



Planning Commission

**Planning Commissioners: Please bring the
Housing Element, dated December 18, 2001.**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**Wednesday, September 11, 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:* Draft minutes of July 10, 2002, and July 24, 2002 (copy attached).
8. *Future Planning Commission Agenda Items and Other Planning-Related Events* (copy attached).

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

9. *Discussion and Possible Action:* General Plan (copies for Commissioners only, distributed separately).
 - A. *Publication:* Continued discussion on Publication, Printing and Distribution Procedures (continued from July 10th).
 - B. *Implementation:* Discussion on a Memorandum to Boards and Commissions on the Budget Process and other relevant issues.
 - C. *Usage of General Plan Policies:* Memorandum to staff planners from the Director of Planning and development (copy attached, for information).
 - D. Memorandum from Commissioner Poschman: General Plan Thoughts (copy attached).
10. *Discussion, and Possible Action:* Planning Commission Fall Work Program.
 - A. *ZORS Priorities:* Continued discussion on Priority List of Zoning Ordinance changes (copy attached).
 - B. *City Council Work Program:* Listing of the FY 02-03 Special Projects from the City Council Work Plan (copy attached for information).
 - C. *Commission Work Program:* Projects to be undertaken during the upcoming period (copy of upcoming agenda items attached).
11. *Discussion and Possible Action:* Agenda Process and Agenda Preparation. (Continued from the July 24th meeting).

12. *Discussion and Possible Action:* General Plan Housing Element and Appendix. (Please bring your copy to the meeting).
 - A. Memorandum from Stephen Barton, Housing Director, on the State Department of Housing and Community Development Response to Berkeley's Adopted Housing Element (copy attached, for information).
 - B. Memorandum from Commission Poschman on the "latest" Housing Element Appendix (copy attached).
 - C. Report from staff on the meeting of September 4, 2002, with the State Department of Housing and Community Development (oral 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. *Council Referral on Priority Processing of Low-Income Housing Projects* (copy attached).
14. *Density Standards Subcommittee Report* (copy attached).
15. *Outline of schedule for report preparation for the City Council Density Referral* (to be delivered).
16. *The 2000 Census in Berkeley, Highlights Assembled for the Berkeley Public Library Community Planning Process* (copy attached).
17. *Letter to Bayer Neighbors from the Planning and Development Department concerning the Development Agreement* (copy attached).
18. *Letter from the Planning and Development Department concerning the 1100 Eastshore Highway Master Development Plan- Rancho San Antonio* (copy attached).
19. *News article concerning free transit passes* (copy attached).
20. *Notice from the Water Transit Authority outlining Fall Public Hearings, Draft Environmental Studies and Plan for More Ferries to Improve the Region's Public Transit System* (copy attached).
21. *Greenbelt Alliance Housing Crisis Report Card* (copy attached as requested by the Planning Commission).
22. *City Council Report on Policy on Zoning Project Notices, from the September 10, 2002 meeting agenda* (copy attached).
23. *Revised Planning Commission Roster* (copy 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.

Letter to the Planning Commission from the Sierra Club regarding Rancho San Antonio (copy attached).

Letter to the Transportation Department concerning the intersection of Dwight Way and California Street (copy attached).

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