

FINAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING July 18, 2018

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
- 4 **Location:** South Berkeley Senior Center, Berkeley, CA
- 5 Commissioners Present: Steve Martinot, Robb William Kapla, Christine Schildt (left at
- 9:30pm), Jeff Vincent, Benjamin Fong, Mary Kay Lacey, Margo Schueler (substitute for Prakash
- 7 Pinto).

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- 8 Commissioners Absent: Prakash Pinto (excused), Rob Wrenn (excused), Benjamin Beach
- 9 (excused).
- Staff Present: Secretary Alene Pearson, Sydney Stephenson, and Alisa Shen.
- 11 **ORDER OF AGENDA:** No changes.
- 12 **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
- 13 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No speakers.
- 14 PLANNING STAFF REPORT: The next Commission meeting will be on September 5. The City
- 15 Council passed two new Planning Commission referrals on July 10: prohibiting new auto sales
- in C-SA areas, and city-wide green development requirements. Next Tuesday (July 24th) the
- 17 Council will have its second reading of Urban Agriculture. Density Bonus and Cannabis
- Nurseries were continued and could be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting or at a later
- 19 meeting.

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- 20 **COMMUNICATIONS IN PACKET**: None.
- 21 **LATE COMMUNICATIONS** (Received after the Packet deadline):
- 2018-07-18 Stuart Baker, Telegraph Business Improvement District Public Comment
 on Small Business Package, Item 10
 - 2018-07-18 Melissa Hatheway, Elmwood Business Association Public Comment on Small Business Package, Item 10
- LATE COMMUNICATIONS (Received and distributed at the meeting):
 - 2018-07-18 Tony Wilkinson Displacement article, Item 9
- 28 **CHAIR REPORT:** None.
- 29 **COMMITTEE REPORT:** None.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion/Second/Carried (Kapla/Schildt) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2018. Ayes: Lacey, Martinot, Schildt, Fong, Kapla, Vincent. Noes: None. Abstain: Schueler. Absent: Beach, Wrenn. (6-0-1-2)

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8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER PLANNING-RELATED EVENTS: Staff will bring two items to the September 5th meeting: the student housing and moderate impact referrals.

AGENDA ITEMS

9. Discussion: Adeline Corridor Specific Plan Update and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and EIR Scoping Session

Staff presented on the Adeline Corridor Specific Plan EIR public scoping meeting. The planning process and preparation of the EIR were summarized. The goal of this meeting is to receive public comments about the environmental impacts that should be studied in the EIR. The EIR will analyze environmental impacts of the Project (the Plan); identify "mitigation measures," which would serve to avoid or minimize an impact; and analyze alternative to the Project that should be analyzed that may be environmentally superior to the proposed Project.

- The Planning Commission took public comment for the EIR scoping session. Then, the
- 47 Planning Commission asked Staff questions regarding the process. The Planning
- Commission discussed the content and analysis that should be included in the EIR, including analysis of displacement in the neighborhood.
- 50 Public Comments: 16 speakers.

10. Discussion: Analysis and Options Related to Small Business Support Recommendations

Motion/Second/Carried (Schildt/Kapla) to nominate Commissioner Fong as temporary Chair because Chair Schildt had to leave meeting early. Ayes: Lacey, Martinot, Schildt, Fong, Kapla, Vincent, Scheuler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Beach, Wrenn. (7-0-0-2)

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Staff presented the six recommendations related to the Small Business Package Referral that were presented at the last Planning Commission meeting, with additional analysis and options for moving forward with these recommendations.

The six recommendations include:

1. Remove parking requirement for a change of use for qualifying projects in Cprefixed districts. Staff provided an option to remove the required incremental change in
parking for businesses that move into existing commercial spaces. The Planning
Commission agreed with this recommendation.

- 2. Condense food services categories to a single category. Staff provided two options:

 1) collapse the three food service categories into one category, 2) collapse restaurant types in C-1, C-N, C-NS, C-SA, C-T and C-SO, maintaining level of discretion associated with commercial space size. The two options also included consideration of parking requirements. The Planning Commission agreed to move forward with Option 1 amended to include specific recommendations for levels of discretion and size thresholds where conflicts arise and on parking requirements. In addition, the Commission requested staff to bring back to the public hearing analysis supporting recommendations on the size threshold determination, as well as, analysis of difference between the parking requirements of 1 space per 300 square feet versus 1 space per 500 square feet.
- 3. Standardize square footage thresholds that trigger various permits for "changes of use" across all C-prefixed districts. Staff provided two options: 1) lower the level of discretion associated with a change of use form UPPH to an AUP in all relevant districts, 2) in addition to Option 1, lower the level of discretion associated with a change of use from an AUP to a ZC in all relevant districts. The Planning Commission agreed with Option 1, but asked staff to explain the pros-cons of UPPH versus AUP process in the context of the permit approval process.
- 4. Standardize "uses deemed compatible" across C-prefixed districts to the same level of discretionary review. Staff provided an option to lower the level of discretion for approval of a "use deemed compatible" from UPPH to AUP. The Planning Commission unanimously agreed with this recommendation.
- 5. Expand the "commercial recreation" thresholds adopted for the Downtown across other C-prefixed districts. Staff provided three options for this recommendation: 1) apply C-DMU's regulations to Commercial Recreation Centers (CRC) in the Avenue Commercial districts (C-1, C-T, C-W), 2) allow CRCs in the Neighborhood Commercial zoning districts with a ZC if facility is under 1,500 sq. ft., and an AUP if facility is between 1,500 and 5,000 sq. ft. Add reference to "neighborhood-serving commercial development" in the findings for CRCs in Neighborhood Commercial districts, 3) allow CRCs in the Neighborhood Commercial zoning districts with a ZC if facility is under 1,500 sq. ft., and an AUP if facility is between 1,500 and 3,000 sq. ft. Add reference to "neighborhood-serving commercial development" in the findings for CRCs in Neighborhood Commercial districts. The Planning Commission agreed with Option 1 and wanted more analysis and discussion for Options 2a and 2b in order to determine an appropriate threshold size for AUP/UPPH in the Neighborhood Commercial districts.
- 6. Allow the incidental service of beer and wine at a food service establishment via a Zoning Certificate (ZC) in C-prefixed districts, and impose performance standards where there would not otherwise be conditions of approval. Staff provided an option to lower the level of discretion from AUP to ZC for beer and wine service for incidental seated food service. Add standard conditions of approval as performance standards to

the Zoning Ordinance for beer and wine service incidental to seated food service. Create 108 a new ZC form (ZC-REST) that lists performance standards. The Planning Commission 109 unanimously agreed with this recommendation. 110 111 112 Motion/Second/Carried (Vincent/Kapla) to request from staff to prepare a Public Hearing for the October Commission meeting with all six recommendations and include additional 113 analysis for recommendations #2, #3, and #5. Ayes: Lacey, Martinot, Fong, Kapla, Vincent, 114 Scheuler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Beach, Wrenn, Schildt (left at 9:30). (6-0-115 0-3) 116

- 117 Public Comments: No speakers.
- 118 The meeting was adjourned at 9:48pm
- 119 Commissioners in attendance: 7 of 9
- Members in the public in attendance: 26
- 121 Public Speakers: 16 speakers
- Length of the meeting: 2 hour and 45 minutes