

**APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2003**

1 **ROLL CALL**

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3 Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:07.

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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, Homrighausen, Napolitan.

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12 **ORDER OF AGENDA**

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14 Action item 10, 9, 13, 11, 12

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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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18 Paul Kamen stated his support for non-motorized watercraft access in the North Basin of the
19 Berkeley Marina.

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

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

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27 Ed Bennett from CESP was concerned about the impacts of a water access point in the North
28 Basin of the Berkeley Marina.

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30 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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32 No Report

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34 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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36 No Reports

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38 **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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40 Planning Director Barrett reported on the following items:

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42 City Council approved on second reading the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, effective February
43 20th, Section 6.12.030 of the Berkeley Municipal Code.

44 The City will no longer be processing applications from MEC in regards to Golden Gate Fields.

45 Staff from Housing, Planning, and the City Manager's Office met with Rep. Loni Hancock and
46 members from the Housing and Community Development Commission.

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47 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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49 M/S/C to approve the January 8th minutes with changes (Poschman/Pollack). Ayes: Bronstein,
50 Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions:
51 None. Absent: None.

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53 **FUTURE AGENDAS**

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55 Commissioner Wengraf requested clarification on why the Planning Commission was meeting
56 only once in February. Staff responded that the other meeting was cancelled since it fell on a
57 City holiday.

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59 It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to extend an invitation to the University to
60 attend their February 26th meeting, with March 26th being an alternative date if they were unable
61 to attend in February.

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63 Commissioner Poschman requested that a proposed amendment to MU-LI Ordinance to add
64 "Municipal Animal Shelter" as an allowed use be placed on the Planning Commission's
65 February 26th agenda.

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67 Staff Barrett stated that if available she would provide the City's 2004-2005 budget as an
68 information item for the February 26th meeting.

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70 **CITY AND DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR UPCOMING TWO YEAR CYCLE**

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72 Staff Barrett provided an update on the status of the budget for the Planning Department. She
73 stated that the largest percentage of the budget goes to personnel, the cost of which has increased
74 significantly.

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76 Commissioner Stoloff proposed that the Planning Department include funds and resources in the
77 2003/2005 Budget to conduct an initial study and preliminary analysis of the Ashby BART
78 Station parking lot (West). The purpose of the study will be to identify issues that need to be
79 resolved, alternative means for addressing the issues, and development approaches that might be
80 utilized to develop a substantial amount of housing and ancillary uses on the site at a minimum
81 cost to the City.

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83 **MARINA PLAN**

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85 A number of commissioners from the Waterfront Commission were present to answer questions.
86 They also asked the Planning Commission to determine if the Marina Plan is consistent with the
87 General Plan.

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89 Commissioner Wengraf noted that the Berkeley Marina is currently covered by four plans, which
90 creates many conflicts regarding the issue of water access. She expressed her concern with the
91 fact that the Marina Plan is being called a master-plan.

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93 Several other commissioners and members of the Waterfront Commission expressed concern
94 with the title of master-plan. It was suggested that instead the Marina Plan be called the Marina
95 Capital Projects Improvement Plan.

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97 Several commissioners stated that though the Marina Plan did not seem to disagree with the
98 General Plan, the plan did not address a number of relevant issues, resulting in an incomplete
99 relationship between the two. Thus it is difficult to determine if the Marina Plan is really
100 consistent with the General Plan.

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102 M/S/not voted on to 1) the Planning Commission finds that the Draft Marina Plan is consistant
103 with the General Plan 2) expand language on the relationship between the Marina Plan to other
104 planning documents. (Pollack/Tabb).

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106 Substitute Motion/S/C that the Planning Commission believes that there may be no
107 incompatibility between the Marina Plan and the General Plan, but requests that staff address
108 specific discussion to relevant issues which are set forth in Gene Poschman's January 22nd
109 memo. (Poschman/Wiggins). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Poschman, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes:
110 Pollack, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

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112 M/S/C as amended, that the Planning Commission notes the lack in the Marina Plan of any
113 detailed and careful language laying out how the Marina Plan is interrelated to the Eastshore
114 State Park, the Waterfront Plan, Cesar Chavez Park Plan, North Waterfront Plan, and other
115 relevant plans, and what is necessary to fulfill this interrelationship. Such detailed and careful
116 language should be added to the Marina Plan before it is sent to the City Council
117 (Poschman/Curl). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Poschman, Stoloff, Wrenn. Noes: Pollack, Tabb
118 Abstentions: Wengraf, Wiggins. Absent: None.

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120 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MU-LI ORDINANCE TO ADD "MUNICIPAL**
121 **ANIMAL SHELTER" AS AN ALLOWED USE**

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123 Commissioner Poschman stated that areas currently zoned MM, M, and MU-LI prohibit kennels
124 and pet boarding. He requested that at the February 26th meeting the Planning Commission
125 discuss amending the ordinances for these areas to allow for a municipal animal shelter.

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127 Commissioner Stoloff asked if it was possible to wait until a site was selected to amend the
128 ordinance, since the final location might not be in one of these three areas.

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130 Staff Barrett stated that a site could come up at any time and if the site was not correctly zoned it
131 could create a difficulty in securing the property.

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133 **GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

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135 Staff Barrett presented the General Plan Implementation Table, and stated that it was created as a
136 way to alert departments and commissions to how the General Plan is related to their work.

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138 **ABAG SMART GROWTH STRATEGY AND PROJECTIONS 2003**

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140 Staff Homrighausen provided background on the report and stated that the City was concerned
141 that ABAG's predictions were based on unrealistic expectations in regards to growth. ABAG is
142 requesting comments by February 7th.

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144 Several commissioners expressed their concern regarding the legitimacy and accuracy of
145 ABAG's methodology.

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147 M/S/C to have staff submit comments to ABAG and provide them to the Planning Commission 148 as an information item (Wengraf/Poschman). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, 149 Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

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151 **ADJOURNMENT**

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153 Meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

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