

**APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2003**

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, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins,
8 Wrenn.

9 Commissioners Absent: None.

10 Staff Present: Barrett, Grimes, Homrighausen, Napolitan.

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12 **ORDER OF AGENDA**

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14 Commissioner Bronstein requested that discussion on action item 9 commence at 7:15.

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16 Information items 13 and 14 were moved to action.

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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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20 Norman La Force from the Sierra Club stated his concern regarding the effects of the Marina
21 Plan on Eastshore State Park.

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23 Kitty McLean expressed concern regarding the Marina Plan's impact on wildlife in Eastshore
24 State Park.

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26 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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30 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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34 **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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36 Planning Director Barrett reported on the following items:

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38 Santa Fe Right of Way HIP grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

39 Planning under Measure Q

40 Request from the City Manager to classify the Planning Department's responsibilities as legally
41 required, core, or discretionary.

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47 **FUTURE AGENDAS**

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49 Commissioner Poschman requested that Measure I, Animal Shelter General Obligation Bond be
50 placed on the Planning Commission's agenda as it may conflict with MU-LI and require a
51 zoning ordinance amendment.

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53 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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55 M/S/C to approve the December 11th minutes (Poschman/Stoloff). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl,
56 Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None.
57 Absent: None.

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59 **MARINA PLAN**

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61 Cliff Marchetti, Waterfront Manager for Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront provided a brief
62 history of the Marina Plan, and an enlarged map of Eastshore State Park and Berkeley Marina in
63 order to clarify the boundary between the two. Deborah Chernin, Senior Planner for Parks,
64 Recreation, and Waterfront requested feedback from Planning Commission on the Marina Plan
65 and asked if it was consistent with the General Plan

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67 Several Commissioners requested clarification regarding the issue of water access. Staff
68 Marchetti stated that only non-motorized activities would be allowed in the North Basin. Staff
69 Chernin stated that if any type of access structure were to be built on City property it would
70 have to be reviewed by the State.

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72 Staff Marchetti discussed the need to work with existing businesses in the Marina on enhancing
73 their use. Several commissioners expressed concerns that increased commercial activity may
74 have a negative impact on the marina and the new state park.

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76 It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to continue discussion at the January 22nd
77 meeting. Commissioners with comments on the Environmental Review Document should get
78 them to the Waterfront Commission prior to January 16th.

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80 **GENERAL PLAN PUBLICATION SCHEDULE**

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82 M/S/C to approve that a) the staff distribute the General Plan as soon as possible hard copy, web,
83 and CD with authorization to correct maps, typos, and similar mistakes as found and as possible.
84 b) That a distribution timetable be given to PC as soon as possible. c) The cost of hard copy and
85 CD be kept as low as possible with the Planning Commission being informed as to what price
86 has been set. (Poschman/Wrenn). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb,
87 Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

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89 Various suggestions were made to make copies available at lower cost, including publishing a
90 text only version. Commissioner Wengraf also suggested that each Councilmember purchase 10
91 copies of the General Plan, which would then be made available to the public.

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93 **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT ZONING AMEDMENTS TO THE C-2**
94 **DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

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96 David Snippen from the Civic Arts Commission reported on the Commission's recommendation
97 regarding the Arts Density Bonus, and stated that though the ideas expressed are final the
98 language is not.

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100 Questions were raised concerning the definition for the ordinance, and the issue of non-profit
101 versus for profit groups.

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103 Several Commissioners expressed their concern with the use of the word ancillary.

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105 M/S/C that the Planning Commission consider as soon as possible as staff can provide a
106 corrected version of the C-2 Zoning, and that staff provide options and recommendations for the
107 definition and enforcement of the Arts Density Bonus (Wrenn/Wengraf). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl,
108 Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None.
109 Absent: None.

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111 **CITY AND DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING TWO YEAR CYCLE**

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113 Staff Barrett gave an overview of the Planning Department's work plan through fiscal year 2005,
114 of which seventy-five percent is the continuation of current activities.

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119 **SOUTHSIDE PLAN – REVISED TIME FRAME FOR PLAN COMPLETION AND**
120 **PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

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122 M/S/C not voted on a) the Planning Commission of the City of Berkeley invite the Director of
123 the University's office of Physical and Environmental Planning and other representatives of U.C.
124 Berkeley to a Commission meeting to present their concerns regarding the Draft Southside Plan,
125 and b) such a meeting be scheduled prior to the Planning Commission taking action to approve
126 the Plan for purposes of conducting an EIR c) the presentation be to the Commission as a whole
127 and in a workshop format, and d) the Commission make a good faith effort to reach mutual
128 agreement with the University on issues of mutual concern. (Stoloff/Wengraf).

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130 M/S/C not voted on to place the Southside Plan and the MOU on the January 22nd agenda so that
131 the two can be discussed in relationship to each other. (Poschman/Wrenn).

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139 Substitute Motion/S/C to a) the Planning Commission of the City of Berkeley invite the Director
140 of the University's office of Physical and Environmental Planning and other representatives of
141 U.C. Berkeley to a Commission meeting to present their concerns regarding the Draft Southside
142 Plan, and b) such a meeting be scheduled prior to commencing work on the EIR c) the
143 presentation be to the Commission as a whole and in a workshop format, and d) the Commission
144 make a good faith effort to reach mutual agreement with the University on issues of mutual
145 concern. (Pollack/Wengraf). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf,
146 Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

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COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE REGARDING RULES COMMITTEE

148 Commissioner Poschman requested that the Council Rules of Procedure be placed on the
149 January, 22nd agenda.

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ADJOURNMENT

152 Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.