



REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 22, 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:* May 8, 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 Transportation, Community Character, and Design Guidelines amendments and issues (report from Commissioner Wrenn attached).
10. *Public Hearing, Discussion, and Possible Action:* Downtown (C-2) Commercial District Regulations draft amendments (report attached).
11. *Public Hearing, Discussion, and Possible Action:* Proposed Tree Preservation Ordinance amendments (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.

12. *Council item from Mayor Shirley Dean dated May 14, 2002, "Densification of Berkeley."*
13. *Council item from Planning and Development Department for the June 11, 2002 meeting concerning Zoning Ordinance Revision Priorities.*
14. *Summary of demographic, and selected social, economic, and housing data from the 2000 Census for Berkeley (available at <http://censtats.census.gov/pub/Profiles.shtml>), released May 14, 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.

15. *Email from Howie Muir to City Council members and aides, and various City officials, dated May 6, 2002, 11:18 AM, "The Inconvenience of Facts," concerning East Bay Express coverage of a proposed initiative to regulate heights of buildings in Berkeley.*
16. *Reproduction of article from PLANNING magazine, "Putting on Their Parking Caps," April 2002, pp. 16-21, submitted by Patrick Kennedy, Panoramic Interests.*

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Note: If you object to a project or to any City action or procedure relating to the project application, any lawsuit which you may later file may be limited to those issues raised by you or someone else in the public hearing on the project, or in written communication delivered at or prior to the public hearing. The time limit within which to commence any lawsuit or legal challenge related to these applications is governed by Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, unless a shorter limitations period is specified by any other provision. Under Section 1094.6, any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-judicative decision made by the City must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which such decision becomes final. Any lawsuit or legal challenge, which is not filed within that 90-day period, will be barred.