



REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 8, 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 24, 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:* Southside Plan Land Use, Housing, and Safety issues.
 - 9.a. Preliminary staff review of land use and housing impacts of proposed Southside Plan zoning (*report attached*).
 - 9.b. Proposed Land Use and Housing Amendments List from Commissioner Wrenn for the Planning Commission Subcommittee Draft Southside Plan, December 2001 (*report attached*).
 - 9.c. Suggested Revisions to Southside Plan Safety Element from Southside Community Safety Partnership, April 4, 2002.
10. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Discussion with representative of the City Attorney's Office concerning amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section 23A.20, regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendments, to clarify and conform to state law (*refer to Planning Commission packet for April 10, 2002, Item #9*).
11. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Zoning Ordinance Revision priorities report from the Planning and Development Department to the Berkeley City Council (*report to be delivered at meeting*).
12. *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 attached*).

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. Staff report on April 25, 2002, joint design charette between University of California and City of Berkeley staff concerning Southside Plan transportation and mobility issues.

14. AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit Policy Steering Committee (meeting of May 1, 2002), packet materials and handouts.
15. Additional Information to City Council from the Planning Commission on Interim Controls on Office Development in the MU-LI (Mixed Use-Light Industrial) District, April 29, 2002.
16. Facsimile transmittal from John Cecil via Tim Stroshane to Gene Poschman concerning Alternatives to Ashby Avenue: Test Results, Notes and Comments, April 26, 2002.
17. Planning and Development Department Budget Issues, May 1, 2002.

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. *Letter from Thomas E. Lollini, FAIA, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Capital Projects, University of California, Berkeley, to Carolyn Helmke, City of Berkeley Bicycle Boulevard Coordinator, April 24, 2002.*
19. *Email from Howie Muir to multiple City of Berkeley officials concerning Dueling Densities: Pittsburg versus Berkeley, April 28, 2002, 8:37 AM.*
20. *Email from Howie Muir to Carol Barrett, Tim Stroshane and Mark Rhoades concerning Affordability and ABAG's "Fair Share" Housing Requirements for Berkeley, April 30, 2002, 8:34 AM.*
21. *Email from Howie Muir to multiple City of Berkeley officials concerning Regional Smart Growth Planning Workshops, April and May of 2002. (Held over from April 24, 2002, meeting.)*
22. *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.**) (Held over from April 24, 2002, meeting.)*

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