

APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

1 **ROLL CALL**

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3 Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

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5 Location: North Berkeley Senior Center.

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7 Commissioners Present: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Tabb, Wengraf, Wozniak,
8 Wrenn.

9 Commissioners Absent: Howerton.

10 Staff Present: Barton, Cosin, Grimes, Homringhausen, Napolitan, Rhoades, Stroshane.

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12 **ORDER OF AGENDA**

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14 Consensus of the Planning Commission to move Committee Reports, Approval of the
15 Minutes, and Future Planning Commission Agenda Items and Other Planning-Related
16 Events to the end of the meeting due to the density workshop.

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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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20 Howie Muir restated a prior request made in 2000 asking the Planning Commission to
21 examine the zoning in West Berkeley.

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23 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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25 Chairperson Bronstein reported on the following items:

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27 A memo from Staff Rhoades to Planning Director Barrett which discussed conflicts
28 between the Planning Commission's schedule and the timing of zoning amendments.

29 The expiration of MULI on October 29, 2002¹

30 The MULI subcommittee will be meeting and reporting back.

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32 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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34 Commissioner Poschman reported on the General Plan committee's September 24th
35 meeting and stated that it was the consensus of the committee that only a final version of
36 the General Plan be printed. Commissioner Poschman also requested a printing budget
37 from Staff Grimes for various forms, both printed and electronic.

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39 Commissioner Poschman stated that the General Plan committee would be meeting with
40 John English regarding editing of the General Plan and that the committee hoped to have
41 an updated version for the Planning Commission's October 23rd meeting. Map errors in
42 the General Plan would be referred to the Planning Department Staff for correction.

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¹ The expiration of MULI was stated as December 17th not October 29th at the October 9th Planning Commission meeting.

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44 Commissioner Bronstein stated that the MULI sub-committee would be meeting on
45 October 16th and the meeting was open to the public.

46 **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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48 Staff Cosin reported on the following items:

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50 Referral from the City Council to reconsider the fee structure for appeals

51 A forum on the height initiative is scheduled on B-TV for October 3rd.

52 Recent planning related bills signed by the Governor

53 Quarterly Work Program discussion on the Planning Department tentatively set for
54 October 29th at the City Council.

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56 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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58 M/S/C to approve the July 10th minutes with changes (Poschman/Wrenn). Ayes: 59 Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Tabb, Wengraf, Wozniak, Wrenn. Noes: None. 60 Abstentions: None. Absent: Howerton.
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62 M/S/C to approve the July 24th minutes with changes (Poschman/Wozniak). Ayes: 63 Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Wengraf. Noes: None. Abstentions: Tabb, Wozniak, 64 Wrenn. Absent: Howerton.
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66 M/S/C to approve the September 11th minutes with changes (Wrenn/Wozniak). Ayes: 67 Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Tabb, Wozniak, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: Poschman, 68 Wengraf. Absent: Howerton.
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70 **FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER**
71 **PLANNING-RELATED EVENTS**

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73 Staff Cosin stated the City of Berkeley's Economic Development department would be
74 submitting an information item on Downtown Fast Food Restrictions for the October 9th
75 meeting.

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77 The Planning Commission stated it would prepare a summary of the Density Workshop for
78 the October 9th meeting.

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80 Staff Grimes stated that an information item from Carol Barrett regarding the new format
81 of the Planning Commission minutes would be included in the October 9th packet.

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83 **WORKSHOP ON DENSITY**

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85 Approximately 35 members of the public attended the Planning Commission's Density
86 Workshop.

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88 A significant portion of the discussion focused on the definition of density in Berkeley,
89 specifically population density versus unit density. Several examples were given in
90 regards to how various cities and the State of California define density.

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92 Both the positive and negative impacts of increased density in the City of Berkeley were
93 discussed as well as the necessity of setting a target population size for the city. The
94 Density Subcommittee will prepare a summary.

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96 **SOUTHSIDE AREA PLAN STATUS REPORT**

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98 Commissioner Wrenn stated that minor corrections to the Southside Area Plan should be
99 completed for the Planning Commission's October 23rd meeting with more complex
100 changes, such as adding and updating tables, and changing graphics to be made by the
101 Planning Commission's first meeting in November.

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103 Staff Homrighausen stated that the scoping for the EIR could begin as early as December
104 if the necessary data is available.

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106 **ADJOURNMENT**

107 Meeting was adjourned at 09:50.

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