0096	March 3, 2022
	747 Bancroft Way		
	2440 Shattuck Avenue	#ZP2021-0201	April 7, 2022
2439 Durant Avenue	#ZP2021-0192	May 5, 2022	
Design Review Referrals BMC 23E.12.020.B	2345 Channing Way	#DRSL2021-0012	November 4, 2021
Mill Act Contract Applications City Council Resolution 59,355	None		
Section 106 Referrals National Preservation Act	None		

Part 4: LPC Agenda Discussions Held

Topic	Discussion	Outcome	Date(s)
Draft Plaque Content for City Landmark Fred Turner Building at 2580 Bancroft Way	Commented on draft plaque content.	Approved the content, and assigned inspection of the plaque installation to the Subcommittee for Acheson Commons.	July 1, 2021
National Register of Historic Places Nomination for City Landmark Peoples Park at 2526 Haste Street	Reviewed the nomination materials and considered providing comments to the State Historic Resources Commission (SHRC) as Certified Local Government.	Commissioners did not reach a consensus on this topic; no comments were provided to the SHRC.	October 7, 2021
City-wide Historic Resources Survey	Discussed strategies to initiate a survey effort, to define a scope, and to identify potential funding sources.	Authored a Budget Referral to City Council.	November 4, 2021
			December 2, 2021
			January 6, 2022
			February 3, 2022
			March 3, 2022

Part 5: LPC Agenda Presentations Received

Topic	Presenter	Date
Housing Element Update	Land Use Planning staff presented information on the upcoming Housing Element Update.	September 2, 2021
City Landmark School for the Deaf & Blind/Clark Kerr Campus at 2601 Warring Street	UC Campus Architect presented information about pending development and seismic improvement project.	November 4, 2021
Draft EIR for North Berkeley & Ashby BART Station Re-Zoning	Land Use Planning staff presented information about the cultural resources components of the Draft EIR.	November 4, 2021