



REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 26, 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:* Approved minutes of May 8 and May 22, 2002; draft minutes of June 12, 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. *Public Hearing (continued), Discussion, and Possible Action:* Proposed rezoning of 1036 Carleton Street from the C-W zoning to the MU-R zoning district in West Berkeley (report attached).
10. *Public Hearing, Discussion, and Possible Action:* Zoning Ordinance amendment regulating properties with legal non-conforming coverage, FAR, or density (refer to Item #12 in June 12 meeting packet).
11. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Consideration of amendments to and possible approval of Planning Commission Draft Southside Plan.
 - a. Seismic safety-related amendments from Planning and Development Department staff (report attached).
 - b. Additional proposed Southside Plan transportation amendments from Commissioner Wrenn (report attached).
 - c. Proposed policy on soft story buildings from Commissioner Poschman (report attached).
 - d. Comments from the Design Review Committee (oral report).
 - e. Comments from the Transportation Commission (oral report).
 - f. Approval of amended Planning Commission Draft Southside Plan for purposes of Environmental Impact Report preparation.

12. *Presentation:* University of California at Berkeley Planning Staff Presentation on Potential Bus Rapid Transit Concepts for West Campus/Downtown and Southside Areas of Berkeley (materials attached).
13. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Proposed Initiative to Regulate Building Heights (Initiative text and staff comparison of existing Zoning Ordinance and proposed Initiative changes attached).
14. *Presentation:* City of Berkeley Density Bonus procedures (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.

15. *Memorandum from Carol D. Barrett, FAICP, Berkeley Director of Planning and Development, to Planning Commission and Waterfront Commission concerning transmittal of letters about the completeness of Rancho San Antonio Master Development Plan application to the City of Albany and MEC Landholdings (letters attached).*
16. *Measure Q, Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 11.56.*
17. *City of Berkeley Waterfront Master Plan Amendment.*
18. *City of Berkeley Waterfront Specific Plan.*
19. *Memorandum from Carol D. Barrett, FAICP and Dan Lambert, Building and Safety Division, to the Planning Commission the Soft Story Project and Mitigating the Threat to Existing Housing, June 26, 2002.*
20. *Transmittal of Notice of Decision from the Planning Commission to the Honorable Mayor and City Council concerning Approval of Tentative Parcel Map # 7383 for 1843-47 Dwight Way on June 12, 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.

No communications were received by the completion and posting of this Agenda.

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