Planning Commission

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE [BMC TITLE 23] TO MODIFY 23B.28.050, 23B.32.040, AND 23B.44.030 TO ADD REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANY ORDINANCE-PROTECTED TREE LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES CONTAINING THREE OR MORE DWELLING UNITS.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE [BMC TITLE 23] TO AMEND SECTION 23E.68 CENTRAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) DISTRICT TO CONFORM TO THE NEW GENERAL PLAN POLICIES.

The City of Berkeley Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the above matter on Wednesday**, May 22, 2002** at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave (at Martin Luther King), Berkeley. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Staff is proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (BMC Title 23) as follows:

Modification of Sections 23B.28.050, 23B.32.040, and 23B.44.030 To add required findings for the removal of any Ordinance-protected tree located on private properties containing three or more dwelling units. This amendment is in conjunction with the proposed addition of Chapter 12.46, Tree Preservation—other than Coast Live Oak, and Chapter 12.47, Coast Live Oak Preservation to the Berkeley Municipal Code. The full texts of the proposed amendments are available through the Current Planning Division.

Modification of Section 23E.68 To modify the Central Commercial (C-2) district to conform to the new General Plan policies. Proposed modifications include those related to density bonus, arts density bonus, and parking guidelines within the downtown area. The full texts of the proposed amendments are available through the Current Planning Division.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may vote to adopt, modify, or reject the proposed amendments. If adopted by the Planning Commission, the proposed amendments will be forwarded for action by the City Council, which may approve, modify, or reject the proposed amendments.

Environmental Review Status: The proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act because it can be seen with certainty that the proposed amendments would not have a significant effect on the environment. Moreover, the proposed action is not a project as defined under Public Resources Code Sec. 21065 because it would not cause either a direct physical change or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

To obtain copies of the proposed amendments and Staff Report to the Planning Commission regarding this matter please contact **Christina Ratcliffe, AICP at (510) 705-8189.**

Notice mailed to: Neighborhood and Community Organizations
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Members of the Zoning Adjustments Board