



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 24, 2002  
7:00 PM

North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Avenue

### AGENDA

1. *Roll Call*
2. *Order of Agenda*
3. *Public Comment Period:* Speakers are allotted three minutes or less each. Speakers are encouraged to submit more extensive comments in writing. To ensure adequate time for action items on the Agenda, the Planning Commission may limit the number of public speakers during the public comment period.
4. *Chairperson's Report:* Report by Commission Chair
5. *Committee Reports:* Reports by Commission committees or liaisons.
6. *Planning Director's Report:* Report on upcoming planning issues and recent Council actions.
7. *Approval of Minutes:* April 10, 2002 (attached).
8. *Future Planning Commission Agenda Items and Other Planning-Related Events*

**Action Items:** Matters on which the Planning Commission may discuss and possibly take action.

9. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Zoning Ordinance amendment to prohibit the use of dangerous and/or sharp material in or on top of fences in residential districts (*report to be delivered*).
10. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Confirm establishment of a subcommittee to address and clarify state law on land use density.
11. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Establishment of a subcommittee to address the definition of demolitions.
12. *Discussion of Southside Plan:* Discussion of Transportation Element (*reports attached*). For this item, Commissioners are requested to study the March 7, 2002, staff report from Andrew Thomas for summary background on key transportation issues in the Southside Area Plan.
  - 12a. *Commute Mode Shares for Berkeley and the University*
  - 12b. *AC Transit Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Corridor Major Investment Study (MIS) Summary Report.*

**Information Items:** Action may be taken on any information report at this meeting if any Commissioner requests its placement on the agenda as an action item.

13. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Draft letter from Planning Commission to City Manager Weldon Rucker concerning Planning Commissioners attending future League of California Cities Planners Institutes.

14. *Comparison of Group Living Quarters Zoning Standards* prepared by the Planning and Development Department (*attached*).
15. *University Avenue Landscape Plan* prepared by the Parks and Waterfront Department (*attached*).
16. *Initiative Petition Regulating Heights of Buildings*, prepared by City Clerk. (*attached*).
17. *Planning Commission Report to the City Council on Interim Controls on Office Development in the Mixed Use-Light Industrial District of West Berkeley* (*attached*).

**Communications:** In compliance with Brown Act regulations, no action may be taken on these items. However, discussion may occur at this meeting upon a Commissioner request.

18. *Email from Howie Muir to multiple City of Berkeley officials concerning Regional Smart Growth Planning Workshops, April and May of 2002.*
19. *Cumulative email correspondence on urban land use density and other related issues to Planning and Development Department and other City officials from Howie Muir, September 18, 2001 through March 22, 2002. (Because this correspondence extends to nearly 400 pages, Staff will circulate at the Meeting one three-ring binder containing Mr. Muir's correspondence, which includes posted copies of articles and discussion of urban land use density. **If Commissioners wish copies of selected portions of the correspondence, please contact Staff with your request. A second three-ring binder with Mr. Muir's communications will also be available to the public at the meeting. Staff will place the complete correspondence from Mr. Muir into the Planning Commission archives.**)*

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