

**APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2002**

1 **ROLL CALL**

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3 Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

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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: Barrett, Grimes, Homringhausen, Napolitan.

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12 **ORDER OF AGENDA**

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14 Commissioner Poschman requested that information item 18 be moved to action item 11.

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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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18 Wendy Alfsen asked for the Planning Commission's support for the full implementation of
19 BAPS Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan.

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21 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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23 Chairperson Bronstein reported on the following items:

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25 The Housing Advisory Commission has agreed to create a sub-committee that will work
26 with the Planning Commission's General Plan sub-committee.

27 The reorganization of the City of Berkeley's Planning Department

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29 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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31 Commissioner Poschman reported on the General Plan committee's September 24th
32 meeting and stated that an updated version of the General Plan would be completed by the
33 November 13th meeting.

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35 Commissioner Bronstein stated that the MULI sub-committee would not be meeting on
36 October 16th . She also stated that the expiration of MULI is not October 29th as
37 previously thought but rather December 13th.

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39 Commissioner Wozniak reported on the October 9th meeting a Waterfront Commission
40 committee consisting of one representative from the following commissions: CEAC,
41 Disability, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Public Works, and Transportation. He stated
42 that the Waterfront Commission is heading up a project which would extend the Bay Trail
43 to the Berkeley Marina.

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46 **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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48 Planning Director Barrett reported on the following items:

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50 The reorganization of the City's planning department

51 Referral from the City Council to adopt ordinances for a transportation mitigation fee, due
52 back to the City Council on March 25, 2003.

53 Work Program

54 Recent planning related legislation which has been adopted by the State

55 Expanded CEQA exemptions for infill housing

56 1866- Dutra Bill

57 Meeting with City Manager, Weldon Rucker regarding the roles and responsibilities of
58 staff and commissions.

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60 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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62 M/S/C to approve the September 25th minutes with a footnote clarifying new information
63 on the MULI moratorium (Poschman/Wozniak). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack,
64 Poschman, Tabb, Wengraf, Wozniak, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent:
65 Howerton.

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67 **FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER**
68 **PLANNING-RELATED EVENTS**

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70 Commissioner Bronstein asked for clarification regarding which departments were
71 included in the Review of Budget Information and the Capital Improvement Program.

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73 Staff stated that the Review of Budget Information applied solely to the Planning
74 Department and the Capital Improvement Program referred to the whole City of Berkeley.

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76 It was the consensus of the Planning Commission that the November 27th meeting of the
77 commission be moved to November 20th because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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79 **PROHIBITION ON CARRYOUT FOOD STORES AND QUICK SERVICE**
80 **RESTAURANTS ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE BETWEEN OXFORD STREET**
81 **AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY**

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83 Ted Burton from the City of Berkeley's Department of Economic Development gave a
84 brief report on the background on this moratorium. He stated that since this moratorium
85 was put into place the City has received one inquiry from a potential business which would
86 be prohibited. He recommended the removal of these restrictions.

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88 Commissioner Poschman stated that there should be a public hearing regarding the
89 removal of these restrictions since there was a public hearing before the moratorium was
90 implemented.

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92 Staff Barrett stated that a public hearing would be needed in order to remove the
93 prohibition because the moratorium is an amendment to zoning regulations.

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95 Several commissioners stated that they would like to see more data before making a
96 decision regarding the removal of this moratorium.

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99 M/S/C to hold a public hearing regarding the removal of the Prohibition on Carryout Food
100 Stores and Quick Service Restaurants on University at a time yet to be determined.
101 (Wengraf/Pollack). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Tabb, Wengraf, Wozniak,
102 Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Howerton.

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104 **DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE DENSITY WORKSHOP AT THE MEETING OF**
105 **THE BERKELEY PLANNING COMMISSION, SEPTEMBER 25, 2002**

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107 The consensus of the Planning Commission was to support the draft summary of the
108 density workshop with a revision to point six. The statement there was “wide
109 acknowledgement” among the participants of the workshop was viewed as inaccurate. The
110 wording was changed to “a generally shared perception”.

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112 **MEMORANDUM FROM COMMISSIONER POSCHMAN ON QUESTIONS ON**
113 **THE HOUSING APPENDIX DECISION**

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115 Commissioner Poschman requested clarification regarding the ramifications of the City’s
116 uncertified Housing Element.

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118 M/S/C to request clarification from Staff Barton and Staff Cowan regarding the
119 consequences of in compliance with State regulations. (Poschman/Wengraf). Ayes:
120 Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Tabb, Wengraf, Wozniak. Noes: None. Abstentions:
121 Wrenn . Absent: Howerton.

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123 **ADJOURNMENT**

124 Meeting was adjourned at 08:45.

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