




Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR

November 13, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Eric Angstadt, Director, Planning and Development Department
Subject: LPC-NOD: 1770 La Loma Avenue

INTRODUCTION

The attached Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) Notice of Decision (NOD) is submitted to the Mayor and City Council pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 3.24.240, which states that “A copy of the Notice of Decision shall be filed with the City Clerk and the City Clerk shall present said copy to the City Council at its next regular meeting (Ord. 4694-NS § 4.1(c), 1974).”

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has approved a Structural Alteration Permit for rehabilitation of the City Landmark Phi Kappa Psi Chapter House (1770 La Loma Avenue); including the addition of an approximately 248 square foot west facing, third floor addition, replacement of non-historic windows, removal of numerous intrusions, expanded rear deck and additon of an exterior stair element for secondary egress/entry, and restoration of the historic Ridge Road entry porch.

BACKGROUND

BMC Section 3.24.300 allows the Council to review any action of the Landmarks Preservation Commission in granting or denying a Structural Alteration Permit. In order for the Council to review the decision on its merits, the Council must certify the Notice of Decision. To do so, a Councilmember must move this Information Item to Action and then move to set the matter for a hearing. Such action must be taken within a minimum of 15 days from the mailing of the Notice of Decision or by November 14, 2012.

If the Council chooses to certify the action of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, a public hearing will be set within 25 days pursuant to BMC Section 3.24.300.B. The Council must then rule on the application within 30 days from the date that the public hearing is opened or the decision of the Landmarks Preservation Commission is automatically deemed affirmed.

Unless the Council wishes to review the determination of the Landmarks Preservation Commission and make its own decision, the attached Notice of Decision is deemed received and filed.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The Council could choose to certify the decision by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, setting a public hearing at a later date.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Additional staff time would be required to prepare the necessary Council report and resolution.

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Attachments:

1. 1770 La Loma Avenue– Landmarks Preservation Commission Notice of Decision for Structural Alterations Permit Application (LM No. 12-40000006)